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NATIONAL U.S. – ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOGNIZES IRAQ'S FAREED YASSEEN AS 2021 "AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR"

The National U.S. - Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC) announced today that His Excellency Fareed Yasseen, the Republic of Iraq's Ambassador to the United States, has been selected as NUSACC's 2021 "Ambassador of the Year." This award, begun in 2004, is given annually to a member of the Arab diplomatic corps in the USA for his or her outstanding contributions to U.S. - Arab commercial relations. The invitation-only award ceremony will take place on Tuesday, December 14, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in downtown Washington DC.



H.E. Fareed Yasseen, the
Republic of Iraq's Ambassador
to the United States.

"Our Chamber is proud to recognize Ambassador Yasseen for his exceptional work in promoting America's relationship with Iraq, a nation that has undergone significant change over the years," said David Hamod, President & CEO of NUSACC. "Yasseen has helped American policymakers to understand Iraq's successes and challenges, and he has played an instrumental role in bridging gaps between our two nations. He has also been a strong proponent of the American business community, working with U.S. companies to strengthen commercial ties between Iraq and the USA."

Ambassador Yasseen noted, "I am deeply honored to receive this prestigious award from the National U.S. – Arab Chamber of Commerce, which has been instrumental in promoting the mutual interests of Iraq and the United States. Commerce plays a very important role in the relationship between our two nations, and I am proud to join with NUSACC in celebrating these commercial successes. It is a great privilege to serve as Iraq's Ambassador to the United States."

The National U.S. - Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC), currently celebrating its 50th anniversary, is America's longest serving organization dedicated to U.S. - Arab business. NUSACC is widely regarded as the voice of American business in the 22 countries of the Arab world and the premier portal to the United States for Arab commercial enterprises. NUSACC is the only organization of its kind to receive the President's "E" Award for Export Service, the highest recognition that any U.S. entity may receive for supporting export activity.

The Chamber is an independent, membership-driven entity that is funded by its 50,000 members and stakeholders. NUSACC is the only business entity in the United States that is officially recognized and authorized by the League of Arab States and the Union of Arab Chambers. As such, NUSACC is a "sister chamber" of the national chambers of commerce throughout the Arab world, including those in the Republic of Iraq.



Ambassador Yasseen has been a bridge-builder between the USA and Iraq. Here, he introduces top Iraqi officials to prominent U.S. leaders. From right to left: H.E. Fareed Yasseen, Iraq's Ambassador to the United States; H.E. Dr. Hassan Nadhem, Iraq's Minister of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities; Hon. Bob Evnen, Nebraska Secretary of State; H.E. Mustafa Al-Kadhimi, Iraq's Prime Minister; Hon. John C. Wobensmith, Maryland Secretary of State; H.E. Fuad Hussein, Iraq's Foreign Minister; Ms. Cindi Allen, Assistant Secretary of State of Nebraska; Mr. David Hamod, NUSACC's President & CEO.



For five decades, the National U.S. - Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC) has served as a commercial bridge between the United States and the Arab world. Widely regarded as the voice of American business in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, the Chamber serves over 50,000 members and stakeholders in the USA and across the Arab world. Awarded the E-Award for export excellence by the President of the United States, NUSACC is the only business entity in the USA that is recognized by the League of Arab States and the Union of Arab Chambers.

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