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**PRESS RELEASE**

A 15-member delegation from the Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) visited Lebanon from 28-31 May, 2014 to explore the potential for increasing trade between India and Lebanon. The businessmen in the delegation represented a wide range of sectors and products including pharmaceuticals, textiles, fertilizers and chemicals, agricultural products, auto spare parts, construction, mining and electrical equipment etc.

The delegation met with Ms. Alya Abbas, Director General of Ministry of Economy and Trade, with Mr. Mohammed Choucair, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Industry and Agriculture of Beirut & Mount Lebanon (CCIABM), with Mr. Mohamad Saleh, the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Industry and Agriculture of Saida & South Lebanon (CCIAS) and with members of the Lebanon-India Businessmen Forum (LIBF). Various cooperation possibilities and ideas for increasing bilateral trade were discussed in these meetings.

An MoU was signed on cooperation between CCIAS and FIEO by the President of the Chamber, Mr. Mohamad Saleh and the leader of the FIEO delegation, Mr. Chandranath Som, Deputy Joint Director General.

The delegation also had useful and productive business-to-business meetings organized by both Chambers, where potential buyers/distributors were identified and joint venture possibilities were discussed.

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