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Dear subscribers,

The Israeli-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is pleased to share with you a summary of our latest activities.

Since our establishment, we have worked hard to make ourselves the point of contact for everyone who is interested in promoting trade and economic relations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. We have created partnerships with government ministries, business people on both sides and the international donor community.

Specifically, we have reached out to the business communities on both sides and to the media, held B2B meetings and participated in conferences dedicated to discuss regional and bilateral economic cooperation.

Here are some highlights of our most recent work:

**B2B:**

- In partnership with the Israeli international cooperation agency (MASHAV) and the Golda Meir Center for International Cooperation in Haifa, we have held a special conference for Israeli and Palestinian business women and entrepreneurs.

**Conferences:**

- We have participated at ISMU 2009 – the first conference in Israel that was initiated to interest Israeli companies in exporting to the Arab world.
- We also participated at a special conference held by the Israeli foreign ministry for all the bi-national Chambers of Commerce working in Israel.

**High profile meetings:**

We have showcased the IPCC and its activities to the following people and organizations:

- The French ambassador to Israel and the French ambassador-at-large for economic development.
- The Danish ambassador to Israel.
- The Deputy Head of Mission at the Canadian Embassy to Israel.
- The Konrad Adenauer Foundation.
- The Friedrich Ebert Foundation.
- The Head of Economic Affairs Branch at the Civil Administration, IDF.
- The Palestine International Business Forum.
- The executive director of the Palestinian Development and Investment Company (PADICO).
- The CEO of the Bank of Palestine.

**Media:**

We have given about a dozen interviews about our activities to various media outlets, both in Israel and abroad. Here are two good examples:

Voice of America: <http://www.voanews.com/english/archive/2009-06/2009-06-30-voa41.cfm?CFID=297831333&CFTOKEN=88271217&jsessionid=de30e4fcd401e299a7df29306c7ed74e5782>

Al-Hurra TV (USA): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSw-OT6pDZo> (Arabic with Hebrew subtitles)

**Upcoming events:**

- Starting next month, we will launch our very own "breakfast club". Once a month, our members will enjoy a buffet breakfast with a special speaker from the political scene or from the business community.
- We plan another B2B, this time with the Israel-UK Chamber of Commerce, which will focus on young entrepreneurs.

We look forward to seeing you at our future events.

Sincerely,

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