

Good Evening , Masa el Kheir we Ahla we sahla, welcome everyone to Miss Emigrant Canada 2014 hosted by the World Lebanese Cultural Union (Toronto Chapter) WLCU for short.

WLCU is a non governmental organization associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations. We strive to unite descendants of Lebanese origin and friends of Lebanon into one worldwide organization with the aim to promote and preserve our Lebanese culture and heritage for generations to come. This event is conducted every year in more than 13 countries around the world under the auspices of WLCU where the elected queens are flown to Lebanon to take part in the Miss Emigrant Lebanon held in Dhour Showeir , a prime summer resort located in the mount of Lebanon.

We are blessed tonight by the presence of many Canadian and Lebanese dignitaries and by the general public at large, who have taken the time to attend this event.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our own Mr. George El Morr – WLCU World Vice President Canada who travelled all the way from Vancouver to be with us tonight representing the World President Mr. Alejandro Kuri

As well as Dr. Mohammed El Choum – President of WLCU North America who came from New York to share this event with us.

Present with us here tonight is none other than Mr. Elias Kassab –WLCU Vice President World Congress, who does not spare any efforts to support and help our Toronto Chapter.

This evening, we are showcasing some beautiful young ladies who have made the Lebanese Canadian community very proud through their many accomplishments, drive and ambition. They are role models each in her own special way. Meeting them and seeing how tirelessly they have been working in the past few months, I have no doubt that any of these lovely ladies will make a successful Ms. Emigrant Canada. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the contestants and their families who diligently worked with our reigning Miss Emigrant Lebanon 2013, Ms Rita Houkayem and Ms Sabine Harmouche, our Art Director along

with a large group of committee officers, board members, photographer, videographer, hair and make-up artist and choreographer to prepare for this spectacular event.

But before we start the show, my heartfelt thank you goes out to our sponsors, judges, hosts and volunteers who without their invaluable contribution, this event would not have been possible. Tonight you will be treated to a spectacular evening culminating in the election of Miss Emigrant Canada 2014.

I ask you now to sit back and enjoy this wonderful evening, and I look forward to welcoming you to next year's Miss Emigrant Canada 2015.

Leila Hajj

President WLCU Toronto chapter