

Activities of the IPCC July 2011

Dear Friends,

During the month of July 2011, the Chamber has held two exciting events.

Meeting with the Prime Minister of Slovenia

On July 26th, the Israeli-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce held a meeting with Palestinians and Israeli business people with His Excellency, Prime Minister of Slovenia, **Mr. Borut Pahor**. The Prime Minister met the Prime Minister of Israel and also visited the Palestinian Authority, where he met with **President Abbas** and **Prime Minister Fayyad**. The day before his visit to Ramallah, Prime Minister Pahor met with the Chairman of the Israeli-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, **Mr. Eival Gilady**, Deputy Chairman, **Mr. David Simha**, and CEO of the Chamber, **Mr. Avi Nudleman**. The meeting was held in Jerusalem and attended by several Palestinian businessmen from Ramallah and Hebron.

The meeting was conducted in a very friendly manner and we discussed many difference topics related to economic relations and business ties between Israel and the Palestinian authority. Prime Minister Pahor warmly thanked the plenum for this refreshing perspective, and invited the Israelis and the Palestinian business persons to visit his country and to benefit from business opportunities offered by Slovenia.



The Slovenian Prime minister with the IPCC management team and Palestinian business person

Israeli business leaders visit Ramallah

On July 27th 2011, the Israeli-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Palestinian Association of Importers and Exporters, led by **Mr. Mohammad Abu Ein**, brought 35 Israeli business people to visit business and leading Palestinian business people in Ramallah and to feel by themselves the atmosphere in the Palestinian street.

The visit included a tour of a construction site north of Ramallah, and an overview from **Mr. Majdi Alhalidi**, advisor to **President Abbas** on diplomatic affairs. The group then traveled on foot in downtown Ramallah. Participants had the chance to meet directly with residents and merchants of the city. The Israeli business group was warmly received by all, as women of the group were given flowers and reservations were made spontaneously at a local restaurant.



Meeting with Palestinians merchants in down town Ramallah

From there the group traveled to an amusement park for children, with the message that the Palestinians wanted to live like everyone else and enjoy the same things others enjoy, especially the children.

The group visited the upscale furniture factory, adjacent to Ramallah, and was impressed by the rich diversity and quality of the factory.



Visit in a furniture factory

The highlight of the visit was a meeting held at the Movenpic Hotel with Palestinian business leaders and their counterparts, a diverse group of leaders from many different sectors. During the meeting, Palestinian speakers told that they wanted to encourage business relations between Israelis and Palestinians and that they hope that this visit will be the basis for many more visits to come. Chairman, **Mr. Eival Gilady**, stated that Israel wants to see the Palestinian economy growing and our goal is to ensure that no Palestinian child will see his father sitting at home unemployed.



Israeli – Palestinian B2B meeting in Moven Pick hotel in Ramallah

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