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Mexico is a point of reference: Videgaray

## Structural reforms set example to the world

Washington.- The profound structural changes that Mexico has adopted in a short time have made it a point of reference in international terms, said the Finance secretary, Luis Videgaray.

"There is a great amount of recognition and a major consensus that points to Mexico as one of the few countries that have achieved wide-ranging profound reforms in its economy. There is no doubt that Mexico is a point of reference in this matter," Videgaray said during the autumn meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.



## Mexico is number one Latin American auto-maker

Mexico City.- Mexico was Latin America's number one producer of automobiles in the first nine months of this year, and came in seventh in the world, said Eduardo Solís Sanchez, president of the Mexican Auto Industry Association.

Over the period, Mexico produced 2.396 million units, while Brazil built 2.244.



## Cervantino culture fest embraces the world

Guanajuato.- Some 3,700 artists from Mexico and abroad will present works in theaters, public plazas and other locations during the 42nd Cervantino festival of arts in Guanajuato, central Mexico, through October 26.

The festival's director, Jorge Volpi, expects 400,000 visitors to be in Guanajuato during the 19 days of the event. Music, theater and dance will be featured from all over the world. Japan is this year's special guest country.

**COMING SOON**



## 50,000 scholarships for energy students

Querétaro.- The Mexican government will offer 50,000 scholarships for higher education in order to train the technicians, specialists and professionals that the energy sector is going to require in the coming years.

Leonardo Beltrán Rodríguez, deputy Energy minister for planning, said that the scheme forms part of a strategic training program with a view to grooming Mexican talent in energy.



## British royal couple to visit Mexico

London.- Britain's Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, are to visit Mexico for three days beginning November 2. The visit aims to boost bilateral relations ahead of Mexico-United Kingdom Year in 2015.

The royal couple are due to visit the village of Real del Monte, in the hills of the central state of Hidalgo. In 1825, British miners settled in Real del Monte. The couple will also join in Day of the Dead celebrations, and will meet with President Enrique Peña Nieto and his wife, Angélica Rivera.

Photo: <http://www.royal.gov.uk/>



## Asia attracted by new energy rules

New York.- Companies from China, Japan and India — Asia's three largest economies — want to invest in Mexico's energy sector in order to make the most of the new regulations, Christian Gómez, energy director of the Council of the Americas, said in New York.

The companies mentioned by Gómez included OVL and Reliance, two leading oil companies neither of which has been able to invest in Latin America for 75 years, "but now they are trying, with Pemex, to develop new energy sources and take part in next year's upstream bidding rounds".

There is considerable interest in Mexico among Asian countries. "And I believe that these countries are going to take part actively in the bidding rounds and invest more in Mexico," Gómez added.



## Mexico and Brazil unite in silver screen

Rio de Janeiro.- Mexico and Brazil, two of Latin America's major powers in the film industry, are planning an agreement to facilitate co-productions and open their respective markets to each other's movies.

The Mexican movie institute Imcine and Brazil's Ancine hope that the agreement will provide producers with more access to funds. Distribution and exhibition channels will also be promoted, they say.



## The Mayas take Paris by storm

Paris.- The world of the Mayas, one of the world's great civilizations, is starring in the cultural circles of Paris with a major exhibition from October 6 to February 8 of next year at the city's newest museum, the Quai Branly. The expo includes 400 Mayan masterpieces.

"The Mayas, Revelation of a Time that is Timeless" is being staged in what is the most recently built major museum of Paris, said Maria Teresa Franco, director of Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History.

"This is an enormous opportunity to show the grandeur of the Mayas as one of the world's great civilization," Franco added.



## Mexican writers to feature in Frankfurt Fair

Berlin.- Mexico will take part in the Frankfurt Book Fair with a wide range of literature and publishing houses keen to generate interest in the translation into several languages of Mexican writers, said José Carreño, director of the government's Economic Culture Fund.

"The aim is basically to promote the publishing houses' writers, trying to sell their rights," said Carreño.