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The Embassy of Mexico and the whole staff are deeply sorry for the loss of the lives of Mexicans during the earthquakes on past September 7th and 19th, and wish to express their sincere condolences to the victims and families. Due to this emergency, the Federal Government and the governments of the affected states are carrying out relevant actions to help and to protect the population. Mexico appreciates the gestures of help and solidarity of the international community. Because of the logistical difficulties of transporting donations in kind to our country, the Embassy of Mexico is not able to act as point of collection; nevertheless, it is possible to send economic donations to organizations like the Mexican Red Cross via bank transfer:

Cruz Roja Mexicana I.A.P.

Bank: BANCOMER

Bank account number: 0404040406

Standardized Bank Code (CLABE): 0121800004040404062

<https://cruzrojadonaciones.org>

Multilateral Mexico

Meeting with UNIDO's Director General, Li Yong



On August 25th, Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro met with Li Yong, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in order to inform him of Mexico's decision to contribute a donation to the Trust Fund for Latin America and the Caribbean, which will help to financing projects

in the agronomic sector, renewable energy, bio pharmacology and mechatronics. They also discussed the visit of the UNIDO's Director General to participate in the "World Energy Leaders' Summit" and in the "Dialogues for the Future of Energy 2017" in Mexico during this month of September.

More information (UNIDO News in English): <http://www.unido.org/who-we-are/structure/director-general/dg-latest-news.html?L=0>

Thematic sessions for the Global Compact on Migration in Vienna



On September 4th and 5th, the United Nations Office in Vienna organized the fifth thematic sessions on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. The meeting was directed by the Permanent Representatives of Mexico and Switzerland to the United Nations, who assisted the President of the General Assembly as co-facilitators of the sessions aiming at an international conference and the approval of a Global Compact in 2018.

The thematic session concentrated on topics like smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and the contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims. It is no coincidence that the debates took place in Vienna, where the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is at charge of the Protocols against Trafficking in Persons and against the Smuggling of Migrants of the Convention against Organized Transnational Crime.

Mexico attaches utmost importance to this process and will continue promoting a comprehensive vision of migration, including perspectives like human rights; gender equality; shared responsibility; recognition of the contribution of migrants; strengthening of international cooperation to consolidate a migration governance framework; and consideration of climate change and natural disasters as causes of migration.

More information (in English): <https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/migration-compact>

Cooperation Mexico and Austria

Meeting with the new Director of the Diplomatic Academy Vienna



Foto: Roland Kemp

On September 1st, Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro met with the new Director of the Diplomatic Academy Vienna, Ambassador Emil Brix, in order to explore possibilities of cooperation with the Mexican institution “Instituto Matías Romero de Estudios Diplomáticos” (IMRED, for its acronym in Spanish) and to realize academic activities in Vienna. She informed the Director of the Diplomatic Academy that 2018 will be the 80th anniversary of Mexico's protest at the League of Nations against the annexation of Austria into Nazi Germany and the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Austria. On that occasion, a series of commemorative events is being organized. Ambassador Brix informed that the Academy has presently six Mexican students. He mentioned the gathering of diplomatic academies that will take place in Santiago de Chile in October, offering the opportunity of a meeting between representatives of the Diplomatic Academy of Austria and the IMRED Director. They also exchanged views on the present international situation and the regions of North America and Europa.

Cultural Institute of Mexico in Vienna (ICM)

Exhibition “Benditas Pausas” by Adelia Sayeg at the ICM



“Ofrenda de KETSA” (2017): raku ceramic, cotton textile, Swarovski crystals.

Mexican artist Adelia Sayeg studied graphic design at the *Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana* and has a Master's Degree in Comparative Religion at the *Universidad Anáhuac*. She has participated in individual and collective exhibitions in Mexico, USA, Asia and Europa. Her work is the chronic of a conversation between clay, pigments, fibers and natural elements. It is the story of an awakening; at the same time, it is art, magic, mystic and poetry. It invites the spectator to put the world on hold, to take a break, and to achieve that state of contemplative impartiality which allows us for an instance the capacity of experimenting what we are looking at, feeling it and remembering who we are. The exhibition “Benditas Pausas” will be open to the public from September 13th until November 9th, 2017, at the ICM (Türkenstraße 15, 1090 Vienna) during the opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Invitation: 3rd “Literature Tuesday: Stories from Mexico” at the ICM

The 3rd “Literature Tuesday: Stories from Mexico” from our literary sessions will take place on October 24th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the ICM. Literature professor Dr. María Teresa Medeiros-Lichem and translator Birgit Weilguny will read humoristic micro-stories under the title “*When he woke up, the dinosaur was still there*”. Bilingual lecture in Spanish and German. Free entry.

More information: <https://plus.google.com/107225340190975081493/posts/JNkpEqzyavk>

Consular Section

New requirement for the application for a Mexican voting ID abroad



In view of the upcoming elections in Mexico in June 2018, those who wish to exercise their right to vote abroad, are invited to apply for a Mexican voting ID abroad (CPVE, for its acronym in Spanish) at the national electoral authority (Instituto Nacional Electoral, INE).

In order to complete the application, it is necessary to present your Mexican passport, birth certificate and foreign residence registration form. The latter can also be verified by means of payment receipts issued

to the applicant for services like water and electricity supply, landline, cellphone, rent contract.

As per September 1st, 2017, the Electoral Council of the INE added a new format requirement to the application process, introducing an additional verification signature to the personal data conformation, which refers specifically to the declaration of intent of the conational to vote abroad and to be included in the constituents list of the INE. The inscription is possible from September 1st, 2017, until March 31st, 2018. Mexicans living in Austria, Slovenia and Slovakia must complete this process at the Consular Section of the Embassy of Mexico in Austria. To this end, it is necessary to schedule an appointment (from Monday to Friday, except holidays in Austria) by email to: consulmexaustria@sre.gob.mx

For those who obtained the Mexican voting ID abroad in the period from February 2016 until August 31st, 2017, it is imperative to complete an additional step, which consists in confirming their intention to vote and be included in the constituents list of the INE. You can do this Online on the INE Website: www.ine.org.mx. The new requirement must be fulfilled between September 1st, 2017, and March 31st, 2018, at the latest, in order to be included in the constituents list for the upcoming elections and to receive the electoral package by mail at your residence abroad, at the given time.



If you have a valid voting ID issued in Mexico and you wish to vote abroad, please note that you have to apply for the CPVE, because the voting IDs issued in Mexico can only be used to exercise the right to vote in Mexico. After applying for the CPVE, the previous voting ID will be canceled automatically, since it is not possible to own two voting IDs that are valid at the same time.

News from Mexico

Publication of the 5th Government Report



On September 2nd, Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto addressed the Mexican nation on the occasion of the publication of the fifth Government Report. The transformation process demanded by the Mexican society is on its way and has already shown results, stated Mexico's Head of State. He pointed out that, although important challenges persist in every area, "together we have laid the foundations of a better country". During his speech, he informed about the

progress made this year in order to achieve the five national goals of his Administration: peace, social inclusion, good quality education, prosperity and Mexico as a global actor.

Read more (in Spanish): <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/prensa/hemos-sentado-las-bases-de-un-mejor-pais-enrique-pena-nieto?idiom=es>

Full speech (in Spanish): <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/prensa/palabras-del-presidente-de-los-estados-unidos-mexicanos-licenciado-enrique-pena-nieto-durante-su-quinto-informe-de-gobierno?idiom=es>

Mexico will spend 25 Million Pesos each year, for eternity, to preserve the *Selva Lacandona*



The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Rafael Pacchiano Alamán, announced on August 31st, that the Mexican oil company Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) will contribute 25 Million Pesos each year, for eternity, in order to preserve the *Selva Lacandona*, in fulfilment of the commitments made by Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto. He informed that this contribution is in addition to the 90 Million Pesos that were provided past June during the commemoration of the World Environment Day in favor of 56

municipalities of this nature reserve, which is one of the most diverse biospheres in the world.

Read full article of the Mexican Ministry of Environment (in Spanish): bit.ly/2eyanJ8

Implementation of the National Infrastructure Program



A great part of the competitiveness, economic growth and prosperity of a country is determined by a modern infrastructure, like airports, road system, ports, telecommunications, railway transport, etc. Bearing this in mind, the National Infrastructure Program 2014-2018 is being implemented according to the terms established by the National Development Plan 2013-2018. In March 2017, the program had been implemented to a degree of 70 per cent. 13 interstate

highways with a total length of 5,000 kilometers have been modernized and eight highways with a total length of 250 kilometers have been built, thanks to an investment amounting to 27.6 billion Pesos. On September 12th, President Enrique Peña Nieto inaugurated two infrastructure projects in the State Estado de México: The Distributor Avenida Alfredo del Mazo-Avenida José López Portillo in the State's capital, and the first modernization section of highway Ixtlahuaca-Jilotepec in the North of Estado de México.

Read the speech delivered by the President during the event (in Spanish):

<https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/prensa/palabras-del-presidente-licenciado-enrique-pena-nieto>

Viva Mexico!

FAO declares Mexican *Chinampa* agriculture system as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS)



Foto: FAO

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) congratulated the government of Mexico City for the designation of its *Chinampa* agriculture system as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS). During the event that took place in the federal capital on September 5th to officially announce the declaration as GIAHS, the Chief of the Government of Mexico City, Dr. Miguel Angel Mancera, mentioned that this denomination meant a recognition of the habitants of Xochimilco and of the producers using this millenary agricultural tradition. "Our *Chinampas*

preserve ancestral agro-productive techniques and represent a millenary agricultural production system. The declaration as GIAHS motivates us to continue supporting those producers and it is also a recognition that fills us with nation-wide pride", Mancera noted and declared the *Chinampas* as an especially protected zone, which means that they will receive more resources for conservation and preservation. Fernando Soto Baquero, FAO Representative in Mexico, explained that the *Chinampas* are the first GIAHS in North America receiving this title, since they are a perfect example for human interaction with nature by transforming a lake into cultivable land without damaging the environment. Read the article published by the FAO (in Spanish): <http://www.fao.org/mexico/noticias/detail-events/en/c/1034536/>

Calls for participation

Photography contest "Remembering Mexico"



The Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME, for its acronym in Spanish), through the Mexican Representations in the world, invites all Mexicans living abroad to participate in the photography contest "Remembering Mexico". If you are interested, you have to send a picture of the place that remembers you of Mexico in the country where you live, or that has some kind of connection with Mexico. You can send portraits, landscapes, architectures, objects, urban spaces, etc. The deadline for sending in photographs ends on **October 30th, 2017 at 11.00 a.m.** (local time in

Mexico City). The list of winners will be published on the IME Website (www.ime.gob.mx) on November 20th, 2017.

Prizes:

- 1st prize: *MacBook Apple Air Laptop 13"*
 2nd prize: Nikon Coolpix B700 photo camera, black
 3rd prize: Canon EOS Rebel T6 Ef-S 18-55 photo camera

Conditions of participation:

- Every Mexican citizen living abroad can participate, no age limitation.
- The photos can be color or black & white, with camera, cellphone or other devices with good resolution.
- The photos must be sent in by email to rmendozac@sre.gob.mx and fulfill the following requirements:
 1. One of the following digital formats: jpg, jpeg or tiff
 2. Save data file with your complete name (i.e.: Luis_González.jpg)
 3. The file must have between 2 and 5 MB
- The email has to include:
 1. Proof of your Mexican nationality (a simple copy is enough). The following documents are accepted as proof of nationality: Mexican passport, birth certificate, voting ID with photograph, or consular registration with high-security features
 2. Following personal data of the participant:
 - Full names and surnames
 - Age
 - Country of residence and city/country, where you took the photograph
 - Contact (phone number and email address)
 - Social network (Twitter, Facebook), given the case
 3. Title of your photograph and a description of max. 1,000 characters, explaining why your photo remembers you of Mexico or which is the connection with Mexico.

Invitation to the symposium “El Futuro del Español en la Comunidad Internacional”

EL GRUPO DE AMIGOS DEL ESPAÑOL
INVITA AL COLOQUIO

El Futuro del Español en la
Comunidad Internacional



Ponente:

Pablo Raphael de la Madrid.
Escritor y ensayista mexicano

29 de septiembre de 2017

Vienna International Center
Edificio C, Board Room C

El evento se llevará a cabo a las 14:00 horas, precedido de una recepción a las 13:00 horas.

Para registrarte al evento y tener acceso al edificio de las Naciones Unidas, por favor envíanos un correo antes del 26 de septiembre de 2017 a: embaustria@sre.gob.mx.

The Group “Amigos del Español” invites all interested Spanish speakers to participate in the symposium on the topic “El Futuro del Español en la Comunidad Internacional” (The Future of Spanish in the International Community), which will take place at the UNO City in Vienna on September 29th, 2017, at 14:00 p.m. For registration, please send an email with your full name, phone number and a copy of your passport until Tuesday, September 26th, to embaustria@sre.gob.mx.

More information: phone +43 310 73 83 17.

Limited number of participants!