

The Embassy

Visit to the museum Kunst Haus Wien



On November 2nd, 2016, Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu visited the Viennese museum Kunst Haus Wien and, accompanied by director Bettina Leidl, its permanent exhibition of Austrian artist and founder of Kunst Haus Wien, Friedensreich Hundertwasser. She seized that opportunity to visit also the exhibition "A Photographic Journey" of British pho-

tographer Martin Parr, who dedicated part of his work to Mexico in remembrance of a trip to our country.

Website of Kunst Haus Wien (German and English):

[>>>](http://www.kunsthauwien.com)

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Mexican Cultural Institute (ICM)



Inauguration of the exhibition "Witnesses of Time" of Mexican photographer Flor Garduño in Bratislava



On November 1st, 2016, the exhibition "Witnesses of Time" of Mexican photographer Flor Garduño will be open to the public until December 12th, 2016, at the Central European House of Photography (Prepoštská 4, 81499 Bratislava), together with Vaclav Macek, director of the Central European House of Photography, and with the artist.

More information (in Slovakian and English): <http://www.sedf.sk>

Concerts of the National Symphonic Orchestra of Mexico in Salzburg and Ljubljana



The National Symphonic Orchestra of Mexico (OSN) started its European Tour with great success, including three concerts in Salzburg at the *Großes Festspielhaus* on November 9th, 10th and 11th. The concert opened with "Huapango" of Juan Pablo Moncayo, applauded by the public, and continued with acclaimed pieces like "Sinfonía India" of Carlos Chávez, "La Noche de los Mayas" of Silvestre Revueltas, and "Sones de Mariachi" of Blas Galindo.

On November 12th, the OSN performed one concert at the *Cankarjev Dom Cultural and Congress Center* in

Ljubljana, with the "Concierto Latino" for piano and orchestra by pianist Gabriela Montero as great highlight. The concert was honoured by the presence of the Minister of Culture of Slovenia, Anton Peršak.

On November 19th, the OSN will give its only concert in Vienna at the *Wiener Musikverein*.

[Tickets >>>](#)

More information about the OSN and its European Tour (in German):

[here>>>](#)



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Consular Section

Learn about the Honorary Consul of Mexico in Slovakia!

As already stated in our Newsletter No. 5, the Honorary Consulates of Mexico are offices that support the activities of embassies in regions for from their headquarters. Their responsibilities are such as commercial and tourism promotion, representation and support before local authorities. They also support the Consular Section of the Embassy in some cases and provide Mexican nationals with information and orientation. Honorary Consulates are not entitled to issue any consular, Civil Registry or notarial documents, but they are of great help in cases of protection and assistance for Mexican citizens.

The Embassy of Mexico in Austria has three Honorary Consulates in its area of competence. We present them one by one in our Newsletter. In this edition, you will learn more about the **Honorary Consulate of Mexico in Slovakia**, based in Bratislava with competence for the whole territory of the Slovak Republic.

The Honorary Consul of Mexico in Slovakia is Mr. Václav Mika, a telecommunication expert. Consul Mika acts as Director General and member of the Administrative Council of the Slovak public radio and television company RTVS since August 2012. In 1994, he was external consultant of the Minister of Culture of the Slovak Republic for media legislation and policies; he has led several Slovak publicity and communication companies, for example, *Milestone Group*, television group *Markiza*, and *PSMA*.

Consul Mika holds a master's degree in Business Administration of the University of Economy in Bratislava and graduated as Master of Business Administration from the Institute of Business Ad-

ministration in Graz, Austria, and from the Open University Bratislava.



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News from Mexico

President Peña Nieto participated in the forum “Impulsando a México”



"This means confronting a lot of resistances and breaking with old habits in our country. We have made great efforts recently to fully guarantee that these reforms are duly implemented"

On October 25th, 2016, the President of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto, participated in the forum “*Impulsando a México: growth in challenging times*”, organized by the financial group Interacciones.

The present government has initiated important transformations like strengthening democratic institutions, ensuring the rights of all Mexicans, and in particular, reforms that will allow a better economic performance and development of the country.

The Government of Mexico has the intention to transform the country from a perspective of chance and new direction. The “Pact for Mexico” concretized 13 structural reforms, 6 of them for the economic sector, in order to achieve a more competitive and productive Mexico.

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The relationship Mexico - USA in 2017

The electoral campaign in the USA concluded on November 8th, marking the beginning of a new phase in the relationship between Mexico and the recently elected US Government. The bilateral relationship between nations does not emerge spontaneously, but evolves over a longer time. Now it is time to start an institutional dialogue with the new US Government. Like in every moment of political change, no one can fully control what will happen, but we can decide how we are going to react.

Mexico will react from a strategic point of view and always defending the interests of the country and the Mexicans as its priority. The relationship between Mexico and the USA does not begin or end with an election. On the contrary, we share one of the most solid, diverse and interdependent relations between two countries in the world.

The relationship Mexico-USA is not limited to governments, but constructed permanently by multiple actors in their daily interactions on both sides of the border: businessmen, tourist, students, workers, binational fam-

ilies, etc. They make the relationship strong, permanent and predictable.

The defence of the dignity, the wellbeing and the rights of Mexicans abroad, and particularly in the USA, can never be given up. The priority of the Government of Mexico is to protect the rights and the dignity of Mexican citizens in the USA. The Mexican consular network in the USA –the broadest of one country in another (50 consulates)- is collaborating with federal authorities, civil society, lawyers, and other partners in order to protect and inform our community in the USA adequately.

Mexico and the USA have always achieved a common agenda. Mexico has always maintained a productive and profound political dialogue with US governments independently from their political parties, ideological positions or political agendas. This time will not be an exception: Mexico will act proactively. We will present proposals to be discussed with our neighbour. Although this new chapter in the bilateral relationship will pose a challenge, Mexico looks ahead and will avoid setbacks.



News from Mexico

The Mexican Foreign Minister met with the Ambassador and Consuls of Mexico in the USA

On November 13th, Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu met with her staff in charge of North America in order to analyse the results of the election in the USA and develop concrete actions regarding the future relationship with the USA. She convened a group of the Mexican consuls in the USA with the aim of elaborating plans for consular protection and assistance. Ruiz Massieu requested the consuls to keep a close contact with the Mexican community in the USA, communicate calm and positive messages, avoid provocations and possible migratory frauds. The Foreign Minister will work closely with the 50 Consuls and the Ambassador of Mexico in the USA, Carlos Manuel Sada Solana, in order to continue offering assistance and orientation for the Mexican community in the USA and also to reiterate that the rights of Mexicans in their country and abroad are not negotiable.



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Economy

PEMEX presented its Business Plan 2016-2021

Petróleos Mexicanos, one of the 100 largest companies in the world, presented its Business Plan 2016-2021, which establishes the actions that will allow the State's production company to achieve a primary surplus next year and financial equalization in 2019/2020.



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José Antonio González Anaya, Director General of PEMEX, stated that the Business Plan is already being implemented and that important progress has been reported so far. In 2016, the company will finish the budget adjustment announced in February amounting to 100 billion Mexican Pesos (MXP) and even outreach its planned saving target thanks to austerity measures, achieving 35 billion MXP, which is 6 billion MXP more than expected. In addition, the outstanding payments to suppliers from last year have been settled or are already calendarized, and the company has been restructured, reducing 40% of leading positions in 2015.

This ambitious adjustment programme follows the measures implemented by other large oil companies worldwide. The fact that it has been achieved reinforces the aims and goals for the next five years. The implementation of the Business Plan will allow PEMEX to strengthen its present position and be an emblematic company.

The **PEMEX Business Plan 2016-2021** is available online [here >>>](#) (in Spanish)

Economy

Austrian Minister Jörg Leichtfried realized a working visit in Mexico

The Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of Austria, Jörg Leichtfried, realized a working visit in Mexico from October 22nd to 27th, 2016, accompanied by a high-level commercial delegation including the representatives of 18 Austrian companies, with the objective of promoting the economic exchange between both countries, especially in the fields of ecological technologies, energy and urban mobility. Several inter-ministerial agreements were signed during the visit in order to strengthen cooperation in sectors such as future technologies and the creation of *Smartcities*. On the occasion of the National Holiday of Austria, the Ambassador of Austria in Mexico hosted a reception, which was attended by Minister Leichtfried and his delegation, as well as outstanding personalities of Mexican society, like the president of the Mexico-Austria Friendship Group of the Chamber of Deputies, Andrés Aguirre Romero.

The Austrian newspaper “Die Presse” reported on the visit of Minister Leichtfried in Mexico and published an extensive article on the potential of both countries' economic relations.



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