

## Embassy - Bilateral Relation with Austria

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### Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro met with the Minister of Culture of Austria, Thomas Drozda



On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu met with Thomas Drozda, Federal Minister of Arts, Culture, Constitution and Media of Austria, who also acts as Chief of Cabinet of Federal Chancellor Christian Kern. The courtesy visit took place in a very friendly atmosphere and was aimed at discussing the activities this Embassy will carry out in Austria next year on the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mexico's protest against the annexation of Austria by the German *Reich* in March 1938. During the meeting, they also spoke about a possible visit of Minister Drozda to Mexico.

### Death of the Minister of Health of Austria, Sabine Oberhauser

Sabine Oberhauser, Minister of Health and Women of Austria, died on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu signed the book of condolences that was opened for the deceased Austrian politician and expressed her sympathies on behalf of the Mexican government and people. She also sent a letter of condolences to the Federal Chancellor of Austria, Christian Kern, for the loss of a valuable member of the Austrian government.

## Multilateral Mexico

### IAEA Deputy Director General visited Mexico in order to strengthen cooperation



Mr. Dhazu Yang, in charge of the Department of Technical Cooperation (TC) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), realized a working visit to Mexico from February 19<sup>th</sup> until 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, where he met with directors of the most important institutions of the Mexican nuclear sector, as well as with the Head of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID, for its acronym in Spanish) of the Foreign Ministry of Mexico.

The main purpose of the visit was to reaffirm the IAEA's interest in its technical cooperation programmes with Mexico in the field of peaceful use of nuclear energy and to evaluate the modalities of their intensification within the Country Programme Framework for 2016-2021, signed last January. Mr. Yang spoke with the Undersecretary for Electricity of the Ministry of Energy about the possibilities to increase nuclear energy production in Mexico. He also visited the National Institute of Nuclear Research (ININ), its research reactor and different laboratories for innovation in the fields of pollutant emissions measurement and reduction, industrial quality control, radiation protection, nuclear forensics and radiopharmaceuticals development. He also visited the National Cancer Institute (INCAN) and agreed on realizing programmes to improve cancer diagnosis and treatment in Mexico by the use of nuclear technologies. During his meeting with the AMEXCID Executive Director, he approved exploring joint actions to improve Mexico's water resources and promote South-South and triangular cooperation by using IAEA Regional Programmes and the International Cooperation Programme of the Foreign Ministry of Mexico.

### 60<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna



From March 13<sup>th</sup> until 17<sup>th</sup>, Mexico participated in the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), headquartered in Vienna and in charge of coordinating international efforts to address the world drug problem. This is a privileged space for exchanging experience, identify tendencies and promote joint responses of the international community. Mexico insisted that drug policies must concentrate on the human being, from public health to prevention, human rights, justice and sustainable development. Simultaneously, it is necessary to strengthen international cooperation

against transnational organized crime linked to the illicit drug market. For the Mexican delegation, it is of utmost importance that apart from governmental experts, also NGO members, international and regional organizations, as well as legislators participate in the discussions. Therefore, the Mexican delegation comprised representatives of all of these sectors.

## Cultural Institute of Mexico

### Students of the Institute of Romance Studies of the University of Vienna visited the exhibition “Turning the Inside Out” by Lalo Sánchez del Valle



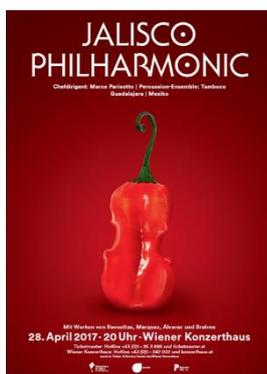
The Cultural Institute of Mexico thanks Professor Claudia Leitner and her students of the Institute of Romance Studies of the University of Vienna for their kind visit of the exhibition “Turning the Inside Out” by Mexican artist Lalo Sánchez del Valle on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



### First “Literature Tuesday” – Mexican Stories at the ICM

We remind you that on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. we will have our first “Literature Tuesday – Mexican Stories” at the Cultural Institute of Mexico (Türkenstraße 15, 1090 Vienna). Translator Eva Srna and Gustavo Torres Cisneros will read excerpts (in Spanish and German) of the books “Domingo de summertime” by Itzel Guevara del Ángel and “Muérete y sabrás” by Ignacio Solares.

### The Jalisco Philharmonic Orchestra is coming to the Konzerthaus Vienna



The Jalisco Philharmonic Orchestra is coming to Vienna for the first time, under the direction of Marco Parisotto and accompanied by the well-known percussion ensemble *Tambuco*. They will play famous Mexican composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: “Redes: Suite” by Silvestre Revueltas, “Danzón No. 2” by Arturo Márquez and “Metal de Tréboles” by Javier Álvarez, but also the Symphony No. 1 in C minor by Johannes Brahms.

Javier Álvarez (\*1956 Mérida, MX) has won the National Prize for Science and Arts 2013, the Bellas-Artes Medal 2014, the Mozart Medal 2000 and The Mendelssohn Scholarship 1986.

*Tambuco* - percussion ensemble has received the prestigious and highest Japanese reward for artists, the Prize of the Japan Foundation for Arts and Culture, and has been nominated four times for the *Grammy Music Awards* in the categories *Best Classical Album* and *Best Chamber Music Performance*.

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 8 p.m.: Konzerthaus Vienna, Lothringerstraße 20, 1030 Vienna.

Tickets pre-sale: Ticketmaster Phone: +43 (0)1 - 25 3 888, [www.ticketmaster.at](http://www.ticketmaster.at) or Konzerthaus Vienna Phone: +43 (0)1 - 242 002, [www.konzerthaus.at](http://www.konzerthaus.at)

### Cultural programme preview May 2017:

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: Inauguration of the exhibition “The Jewish community in Mexico: A History of Migration in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century” at the ICM. A project by students of the *Colegio Hebreo Monte Sinaí*, Mexico City. The exhibition inauguration will be followed by a series of panel discussions.

Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: The Vienna State Opera will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Plácido Domingo's debut in Vienna with a gala concert conducted by Marco Armiliato. With the participation of Plácido Domingo, Kwangchul Youn, Marco Caria, Ramón Vargas, Ana María Martínez.

## Viva Mexico!

### Mexico celebrated its Day of the National Flag on February 24<sup>th</sup>



On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Mexico celebrated its Day of the National Flag to honour the national symbols of the United Mexican States: the national coat of arms, flag and anthem.

Do you know that the first Day of the National Flag was celebrated on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1940? Learn 13 important facts about the Mexican national flag (in Spanish): [Read more>>>](#)

### Mexico's team won 10 medals in the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria



Hockey and Floorball. Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro handed out the medals to the athletes and complimented them on their success.

2,700 athletes with intellectual disabilities from 107 countries meet in Graz, Schladming and Ramsau (Austria) from March 14<sup>th</sup> until 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to participate in the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017. The Mexican team of 45 athletes won 10 medals in total (2 times Gold, 5 times Silver and 3 times Bronze). The most successful disciplines were Figure and Speed Skating,

## Tourism

### Promotion of Mexico's tourism sector



On the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> National Tourism Forum, that took place in Mexico City on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, the Secretary of Communication and Transport, Gerardo Ruiz Esparza, informed that the National Infrastructure Programme was going to be implemented with the purpose of creating a better and bigger road, highway, port, airport and telecommunication infrastructure for Mexico. Also, Mexico is presently modernizing 28 airports. The new International Airport of Mexico City will be a source of additional jobs. The operational capacity of Mexican fluvial ports will be doubled in order to receive more tourists. Secretary Ruiz Esparza stated that the coordinated work between the communication and transport and the tourism sectors was fundamental, since it has allowed historical visitor statistics. Read full article of the Secretary of Communication and Transport: [bit.ly/2m8GTyg](http://bit.ly/2m8GTyg)

## News from Mexico

### PEMEX and BHP Billiton signed agreement to develop deep-water discovery in the Trion block



On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto presided over the signature ceremony of the agreement between Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) and the Anglo-Australian company BHP Billiton to develop deep-water discovery in the Trion block. BHP Billiton is the world's largest mining company with operations in 25 countries, including iron, diamonds, manganese, carbon, copper, nickel, oil and bauxite. "We are living an important and relevant moment of the transformation Mexico is undergoing, especially in the energy sector", the President

pointed out. Thanks to the Energy Reform, the country has received investments in an amount of 70 billion dollars in the whole energy sector. In the 80s, the average of foreign investment in Mexico was two billion dollars eight billion in the 90s. "This investment BHP Billiton has announced today in the amount of 11 billion dollars surpasses by far the investments we have received at an average rate in the past decades", Peña Nieto said. "The Energy Reform creates new possibilities for the private sector, but it also offers a great opportunity for Petróleos Mexicanos to modernize and strengthen their company", he continued. The Mexican oil industry and PEMEX will experience a boost thanks to the participation of 48 companies from 14 countries, which have invested important resources in this sector. The President recognized the work PEMEX has accomplished in the last years to improve its financial situation, as well as the "efforts of its workers and administrative staff to significantly reduce losses and open up new horizons, where -and I am convinced of that- PEMEX will operate in the black again very soon".

### 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nationalization of Mexico's oil industry

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, President Enrique Peña Nieto headed over the ceremony on the occasion of the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nationalization of Mexico's oil industry, during which he highlighted the actions undertaken by PEMEX Director General to allow for the company to "have a productive and financially strong structure in order to continue being one of the country's most important productive forces". In the framework of the event, he inaugurated the brand-new barracks ship named "Reforma PEMEX", which will provide comfortable accommodation for more than 700 oil workers on long trips. The President reiterated that all of PEMEX's activities had to go hand in hand with an improvement of the working conditions and security of its employees. [Read full article >>>](#)

### Mexico and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights renew their cooperation



On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray Caso and the Representative in Mexico of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Jan Jarab, signed an agreement to modernize and continue the cooperation between the Mexican State and the UN Human Rights Office in Mexico in favour of the Mexican society. More information (in Spanish) about [Mexico's human rights policy >>>](#)

## Economy

### Mexico's most important export goods



Apart from its 20 worldwide most exported agri-food products, Mexico provides a lot more delicacies very much appreciated in the whole world. Here are five of them:

1. Mexico is the main beer exporter with sales in more than 180 countries. The US are the biggest consumer of Mexico's beer production. From January to October 2016, Mexican beer exports increased by 8 percent and achieved a total of about 2.26 billion dollars.
2. Each year, Mexico exports approximately 725,270 tons of watermelons. This fruit contains an amino acid called L-citrulline, which helps to ease muscle pain. Mexico's watermelon exports summed up to almost 126 million dollars and rose by 10.7 percent from January to July 2016 with regard to the same period in 2015.
3. Cucumbers are 90 percent water, so they are recommended for every healthy diet. With 637,395 tons per year, Mexico is the world's 8<sup>th</sup> largest cucumber provider. Mexican exports of this product generated an income of 243 million dollars.
4. Did you know that a cow only starts producing milk after giving birth for the first time? During last January, the State of Sonora exported 4,744 female, and 27,002 male calves alive, mostly to the United States who are the biggest market for Mexican beef, since they buy 9 out of every 10 tons. Cattle exports generated an income of 483 million dollars.
5. Mexico's production of pecan, a species of edible nuts, plays an important role on a global scale, since Mexico provides 56 percent of the total volume, this is 22,738 tons. Pecan has a lots of health benefits, like improving concentration and memory, curbing hunger sensation and mood-lifting. In 2016, pecan exports increased by 31.1 percent and sales by 100 million dollars in comparison to 2015.

### Mexico's agri-food Gross Domestic Product

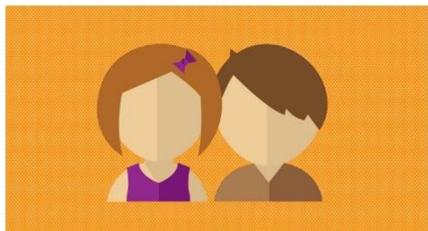


The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA, for its acronym in Spanish) informed that the agri-food Gross Domestic Product (GDP) had registered an increase by 3.5 percent in 2016, surpassing the growth of the national GDP, which achieved 2.3 percent per year. The rise in the agri-food GDP, which comprises the primary sector and agriculture, was due to the primary production growth of 4.1 percent each year. In this

branch, the growth of agriculture achieved 5,8 percent, livestock 2,1 percent and fisheries 0,6 percent. This reflects the great potential and success of this industry in Mexico. Regarding the food industry, this GDP experienced a growth of 2.6 percent, and the beverages and tobacco industry a yearly growth of 5.3 percent. In the last quarter of 2016, the GDP of the agri-food sector increased by 5.1 percent in comparison to the year before. Mexico's agri-food industry has become one of country's main economic impulses in the last years. Further information (in Spanish): [bit.ly/2nwR5X7](https://bit.ly/2nwR5X7)

## Consular Section

### Travel to Mexico or from Mexico with minors



#### Leaving Mexico

In order to avoid illegal extraction of minors, Mexican authorities make sure that minors travelling abroad are accompanied, either by one of the parents – if not both – or by some person entitled to guardianship or custody. In these cases, no special permission is required. It is enough to present the valid passports and - in the case of a third person - the proof of guardianship or custody.

If the minor travels alone or with a full-aged third person who is not entitled to guardianship or custody, it will be necessary to present a notarial authorization of both parents or of the person entitled to the minor's guardianship or custody (article 53 of the Regulation of the Migration Act). When the authorization is issued abroad, it must include the corresponding Apostille and the translation into Spanish. If required, the original and two copies of the notarial document, along with the Apostille and translation, must be presented.

The notarial authorization can be replaced with the *Salida de Menores* (SAM) form, stamped by an office of the *Instituto Nacional de Migración* (INM). This form is available online without cost:

<https://www.gob.mx/inm/acciones-y-programas/formato-de-salida-de-menores?idiom=es>.



The form must be filled-out and printed (three copies are printed automatically) and presented to any office of the *Instituto Nacional de Migración*, along with the following documents (original and three copies):

1. passport of the minor; 2. birth certificate of the minor; 3. valid ID of the person entitled to the minor's guardianship or custody; 4. valid ID of the minor's accompanier.

The person who's going to accompany the minor must gather these documents and appear in person before the INM with the minor. Although the SAM form is valid for six months, it just can be used for one journey, including the return travel. Each minor needs a personal SAM form. The addresses and working hours of the INM federal offices are available online: <http://www.gob.mx/inm/acciones-y-programas/horario-y-oficinas-del-inm>

#### Entering Mexico

Minors entering Mexico can be accompanied only by their father or only by their mother, or even by a third person. If the minor travels with the father or the mother, or with some person entitled to guardianship or custody, no special permission is required.

If the minor travels alone or with a third person who is not entitled to guardianship or custody, it will be necessary to present a notarial authorization of both parents or of the person entitled to the minor's guardianship or custody (article 42, fraction V, of the Regulation of the Migration Act). When the authorization is issued abroad, it must include the corresponding Apostille and the translation

into Spanish. If required, the original and two copies of the notarial document, along with the Apostille and translation, must be presented.

Unlike the case of minors leaving Mexico, it is not possible to replace the notarial authorization with the SAM form of the *Instituto Nacional de Migración* in the case of minors entering Mexico with a person who is not entitled to guardianship or custody, since the INM is the only institution authorized to stamp those forms and it has no offices abroad.

## Call for Participation

### Essay contest “The role of civil society in Mexico's multilateral agenda”



The General Directorate for Connection with the Civil Society and the Matías-Romero-Institute published a call for participation in the essay contest “*Participación de la sociedad civil en la agenda multilateral de México*” (The role of civil society in Mexico's multilateral agenda), with the purpose of promoting investigation on the role of civil society in Mexico's international agenda and gathering

proposals on this topic. The call aims at candidates older than 25 years who are NGO members, higher education students or researchers in the fields of human rights, migration, climate change and biodiversity, weapons trade, gender equality, 2030 Agenda, transparency and good governance, drugs and organized crime.

The deadline for submission of essays is from March 15<sup>th</sup> until June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The essays can be delivered in print version directly at the Matías-Romero-Institute (República de El Salvador 47, Col. Centro, Del. Cuauhtémoc, C. P. 06080, Mexico City) or sent by email [imromero@sre.gob.mx](mailto:imromero@sre.gob.mx). The results of this contest will be disclosed on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, on the website of the Foreign Ministry and the Matías-Romero-Institute.

For more information on participation and prizes (in Spanish): [>>>](#)

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