

# Veliaj Invites French Businesses to Invest

*A group of 60 French entrepreneurs visited the capital Tirana aiming to establish multiple economic relations between France and Albania*



Mayor of Tirana, Erion Veliaj (R) hands the "Clock Tower" award to President of Business Club France-Albania, Gazmend Toska

TIRANA - Tirana offers great opportunities for foreign investments. This is the impression that a group of 60 French entrepreneurs from the region of Lyon formed of Albania at the end of their visit to Tirana. The French entrepreneurs were received by the Mayor of Tirana, Erion Veliaj, who briefed them on the projects, opportunities for cooperation and the ease of doing business in the Albanian capital.

After the meeting, they also planted trees at "Scanderbeg" square in sign of the long-standing friendship between the two countries. On behalf of the delegation of French entrepreneurs, Gazmend Toska,

President of Business Club France-Albania based in Lyon pointed out that the aim of this visit is to establish multiple economic relations between France and Albania, expressing his optimism about continuation of this cooperation through concrete investments. "We are here today with 60 entrepreneurs to see Albania first hand.

The group has been in Vlora, Berat and Tirana and we are very much hopeful that this visit will be followed by others this year, so the year to come will see more bridges of friendship between France and Albania," Toska said. Tirana Mayor Veliaj

thanked the French businessmen for their visit, vowing to support their ideas of doing business in Tirana. Apart from the relations at the governmental and institutional level, the citizens of both countries should establish cooperation between them through concrete projects, he added.

The Ambassador of France to Albania, Christina Vasak, praised the initiative of Tirana Municipality to increase the green areas and expressing her delight to join the campaign. Moreover, Mayor Veliaj honored the President of Business Club France-Albania, Gazmend Toska, with the symbol of Tirana, the "Clock Tower".