



Event: Dialogue Session with H.E. Zulkifli Baharudin, Ambassador of Singapore to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and Algerian Companies

Date & Time: 19 February 2009 (Thursday)
10.00 am to 11.30 am

Place: Singapore Business Federation Boardroom

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Document: Welcome Remarks by Mr. Shabbir Hassanbhai, Vice Chairman of Middle East Business Group (MEBG)

His Excellency, Zulkifli Baharudin (pronounced Zu-Kee-Fee Ba-Ha-Ru-Din), Ambassador of Singapore to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria,

Esteemed members of the Middle East Business Group,

1. It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to this business dialogue session this morning.

2. Let me first start by extending our deepest appreciation to His Excellency for being here with us this morning. For those whom are not aware, His Excellency is our newly appointed Ambassador-Designate to People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. SBF's Middle East team met with Ambassador Zul earlier and he proposed that we organize a roundtable for MEBG member companies to better understand all your business aspirations for Algeria.
4. Therefore, I would urge all of you present here today to make good use of this session to gain a deeper understanding of the business environment and opportunities presented in Algeria.
5. At the same time, please also feel free to raise any concerns you may have on the business environment as the key objective of this business dialogue is to facilitate a frank and open exchange of ideas.
6. Without much delay, may I now invite Ambassador Zul to say a few words.