

Assets in America Gathering looks to boost ties with expats in US



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BEIRUT: Economy and Trade Minister Mohammad Safadi and leading Lebanese American businessmen gathered in Beirut on Friday to reiterate their support for stronger economic ties between Lebanon and its large expatriate community in the United States.

The event, which was organized by the Lebanese American Renaissance Partnership and the American Lebanese Chamber of Commerce, was held at the Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel.

Safadi stressed the need to preserve economic stability in Lebanon.

Walid Maalouf, the director of public diplomacy at the

United States Agency for International Development, said the Americans came to Lebanon to strengthen the trade relations between Lebanon and the US, as well as tighten the links between the Lebanese expatriates in the US with their homeland.

US Ambassador to Lebanon Michele Sison addressed the conference, highlighting the US economic and military assistance to Lebanon since 2006.

The two-day conference will focus on ways to strengthen trade and economic ties between Lebanon and the US as well as explore business opportunities in both countries. — *The Daily Star*