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Ambassador's Message

Mexico's participation for the first time in the Shangri-La Dialogue forum, the most important defense and security summit in Asia, which brought together ministers of defense, naval, military, and intelligence officials to share new perspectives on the security and defense challenges that are developing in the region and that have a global impact and scope. María Araceli De Haas Matamoros, Director General of Special Affairs of the SRE, headed the representation of Mexico, the only Latin American country invited, who was accompanied by the undersigned and Embassy staff. Mexico's participation in the Shangri-La Dialogue prompted the Embassy of Mexico, the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) and the High Commissioner of Australia to organize a briefing session for the Diplomatic Corps accredited in Singapore on the points of convergence and consensus reached at the Forum. The ambassadors of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Spain, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Venezuela, with the support of the Singaporean authorities and the National Library, organized the First Spanish Language Week in Singapore to promote intercultural dialogue between Singapore and the Hispanic American community. Through literature, science, commerce, and culture, the Singaporean public had the opportunity to get closer to a culture represented by more than 500 million people who speak Spanish, the second mother tongue in the world by number of speakers (after Mandarin Chinese) and the third most used language in social networks (after English and Mandarin Chinese). The Embassy of Mexico promoted, in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a briefing for members of the Diplomatic Corps in Singapore on the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. Singaporean Ambassador Rena Lee, who chaired the Conference, described the status of the ratification and entry into force process. Forty years ago, another Singaporean diplomat, Ambassador Tommy Koh, presided over the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, thus endorsing Singapore's outstanding role as a catalyst in the development of regulations on ocean issues and the law of the sea, where Mexican diplomats have also played an outstanding role.

Agustín García-López Loaeza

Mexico's first participation in the Shangri-La Dialogue

Mexico's participation for the first time in the Asia-Pacific Security Summit 2023, called the IISS-Shangri-La Dialogue, took place from June 2 to 4 in Singapore. In its 20th edition, it allowed our country to underscore its geopolitical relevance in the different security and defense events taking place in the region that have a global impact and scope. The Mexican delegation was headed by María Araceli De Haas Matamoros, Director of Special Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with Ambassador Agustín García-López Loaeza and the diplomatic team of the Mexican Embassy in Singapore. Attended the 7 plenary sessions and 6 special sessions in which 3 prime ministers and 34 ministers of defense participated, among 571 delegates from 54 countries. The IISS Shangri-La Dialogue is the most important security conference in Asia-Pacific, organized annually by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS). It is considered a politically neutral platform for dialogue that allows government ministers, senior national security officials, and military leaders to come together to share new perspectives on Asia-Pacific security challenges and resolve intra-regional conflicts. As one of the few platforms in which China and the United States of America participate, there is worldwide attention on this forum. The organization of this meeting is a matter of high priority for Singapore. Due to its strategic location at the crossroads of the major Southeast Asian shipping lanes of the Straits of Malacca, its geostrategic nature for international trade, and its political neutrality between international political blocs, it is a natural and safe venue for discussions on regional security and international security.





An event at the National Gallery for the exhibition Tropical

An exclusive tour and reception were held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, to introduce the upcoming exhibition "Tropical: Stories from Latin America and Southeast Asia," which will take place at the National Gallery of Singapore from November 2023 to March 2024. Tropical will offer a rare opportunity to explore works from Asia and Latin America from 1890 to 1980 and to appreciate in particular the contributions made by notable artists from Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Venezuela, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Singapore to the development of modern art. From Mexico, original works by Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Miguel Covarrubias will be included.





Conversation with Ambassador Rena Lee and the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Singapore

Extraordinary presentation to the Diplomatic Corps in Singapore on Ocean Biodiversity #BBNJ, by Intergovernmental Chair Ambassador Rena Lee. Singapore is at the forefront of the oceans policy framework. 40 years ago Ambassador Tommy Koh chaired the Convention of the Sea. The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea was adopted in 1982. It establishes a comprehensive regime of law and order in the world's oceans and seas, emanating rules governing all possible uses of the oceans and their resources. The Convention brings together in a single instrument the traditional rules for the uses of the oceans and, at the same time, introduces new legal concepts and regimes and addresses new challenges. The Convention also provides the framework for the future development of specific areas of the law of the sea.





HALAL Presentation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

The Embassy of Mexico in Singapore, together with the Embassies of Indonesia and Malaysia, participated as a speaker at the Seminar on Trade Opportunities in Southeast Asia, aimed at Mexican producers interested in exporting agri-food products to the Halal market in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Asia-Pacific Region. The seminar was held at the invitation of SENASICA and SADER's Directorate General for International Affairs.



Visit of Universidad Panamericana students

We welcomed students from Universidad Panamericana, Campus Guadalajara, and Mexico City, who traveled to Singapore as part of an academic exchange program with Nanyang Technological University Singapore - Business School, to study Business Strategy.



Spanish Language Week

The Embassies of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Spain, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela jointly organized the First Spanish Language Week at the Punggol Regional Library. We were honored to have Berlina Tan, Director of the Language Center of the Ministry of Education, and Yeo Wan Ling, Member of Parliament of Punggol, as Guests of Honor at the opening ceremony. The opening ceremony included a public reading by young people from each participating country, in which they interpreted short excerpts from representative works of literature in Spanish from their country of origin, with the theme "LA PAZ" (PEACE). For Mexico, siblings Valentina Anaís, María Inés, and Nikias Patrick recited an excerpt from Octavio Paz's *Piedra de Sol*.



Trade and investment opportunities with Spanish-speaking countries in Singapore

As part of the First Spanish Language Week, we participated in a presentation on the importance of the Spanish language in the business world, in a seminar held at the "One Punggol" cultural center. The event was held in collaboration with the Embassies of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Equatorial Guinea, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay, and Venezuela.



Mexican regional dances in Singapore

As part of the First Spanish Language Week, the Ballet Folklórico of the Association of Mexicans in Singapore #MEXASING performed. The sounds of La Iguana, La Bruja, and La Bamba resounded at the National Library in Punggol.



Meeting with Yeo Wan Ling, Member of Parliament, representative of Punggol

On June 13, a meeting was held at the Punggol Community Center with Yeo Wan Ling, Punggol's representative in the Singapore Parliament. The purpose of the meeting was to explore possibilities for cooperation within the framework of the community activities to be carried out by the locality in preparation for the celebration of Singapore's National Day in August.



Meeting with students of the Conalep of Dzitbalché, Campeche

On June 23, a videoconference was held with a group of students from the Colegio Nacional de Educación Profesional Técnica-CONALEP from the municipality of Dzitbalché in the State of Campeche. They represent "La Escudería Fénix 3G", which qualified for the World Final of "F1 in Schools 2023" to be held in Singapore from September 8 to 17. The challenge consists of designing and manufacturing a miniature Formula 1 car, which will compete with more than 40 teams. The group of CONALEP students is currently in first place nationally, earning the team a ticket to the World Final in Singapore. Currently, the Escudería Fénix 3G has the challenge of obtaining sufficient monetary resources to pay for their stay at the World Final in Singapore to represent Mexico in this international event, inspire more young people in indigenous communities and encourage the implementation of learning about engineering, manufacturing, mathematics, and entrepreneurship in a practical and collaborative way.



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