

The Embassy

Meeting with the Mayor of Graz, Siegfried Nagl

On September 21, Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu visited Graz, along with the ambassadors of Colombia and Peru. The working visit was promoted by the Honorary Consul of Colombia in Styria to raise awareness of the economic opportunities of the Pacific Alliance for Styrian companies. The working program included a meeting with the Mayor of Graz, Siegfried Nagl, who was accompanied by members of the local parliament. The ambassadors highlighted specific opportunities that the Pacific Alliance offers for Styrian companies in sectors such as machinery, green technologies and health, as well as the potential of their countries as tourist destinations. In this context, it was agreed to strengthen the presence and tourism promotion of the Alliance's countries in Styria.

Read more (in German): [here >>>](#)



As part of the visit, the ambassadors also had a working lunch with the Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Styria, Karl-Heinz Dernoscheg, and several businessmen with investments in the countries of the Alliance. They discussed the possibility of promoting the technical exchange between high-tech research institutes and strengthening cooperation in dual education.

Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu meets with the Governor of Salzburg, Wilfried Haslauer



On September 23, the Ambassador realized a working visit to Salzburg. On that occasion, she met with the Governor of State of Salzburg, Dr. Wilfried Haslauer. During the meeting, they discussed issues such as the economic activity of Salzburg companies in Mexico and the participation of Mexican artists at the Salzburg Festival and highlighted their interest in strengthening the promotion of the Festival

in Mexico. The Ambassador invited Governor Haslauer to the concert of the National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico on November 9 at the Großes Festspielhaus and to the reception that will be hosted by the Honorary Consul of Mexico in Salzburg and Tyrol, Manfred Swarowski, at the end of the concert.

The Governor of Tlaxcala realized a working visit to Upper Austria



On September 22, the Governor of Tlaxcala, Mariano González Zarur, visited automobile supplier companies in the State of Upper Austria. These meetings with companies were organized by the foreign trade office Promexico in Germany, with support from the Embassy of Mexico in Austria.

At the end of the working agenda, the Ambassador offered a welcome dinner for the Governor in Salzburg.

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Cultural Institute



New head of the National Institute of Anthropology and History



On August 16, the Minister of Culture, Rafael Tovar y de Teresa, appointed anthropologist **Diego Prieto Hernandez** as **head of the Directorate General of the National Institute of Anthropology and History** (INAH, acronym in Spanish). Diego Prieto Hernandez replaces Maria Teresa Franco Gonzalez. Previously, Prieto served as technical director of the INAH. He graduated from the National School of Anthropology and History, owns a Master by the Metropolitan Autonomous University, and is a university professor and author of several publications.

The INAH is responsible for about 110,000 historical monuments, built between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries, and for 29,000 archaeological sites discovered so far in Mexico, of which only one hundred and fifty are open to the public. It also monitors and operates about hundred museums. One of the best known is the National Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City. The INAH also runs several academic training centres, including the National School of Conservation, Restauration and Museology "Manuel del Castillo Negrete" (ENCRyM), an institution recognized worldwide which offers a degree in conservation and restoration of movable cultural property and Masters in Museology, Museography, as well as Conservation and Restauration of Immovable Cultural Heritage.

National tribute to the architect Teodoro González de León (1926-2016)

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The architect Teodoro Gonzalez de Leon was founder of an architectural thinking based on material honesty, simplicity in the composition and aesthetics of abstraction. Disciple of Le Corbusier, Gonzalez de Leon gained national and international respect after his appointment as honorary member of the American Institute of Architects, the Academy of Arts, the International Academy of Architecture, and the National College. As part of the national tribute to the outstanding Mexican architect, his last work "Accessible Cube " will be inaugurated at the Tamayo Museum of Contemporary Art on October 29.

Read more about his legacy (in Spanish) [here >>>](#)

Permanent Mission

Mexico's participation in the 60th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)



Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro participated in the 60th IAEA General Conference in her capacity as Permanent Representative and Governor of the Board of Governors. She delivered a national statement underlining Mexico's support for the activities and programmes of the mechanism in favour of the peaceful and safe use of nuclear energy and Mexico's commitment to non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament.

Read full speech (in Spanish): [here >>>](#)

On the occasion of its 60th anniversary, the IAEA, comprising 168 Member States, underlined its interest in contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Development Agenda 2030 agreed by the UN through its cooperation programs to promote nuclear technologies in areas such as public health, water resources, treatment of pests, agricultural improve-



ment and combat against climate change. Also, the issue of nuclear safety will have a greater impact on the work of the IAEA, particularly after the four nuclear security summits, of which the latest was held in Washington D.C. in March this year.

Consular Section

Learn about the Honorary Consuls of Mexico in Austria, Slovenia and Slovakia!

The Honorary Consulates of Mexico are offices that support the activities of embassies in regions far from the headquarters. Their responsibilities are such as commercial and tourism promotion, representation and support to local authorities. They also support the Consular Section of the Embassy in some cases, and provide Mexican nationals with orientation and help. Honorary Consuls are not entitled to issue any consular documentation, nor to carry out Civil Registry Office or notary activities, but they offer valuable support in cases of protection and assistance for Mexican citizens.

The Embassy of Mexico in Austria has three Honorary Consulates in its area of competence, and we will present them one by one in our newsletter. In this edition, you will learn more about the Honorary Consulate of Mexico in Austria, located in Wattens, which is competent of the States of Tyrol and Salzburg.



The Honorary Consul of Mexico in Austria is Mr. Manfred Swarovski, an Austrian entrepreneur and great friend of Mexico. His company SWARCO is an international enterprise that provides a full range of products, services and solutions for road marking and traffic-related products.

Mr. Swarovski has been awarded several medals of the Republic of Austria for his outstanding work as a commercial and cultural promoter. In November 2005, he received the "Aztec Eagle", the highest award granted by the Government of Mexico to foreigners, in recognition of his meritorious service to the Mexican nation.

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International Cooperation

Conference of the OPEC Fund for International Development in Vienna



On September 29 and 30, the Embassy participated in the conference "Effective Development Co-operation to help Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals: What will development partners contribute", which was held at the premises of the Fund for International Development of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OFID, for its acronym in English) in Vienna. The event was organized in preparation for the Second High-Level Meeting (2RAN) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development to be held in

Nairobi, Kenya. The 1RAN took place in Mexico in 2014.

The conference focused on the development efforts in order to achieve the effective implementation of the Agenda 2030, and on reviewing the content of the document to be adopted at the end of the 2RAN. The delegation promoted Mexico's proposal to include in the document, as the fifth commitment of the Global Alliance, the concept "leave no one behind" for fighting poverty.

Bratislava Summit



The Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union hosted an informative meeting (September, 21) on the results of the informal summit known as *Bratislava Summit* (September, 16) of heads of states and governments of the EU Member States. The informative meeting was presided by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Ivan Korčok. The State Secretary stated that the summit was a success because it initiated a process of

strategic reflection on the EU within a constructive atmosphere. Korčok explained the goals of the Bratislava Summit as well as its achievements (Declaration and Roadmap). These documents are relevant since they reflect the agreements on key issues as migration, internal and external security, social and economic issues. More information: <https://goo.gl/BFMmBn>

Tourism

Campaign “Let's travel through Mexico”



Our fifth newsletter will take us to the city of [Puebla](#) ►

The Cathedral of Puebla

According to a legend, once the building of the Virgin Mary Cathedral right in the heart of the city of Puebla was finished, the question was how to raise an 18,000-pound bell to the top of its towers (the highest ones in Latin America). This question caused engineers and construction workers sleepless nights. It seemed impossible.



However, one morning, the city of Puebla awoke to the news that the bell was already atop of the tower, tolling happily. “But who took it up there and how?”, everyone was asking. And since it appeared to be a miracle, they did not hesitate to attribute it to angels, who probably had

come down to raise the bell to its habitual spot since then. This legend is the reason why this beautiful city is known as “Puebla de los Angeles”.

News from Mexico

Mexico ratifies the “Paris Agreement” in New York as a sign of its commitment to fight against climate change



During the United Nations General Assembly in New York on September 21, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Rafael Pacchiano Alaman, presented to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, the ratification of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. This is the most important international instrument in history to respond to climate change which commits countries to decarbonise their economies during the second half of the century and to increase their resilience, ensuring the consolidation of the international climate regime. Mexico is one of the 175 signatory States

of the Agreement and now one of the 29 countries that have already ratified, which represent altogether 42.96% of the global emissions, like the US, China and Brazil. For the entry into force of the Agreement, two conditions have to be met: the ratification of at least 55 countries, and they must represent at least 55% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

[Read more \(in Spanish\) >>](#)

Mexico's presence during the signing of the peace treaty in Colombia



President Enrique Peña Nieto participated on September 26 in the **historic official ceremony of the signing of the peace treaty in Colombia** organized by the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). After more than 50 years, the act ends the only armed conflict in Latin America and the Caribbean. During his participation, the President of Mexico announced that members of the Mexican Army will be part of the UN Special Mission deployed to monitor the implementation of the peace treaty. The Mexican contingent includes the first Mexican female soldier in an international mission of that type.

Mexico has accompanied the peace process in Colombia since the nineties, when the dialogue between the Colombian government and the FARC was held in Mexico, and has contributed within the Organization of American States Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia. In June this year, President Peña Nieto also participated as a witness of honour at the signing of the "Agreement on bilateral and definitive ceasefire and end of hostilities" in Havana, Cuba.

More information (in Spanish) [here >>>](#)

As part of these efforts, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Claudia Ruiz Massieu, announced on September 18, the Global Initiative for Demining in Colombia, an important contribution to eliminate landmines in Colombia until 2021. Colombia is the second most mined country in the world after Afghanistan. 700 of the 1,123 municipalities in Colombia are affected by landmines, which has generated 6.5 million displaced persons.

Read full text (in Spanish) [here >>>](#)

President Peña Nieto participated in the general debate of the UN General Assembly



President Enrique Peña Nieto participated on September 20 in the general debate of the 71st Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly to present the priorities of Mexico's multilateral foreign policy. In his speech, he

referred to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as "the boldest, noblest and most demanding action plan that the international community has adopted in recent history".

He also noted the outstanding national efforts for fulfilment: the instrumentation of Agenda 2030 as a State commitment; the adoption of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change; and Mexico's reaffirmation of its commitment to sustainable peace in the world.

During his working visit to New York, President Peña Nieto represented Mexico in significant events for the international agenda. As co-chairman of the Leaders' Summit on Refugees, he expressed the urgency of responding to the current global challenges in refugee matters through commitments of the international community such as financing, expansion of resettlement possibilities and more access to education and employment for refugees. Also, the High-Level Meeting to address huge refugee and migrant movements laid the foundations for adopting a political declaration endorsed by all UN Member States to reiterate the contributions of migrants and refugees to development and start a process at the UN to protect their rights.

Learn more about the position of Mexico's Government in these meetings (in Spanish):

General debate of the UN General Assembly [here >>>](#)

Leaders' Summit on Refugees [here >>>](#)

High-Level Meeting on migrants and refugees [here >>>](#)

The 1st Global Meeting of Traditional Kitchen took place in Mexico



In order to present and promote Mexican culinary culture and traditions, Mexico organized the 1st Global Meeting of Traditional Kitchen at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with speakers from 30 countries and the presence of more than 2,000 participants in the conferences and workshops with traditional cooks and chefs from around the world. During the closure event, the Foreign Minister, Claudia Ruiz Massieu, noted that "the gastronomic activities offer five and a half million jobs in Mexico and account for two

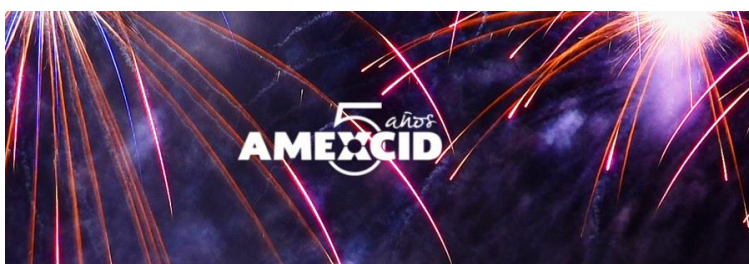
percent of gross domestic product". In addition, she stated that "30 percent of the economic income of tourism in Mexico comes from the food sector". Ruiz Massieu recalled the actions that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has undertaken in the last months. "The diplomatic corps of chefs is another unprecedented initiative where chefs and cooks act as our culinary ambassadors in the whole world", the Foreign Minister pointed out. She also highlighted the distinctive [Ven a Comer](#) to recognize restaurants and establishments abroad which promote and preserve Mexican traditional dishes by using genuine ingredients, methods and cooking utensils.



Read full text [here >>>](#)

Watch videos of the 1st Global Meeting of Traditional Kitchen [here >>>](#)

5th anniversary of the Mexican Agency for International Development Agency



The Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID, acronym in Spanish) celebrates its fifth anniversary. Mexico as a Global Player promotes a responsible international agenda for international development

cooperation. In line with this objective, the AMEXCID establishes processes of coordination among institutions and with non-governmental actors, and generates tools and instruments for planning, monitoring and evaluating a results-oriented and transparent cooperation, consistent with the principles of effectiveness. Through the AMEXCID, Mexico offers and receives technical and scientific cooperation for development in priority sectors such as health, environment, education, infrastructure, science and technology.

[Read more about the AMEXCID \(in Spanish\) here >>>](#)

Viva Mexico!

Award for the Mexican team and medallists of the Paralympics 2016 in Rio de Janeiro



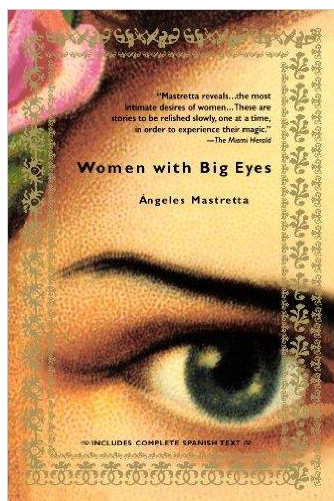
The Mexican Paralympic team of 69 members honoured Mexico by obtaining a total of **15 medals: four gold, two silver and nine bronze**. The President of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto, expressed his appreciation of the athletes for their outstanding performance. He gave orders to the Ministry of Education and to the National Commission of Physical Culture and Sport (CONADE, acronym in Spanish) to create the conditions so that coaches and multidisciplinary teams will also receive subsidies that give them certainty, security and motivation. **Paralympic**

athletes will receive a financial award like in conventional sports.

[Read full text \(in Spanish\) here >>>](#)

Book recommendation

“Women with Big Eyes” (Mujeres de Ojos Grandes) by Angeles Mastretta - Book in English



This book tells the stories of several traditional women, educated for marriage and morality, who dared to decide their own destiny. Mastretta takes us on a tour through a gallery of amazing women full of charm, imagination, intelligence and wisdom, portrayed in a crucial and proper moment. The Mexican writer and journalist Angeles Mastretta is the author of the bestselling novel "*Arráncame la Vida*" (1985), and is known for her capacity to capture the strength of female characters and create stories that reflect Mexico's social and political reality. "*Women with Big Eyes*" is one of the most creative examples of current literature written in Spanish.

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