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OPENING OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The Consulate General attended the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) at Exhibition Place in Toronto.

The ceremony was presided over by the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Mayor of the City of Toronto, John Tory, Canada’s Minister of Small Business and Export Promotion Mary Ng, President of the Toronto Region Board of Trade Janet De Silva, and CNE President John Kiru.



The CNE presents the best that Canada has to offer in the fields of agriculture, industry, technology, fashion, consumer products, art and culture, making the exhibition an “artistic window of the nation”.

It also has a charity foundation that invests in community initiatives focusing on agriculture and the environment, art and culture, industry and entrepreneurship, and community integration.



The CNE is considered the fifth largest fair of its kind in North America and constitutes an ideal space for featuring Mexican artistic presentations and linking our culture to the promotion and exporting of Mexican products.

As part of the CNE’s innovation pavilion, Mexico’s Paola Barreiro presented her project “Sustainable Mobile Housing” as a solution to meet the environmental, social and economic challenges arising from climate change.

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This year marks the 140th anniversary of the CNE, which has evolved over time while maintaining its status as a vibrant traditional Canadian attraction.

It attracts more than 1.5 million people every year and generates 93.1 million dollars in revenue for the Greater Toronto Area and 128.3 million dollars for the province of Ontario.



ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

GATHERING WITH SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

On August 26, the Consulate General was invited to the “Elotada 2018” cultural understanding gathering organized each year by the non-profit organization Enlace to recognize Mexican seasonal agricultural workers and to facilitate their integration into Canadian society, particularly in Ontario.

The gathering took place at the Andrews’ Scenic Acres farm located in the Milton region, and was attended by approximately 200 people who were able to enjoy samples of Mexican food, including corn cobs and esquites prepared using produce from the farm.



Enlace Vice-President Liliana Altamirano gave the opening message for the “Elotada”, acknowledging the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP) and highlighting the importance of the SAWP and the skilled labour of Mexican farmers for the benefit of Canadian crops.

The gathering also featured an entertaining musical program led by the mariachi band México Amigo, which performed several traditional Mexican songs. Those present were also able to tour the facilities of the farm, which is dedicated mainly to

growing vegetables and flowers, as well as wine and fruit cider production.

The Consulate General recognizes the efforts of Mexican workers to contribute to the growth of the local economy and reiterates its commitment to keeping in ongoing contact with the workers and their employers in Ontario to promote respect for all of their rights, including their general working conditions, housing and health. The gathering marked the beginning of the fall season for migrant workers in the province before their return to Mexico.



MEETING WITH CANADA’S FEDERAL MINISTER OF SMALL BUSINESS AND EXPORT PROMOTION

The Consul General and his team met with the Canadian federal government’s Minister of Small Business and Export Promotion, Mary Ng, at the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE), which ran from August 17 to September 3.



Minister Ng and the Consul General agreed on the importance of small and medium-sized enterprises for strengthening economic and trade relations between the two countries, considering that Mexico has been established as the province’s third biggest supplier, and as the third biggest destination country of exports from Ontario.

#smallbiz
#SMEs

COAHUILA'S GOVERNOR VISITS TORONTO

Coahuila's governor, Miguel Angel Riquelme Solis, visited Toronto from August 19th to 22nd as part of an economic promotion mission to Canada. He met with automotive and energy industry executives and businessmen, academic institutions, investment funds and a technological incubator.

The meetings aimed to promote exports to Coahuila, and attract foreign direct investments to that state. The delegation was composed of the Secretary of Economy and Tourism, the Mayors of Saltillo, Monclova and Frontera, the President of CANACINTRA Central Region, the Coordinator General of Communication and Institutional Image, the Director General of Promotion and Investment and the Director of Regional Economic Development.



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GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration is an initiative led by Mexico and Switzerland that marks a milestone in the history of international dialogue on migration. It represents a joint effort to promote international cooperation in the area and to consolidate the importance of the United Nations in the governance of safe, regular and orderly migration.

The document is structured around the identification of 23 major objectives and the establishment of monitoring and implementation mechanisms. The Compact will be formally adopted in Marrakesh, Morocco, in December of this year, with a view to promoting a "New Deal" policy. Together with the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Compact offers a platform for understanding the scope and positive contributions of migration, as well as its challenges and the situations faced by migrants all over the world.

On August 30, the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, through the Instituto Matías Romero, hosted the discussion panel "Global Compact for Migration: "Progress and Challenges in Global



Image: twitter Carlos Sada

Governance". This panel highlighted the leading role played by Mexican diplomacy, which has been making international migration a key issue at multilateral forums since 1979, placing migrants at the heart of policies, and promoting the protection of their human rights and their role as agents for development.

[#PactoMundialdeMigración](#)
[#UN4RefugeesMigrants](#)

PAN AMERICAN FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL



Image: Panamfest

On August 25th and 26th the fifth edition of the Pan American Food and Music Festival took place in Toronto, bringing together around three thousand people a day, from Canadian and Hispanic communities. The festival combined gastronomy and musical performances, aiming to showcase to the public the cultural richness of the American hemisphere.

On the gastronomic side, Mexican chef Larissa Esquivel's participation in the competition "Caliente y Picante" stood out, along with 19 other women chefs coming from Argentina, Bahamas, Canada, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago and St. Lucia. On the musical side, around twenty local, national and international artists performed traditional Latin American and Caribbean tunes.

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EVENTS

Betsabée Romero exhibition at York University

September 13 to December 9 / Different schedules / Art Gallery of York University (AGYU) / 116 Accolade East Building / 4700 Keele Street Toronto ON, M3J 1P3.

agYU

**Cultural celebration of Mexican Independence anniversary**

September 14 / 7:00 p.m. / Club Centro Social y Cultural Español de Toronto / 3465 Dundas St. West ON, M6S 2S5.

Musical Arts Festival 2018

September 23 / 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. / Flato Markham Theatre / 171 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON M3R 8G5

**Café Tacvba performs in Toronto**

September 26 / 7:00 p.m. / Danforth Music Hall / 147 Danforth Ave, Toronto, ON M4K 1N2

Mexican movie screening "108 costuras" at Toronto Latin American Film Festival (LATAFF)

September 28 / 7:00 p.m. / George Ignatieff Theatre / University of Toronto / 15 Devonshire Pl, Toronto, ON M5S 2C8



MEXICO CIELITO LINDO FESTIVAL

The México, Cielito Lindo, Art Fest, a multidisciplinary festival organized by the Casa Cultural Mexicana with the support of the Consulate General and The Mexicans Folk Ballet dance company, took place in Toronto from August 13 to 19.



The focus of this first edition was the culture of the state of Veracruz, especially folk music, dance and son jarocho.

Activities included a traditional Veracruz dance workshop offered by José Ángel Castro Salazar, an expert in danzón. Other highlights included a talk held at the University of Toronto's Victoria College on the history of the folk tradition in Veracruz, offered by Ángel Ciro Silvestre, director of the dance company Ballet Folklórico de la Universidad Veracruzana, and a jarocho concert by the group Ensamble Folclórico de Veracruz.

The closing ceremony featured two performances offered by the Ballet Folclórico de la Universidad Veracruzana and The Mexicans Folk Ballet, in the Harbourfront Centre's Fleck Dance Theatre, as well as the art exhibition "Expoleccion; la visión de un jarocho" featuring the work of the painter Alberto Cruz. More than 40 dancers and musicians took part in the colourful spectacle, performing a wide range of dance numbers from the region of Veracruz.

INTERVIEW WITH MEXICANS IN TORONTO

CARLOS LERMA, PRESIDENT OF EXATEC ONTARIO

Tell us a bit about yourself. What is your name and your profession?

My name is Carlos Lerma. I graduated from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey ("Tec de Monterrey") in industrial and systems engineering in 1999. I obtained a master's of science in engineering management from Florida International University in 2001. I worked in my field of study in Mexico and Canada for 20 years, in managerial and directorial positions. My speciality is operations and logistics management for electronics manufacturers and telecommunications companies.

What is your experience as an immigrant?



I arrived in Canada in 2010. I worked in my area of experience until 2017, but I was always connected to the financial world. It is thanks to that interaction that I felt attracted to this noble industry, where you can serve the community and become a key piece in the process of achieving financial goals

and objectives in the short, medium and long term.

I currently work as a mortgage and insurance agent and a mutual fund dealer, all with the required provincial and federal licences. Since 2017, I have been working full-time for one of my clients through my company Terranova Wealth Management. For more details you can consult the website www.terrانovawealth.com or write to me at info@terrانovawealth.com.



During my time in Canada, I've had the good fortune of receiving a lot of support from EXATEC Ontario, an association of which I've been an active member since 2012, and of which I now have the privilege of being president.

I joined the association when I realized I needed to connect with people who shared my values, ethics and professionalism.



What is EXATEC Ontario and what does it do?

EXATEC Ontario is a non-profit organization incorporated in Ontario, where we have a mission to promote and contribute to the professional, social, cultural and community development of our members with the aim of achieving greater recognition in the Canadian employment market and Canadian society in general. We do this by organizing events where the profile of Tec de Monterrey alumni can be showcased and demonstrated.

EXATEC's distinguishing features include our high adaptability, as well as excellent levels of knowledge, skills and aptitudes that give us the power to transform society. To be a member, you need to be an Ontario resident, to have completed at least one bachelor's or graduate program in the Tec de Monterrey system and, most importantly, to live the values that the institution promotes, which are: innovation, a global vision, teamwork, solidarity and integrity.

The reason why I participate in the association is because I have always believed that the best way to grow and to be fulfilled involves giving back for what I've received. This is the opportunity to provide members with the support they need to move to the province and, once settled here, to be an extension of their home in our new country. For more information about EXATEC Ontario, you can visit its website www.exatecontario.org or write to info@exatecontario.org.

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CONSULAR SERVICES

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION (ETA) FOR MEXICAN TRAVELERS

Mexican visitors who travel to Canada either to enter the country or to transit to another destination, will only need to complete an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

The eTA must be applied for at least 3 days prior to travel from the following Canadian government website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-how.asp>

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Consul General is empowered to act as a Mexican notary public, and is therefore able to issue powers of attorney with legal validity in Mexico. Any person or company located in Ontario or Manitoba may submit a power of attorney for the appointment of a person to act on their behalf in a lawsuit, in the administration of a business or in the purchase or sale of goods in Mexico.

Appointments must be scheduled through MEXITEL (1-877-639-4837) or online <https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx> For more information about requirements and fees, please visit our website www.consulmex2.sre.gob.mx/toronto or call (416) 368-2875, ext. 237.

The **Registration System for Mexicans Abroad** (SIRME, for its initials in Spanish) has the purpose of facilitating communication between the Mexican government and its citizens living abroad. Through this system, registered Mexicans can receive timely information to avoid facing adverse conditions while travelling, staying or residing outside Mexico.



SIRME

<https://sirme.sre.gob.mx/>

Canadian nationals and permanent residents of Canada do not require a visa to enter Mexico, with the exception of Canadian citizens carrying diplomatic or official passports. For more information and requirements please visit:

<https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/en/servicesforeigners/visas>

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS



Call for Submissions for the Mexican Government's Excellence Grants for Foreigners 2019

The Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SRE), through the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), announces a call for submissions from foreigners interested in studying in Mexico at the levels of specialization, master's, PhD and post-doctoral research, as well as mobility programs for undergraduate and graduate students, to apply for the Mexican Government's Excellence Grants for Foreigners 2019. More info:

<http://www.gob.mx/amexcid/acciones-y-programas/becas-para-extranjeros-29785>



Tourism Board

The Consulate General of Mexico in Toronto is open to the public by appointment.

For Mexican passports, birth certificates and powers of attorney, appointments must be requested through MEXITEL at:

https://citas.sre.gob.mx/mexitel_web/

(1-877-639 4835)

For any other service, please request an appointment by calling:

(416) 368-2875 ext. 236

USEFUL LINKS

- Presidency of Mexico: presidencia.gob.mx
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: sre.gob.mx
- Mexican Embassy in Canada: embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/
- ProMexico: promexico.gob.mx
- Mexico Tourism Board: visitmexico.com
- Mexican National Council for Culture and the Arts: conaculta.gob.mx ecultura.gob.mx
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico: canchammx.com
- Mexico-Canada: <http://mex.can.sre.gob.mx/>
- Visas and consular services: consulmex.com
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