

## **Mr. Antoine Chalhoub, Nigerian of Lebanese Descent, Visits LERC**

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*Jasmin Lilian Diab, LERC*

Mr. Antoine Chalhoub, entrepreneur and businessman, visited LERC with former staff member Mr. Elie Nabhan in order to further strengthen ties with the Center as well as his home country.

After being welcomed by Ms. Liliane Haddad, Chief Indexer and Archivist, Mr. Chalhoub was given a brief tour of LERC Offices as well as a brief presentation on LERC's digitized collections and database.

Mr. Chalhoub's father, Mr. Toufic Mikhael Chalhoub, migrated to Nigeria in 1930 from the village of Raskifa near Zgharta. Mr. Chalhoub was born t in Ibadan, Nigeria in the year 1937, and has spent most of his life there.



*Mr. Elie Nabhan, Mr. Antoine Chalhoub and Ms. Liliane Haddad at the LERC Museum (NDU/LERC January 22, 2014)*

Mr. Chalhoub has always had close ties with his homeland, and has always striving to stay connected to his heritage. This is displayed through his new collection established with the center. The collection includes several documents, speeches and personal photographs.

After his meeting with Mrs. Haddad, Mr. Chalhoub was given a tour of the LERC Museum throughout which he was mesmerized by the variety of the collection and impress by NDU's dedication to the Diaspora through the establishment of a museum on migrants – the first of its kind that he's seen, he stated.

Mr. Chalhoub wrote in LERC's Golden Book: "I am very impressed by what I have seen at NDU. As my residency is in Nigeria, I shall forward as much as I can to add to your collection. My gratitude for inviting me and wish you all the success."