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REPORT:

Visit of H.E. Dr. Salah Abdul RAZAQ, the Governor of Baghdad in Vienna, 14-19 February 2012



From 14th til 19th February 2012, the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) had the great honour to welcome H.E. Dr. Salah Abdul RAZAQ, the Governor of Baghdad, and his delegation from Iraq in Vienna. On occasion of the high-ranking visit, the AACC and the City of Baghdad signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

On February 14th the delegation arrived from Stockholm in Vienna and was immediately brought to the Grand Hotel Vienna where it was accommodated during their visit. In the afternoon the delegation met at the hotel reception and was transferred to the AACC's office at the Lobkowitzplatz where it was warmly welcomed by the AACC's Secretary General Dipl.-Ing. Mouddar KHOUJA and received a presentation of the visit programme during their stay.

On Wednesday, February 15th, a meeting at the Austrian Parliament was planned where Senator Prof. Stefan SCHENNACH, member of Austria's Federal Council, welcomed the delegation and showed them a technical presentation on renewable energy and a company presentation. After lunch, the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce led their delegation on to visit a waste management project by the City of Vienna at the incineration plant Pfaffenau in the Viennese district Simmering.



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On Thursday, February 16th, the AACC prepared for the Iraqi delegation a trip to the model region Güssing (in Austria's province of the Burgenland) which is well-known for its European Centre for Renewable Energy. H.E. Mr. Peter VADASZ, the Mayor of Güssing, welcomed the foreign guests at the City Hall. After lunch the AACC and the Baghdad delegation were guided through the Technology Centre Güssing where they got a great insight into the workings of this exemplary centre.



On Friday, February 17th, the next point up on the agenda was a meeting at the Regional Parliament of Vienna where the Iraqi delegation was welcomed by H.E. Prof. Harry KOPIETZ, president of the Regional Parliament of the State of Vienna. The lunch was hosted by the City of Vienna represented by Dipl.-Ing. Omar AL-RAWI, member of the Regional Parliament of the State of Vienna.



In the afternoon the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce and its delegation from Baghdad went to a meeting at the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs where they were welcomed by State Secretary Dr. Wolfgang WALDNER.



On Saturday, February 18th, the AACC invited the Baghdad delegation to a dinner in the Hotel Imperial Vienna in the evening.



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