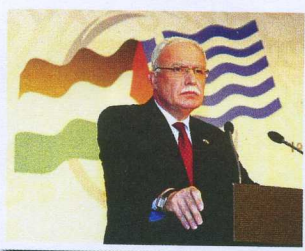




Whilst in Athens, Palestinian Minister Riyad Al-Malki was received by his Greek counterpart, Dimitris Avramopoulos, which was followed by a joint press conference.

## The 1st Greek-Palestinian Economic Conference

**T**he 1st Greek-Palestinian Economic Conference, held on November 8th-9th at the Athens Hilton Hotel, was heralded to have been a great success. It was organised by the Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce & Development (AHCCD) and was sponsored by the Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC).



*First row:* Addressing the participants and guests present at the official dinner - Palestinian Foreign Minister, Dr. Riad Malki; Minister of Development Kostis Hatzidakis; CCC Chairman Said Tawfic Khoury; and AHCCD President Christos Falias. *Second row:* the head table. *Third row:* Mr. Khoury and Minister Malki pictured with former Government Vice President Theodoros Pangalos; with President of the Greek-Palestinian Friendship Association Marwaan Abdelhamid, Palestinian Ambassador Samir Abu Ghazaleh and former Minister MP Andreas Loverdos; with CCC Deputy Chairman Tawfic S. Khoury, MP Rena Dourou, Ambassador Ghazaleh and Palestinian Councillor Mustafa El Ajouz. *Fourth row:* with Mr. Abdelhamid, CCC Human Resources President Suheil H. Sabbagh, Executive Chairman of Invest in Greece Aris Syngros and AHCCD Secretary General Rashad Mabger; Mr. Sabbagh and the Ambassadors of Saudi Arabia Rayed Krimly, Jordan Saker Malkawi and of Lebanon Gebran Soufan; with George Halaq, UAE Ambassador Abdelhadi Alkhajah, Nikos Papandreou, Ambassador Krimly and former Deputy Minister Spyros Kouvelis.



Guest of honour and main speaker at the dinner on the first day of the conference was the Minister of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport and Networks, Kostis Hatzidakis. He spoke before an audience comprised of visiting Palestinian Foreign Minister Dr. Riyad Al-Maliki, Chairman of CCC Said Khoury, higher Greek officials and members of the Government, former Ministers and Deputies, Arab Ambassadors accredited to Greece and executives of major Arab and Greek companies. The Palestinian side was represented by 30 entrepreneurs.

AHCCD Secretary General, Rashad Mabger, presented the programme of the evening and immediately afterward, the President of the Chamber, Christos Folias, announced the commencement of the proceedings

and deliberations as the conference began. He pointed out that this initiative is just the first step in the right direction, which should be followed by other steps that will contribute to the further strengthening of Arab-Greek relations.

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*First row:* Consolidated Contractors Company Chairman Said Tawfic Khoury receives a commemorative plaque from Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Development (AHCCD) President Christos Folias; exchanging commemorative gifts - President of the Greek-Palestinian Friendship and Cooperation Association Marwaan Abdelhamid, CCC Deputy Chairman Tawfic S. Khoury and CCC Human Resources President Suheil H. Sabbagh; CCC Engineering & Construction President Samer S. Khoury, Mr. Abdelhamid and Mr. Sabbagh. *Second & Third rows:* various panel discussions took place headed by Agricultural Development & Foods Alternate Minister Maximos Harakopoulos in the presence of higher officials and business representatives seeking opportunities of collaboration and perspectives of increasing trade transactions. *Fourth row:* CCC Communications Manager Maghdi Halawani, Saleh Jallad, CCC Director Samir S. Sabbagh and other CCC staff and delegates; Mr. Mabger and Mr. Jallad with a Palestinian delegate; Hnry Consul of Chile Christos Kontoveros with Greek business representatives.