

Lebanese-Argentinean Businesswoman visits LERC

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Miss Amal Khalil Kabalan, Head of the International Relations Department of The Halal Catering Argentina Company, visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at Notre Dame University – Louaize (NDU) on Thursday January 22, 2015, in order to better acquaint herself with the center. Miss Kabalan heard about LERC when she met with its Director, Dr. Guita Hourani, during the latter's visit to Argentina in August 2014 when she was promoting the Lebanon Dialogue Initiative.



Dr. Hourani and Ms. Kabalan at LERC, NDU (Jan. 2015)

Miss Kabalan discussed a number of issues with Dr. Hourani and presented her with a souvenir.

Later on, she received an introduction to the center by LERC Chief Indexer and Archivist Mrs. Liliane Haddad, and she promised to add her grandfather's pictures and letters to the center's database and collections.

Her grandfather, Khalil Kabalan, is the founder of The Halal Catering Argentina which is a company that makes Halal food products and exports them to the world. He hails from the village of Kfarhalda in Batroun, and he migrated to Argentina in 1930. In 1972, he founded the Arab-Islamic Institute of Argentina, which was the first Islamic school in the Latin American country.

Miss Kabalan, who is a third-generation Lebanese, is in the process of establishing a foundation in the name of her grandfather, whose main aim will be to grant young people scholarships so that they integrate the Red Cross or the Red Crescent communities.