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FIRST MEXICO-CANADA PRIVATE EQUITY FORUM

On June 11, the Mexican Association of Private Equity (AMEXCAP), the Canadian Embassy in Mexico and the Government of Ontario, with the support of ProMéxico and the National Institute of the Entrepreneur (INADEM), held the first Mexico-Canada Private Equity meeting in Toronto, under the slogan “Building and Strengthening Investments”.

Of the 60 people who attended the event, 45% were representatives of private equity funds, 28% were from LPs and Institutional Investors, 5% from international organizations, 14% from government agencies, 1% from Family Offices and 7% from other relevant stakeholders.

The objective of the financial meeting was to exchange views and to act as a catalyst for investment opportunities between the two countries in the sector.



Image: AMEXCAP

The event was opened by Sara Wilshaw, Director General for the North America Network of Global Affairs Canada, and Mexican Ambassador to Canada Dionisio Pérez Jácome.

At the meeting, Scotiabank Vice President and Deputy Chief Economist Brett House and ProMéxico General Director Paulo Carreño King offered presentations on economic prospects and investment opportunities between Mexico and Canada.

Also considered at the meeting were the prospects for supporting women in private equity and technology and the development of Mexican and Canadian associations for investment in the energy industry and infrastructure, including Canada’s Venture Capital Catalyst Initiative and Mexico’s Fund of Funds.



Image: AMEXCAP

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BINA48 ROBOT FLIES ON AEROMEXICO

On June 25, the robot BINA48, conceived and developed by Hanson Robots, travelled on an Aeromexico flight from Toronto to Mexico City to be presented at a conference on cutting-edge technology.

This humanoid robot has the appearance of an actual woman, Bina Aspen, about whom it stores information through an innovative system called “technological immortality”. BINA48 can have conversations and simulate certain emotional reactions.



Image: Aeromexico

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

MEXICAN CHEF FEATURED ON CBC NEWS



The chef Julio Campos, from the Mexican state of Morelos, and his recreations of the traditional taco prepared at the local *taquería* Tacos 101 in Toronto were featured on the CBC News network in the reports "Tacos 101 brings back-to-basics Mexican food to downtown Toronto" and "Suresh Doss introduces us to Tacos 101".

The author of the reports, Suresh Doss, talks about the high profile the *taquería* has attained since opening two years ago, highlighting its authenticity, the diversity of the decor and the simplicity of its menu offering different types of traditional tacos. The reports can be viewed at the following links:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/suresh-food-guide-episode-39-1.4733567?cmp=rss>

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1270640707923/>

VISIT TO TORONTO BY SEDESOL 3x1 PROGRAM DIRECTOR

On June 5, the Assistant General Director of the 3x1 Program for Migrants run by the Secretariat of Social Development (SEDESOL), Juan Carlos Morales León, was welcomed at the Mexico Business Club in Toronto.

Mr. Morales offered a talk on the scope and methods of the program, which supports initiatives organized by Mexicans living abroad, as well as various projects that can be financed with a three-way contribution from the federal and municipal governments and Mexican clubs based in other countries.

He also discussed successful cases where the program's resources have been used to improve communities in the areas of social infrastructure, community services and educational and production projects.



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

On Tuesday, June 20, Consulate General staff accompanied students from the Mexican university Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) who are participating in the International Business Leadership Program (PLEI, for its initials in Spanish), North America Mission 2018.

The PLEI is a program that promotes academic-commercial missions with projects financed by companies looking to expand their market or to learn best practices.

In addition to Toronto, this mission visited Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver, Boston, Chicago, and Atlanta. Among their activities in Ontario, the students visited the facilities of Procter & Gamble and BASF.



CULTURAL AFFAIRS

CONCERT “MÉXICO ROMÁNTICO: A VOICE AND PIANO RECITAL”

On June 18, at the Trinity-St. Paul's Centre in Toronto, Mexican countertenor César Aguilar and pianist Miguel Gerardo Brito López offered a voice and piano recital, performing songs by Mexican composers of classical and bolero music to a packed audience.

The concert included a program of voice-piano and solo piano, with pieces composed by María Grever, Silvestre Revueltas, and Jorge del Moral. In addition, the countertenor, accompanied by the piano, performed the lyrical works of two of Mexico's biggest composers, Manuel M. Ponce and Felipe Villanueva. The pieces performed included “Te quiero, dijiste”, “Besos Robados”, “Júrame”, “La llorona”, “A la orilla de un palmar”, “Lejos de ti” and “Sandunga”.



MEXICANS RECOGNIZED AT THE AZURE MAGAZINE GALA



On June 23, at the ceremony for the AZ Awards for Design Excellence organized by *Azure Magazine*, the work of the following three groups of Mexican architects and designers was recognized:

The Mexican firm Esrawe Studio was awarded by the jury as the best project in the “Commercial/Institutional Interiors” category for their restoration work on the “El Califa” building, a famous taquería in Mexico City.

Mexican Héctor Barroso was also awarded in the “Residential Architecture, Single Family” category with the project “Entrepino”, a set of housing units in the forest region of Valle de Bravo, State of Mexico.

The Michoacan firm Origen 19°41'53” N was recognized in the “Commercial/Institutional Architecture Over 1,000 Square Metres” category for their design and construction project “Refugio Para Mujeres Víctimas de Violencia” in Uruapan, State of Michoacán.

EVENTS

Mexican pavillion in the “Folklorama” festival in Manitoba

August 5-11, RBC Convention Centre of Manitoba / 375 York Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J3

For more information: <https://www.folklorama.ca/find-a-pavilion/69>



“México, Cielito Lindo” Festival

August 17, 8 pm / Gotta dance /3581 Dundas West, Toronto

18 de agosto a las 8 pm / Fleck Dance Theatre del Harbourfront Centre de Toronto /207 Queens Quay W, Toronto

http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/whatson/dance.cfm?id=10000&festival_id=0



Mexican participation at the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)

August 17 to 19, 11am to 9 pm.

Innovation pavillion: “Vivienda Sustentable Móvil”/ 210 Princess Blvd, Exhibition Place, Toronto

<https://theex.com/main/entertainment/cneinnovation/cne-emerging-innovators-pitch-competition-2017/ontario-pitch-competition/>



Pan American Food & Music Festival

August 25, 11 am to 11 pm

August 26, 11 am to 8 pm

Yonge-Dundas Square / 1 Dundas Street East, Toronto

<http://panamfest.com/about-2018/>



SIGNING OF ACCORD ON WINNIPEG'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On June 20, the President of the Mex Y Can Association of Manitoba, Víctor Ramírez, took part in the second annual signing ceremony of Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The accord aims to promote joint efforts for the preservation of the cultural heritage and traditions of indigenous peoples, and to establish relationships of collaboration and reconciliation.

The Mex Y Can Association of Manitoba has maintained friendly and cultural relations with various indigenous groups in Manitoba for some time, and signing this important accord effectively strengthens and consolidates that collaboration.



ACADEMIC MOBILITY

MEXICAN STUDENTS GRANTED 2018 LESTER B. PEARSON SCHOLARSHIPS



Image: UofT webpage



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The Lester B. Pearson scholarship program administered by the University of Toronto (UofT) granted scholarships to 2 students from Mexico City this year: Adriana Díaz Lozano from the Escuela Ameyalli school; and Sasha Rodríguez from the Santa Fe campus of the university Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey. Both students will begin their bachelor's degrees in September 2018.

The scholarship promotes academic excellence, creativity and leadership in international students who would like to continue their post-secondary studies in Canada.

FIRST GROUP OF PROYECTA 10,000 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THEIR COURSES IN TORONTO

The first group of scholarship recipients in the Proyecta 10,000 Program, comprising 200 students from the State of Mexico who arrived in Toronto in May and June to study English as a second language at Lakehead University (Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses), Conestoga College, and St. Lawrence College, have successfully completed their courses.



Between June 24 and July 3, a second group of 410 scholarship recipients arrived and began studying at Trent, Western and Lakehead Universities, the University of Ontario



Institute of Technology, and the University of Winnipeg in Manitoba.

Between July 7 and 28, another 100 students are expected to arrive, thereby completing the arrival of Proyecta 10,000 scholarship recipients from the State of Mexico in Ontario and Manitoba for the summer of 2018.

FAREWELL TO DEPUTY COUNSEL

MINISTER DOLORES REPETTO

After four years of hard work as deputy counsel at the Consulate General, Dolores Repetto will be leaving Toronto for Guatemala, where she will be working as the Director of the Cultural Institute of Mexico. Dolores Repetto was promoted from the rank of Counsellor to Minister last year, having passed the promotion examination as a career member of the Mexican Foreign Service, where she has worked for 26 years.

Minister Repetto is an architect by profession, with a specialization in Urban Planning received from the Polytechnic University of Milan in Italy, a master's in Restoration of Monuments from the Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, and a specialization in Cultural Policy and Management from the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de México (UAM).



She has served as a cultural attaché at the Mexican Embassies in Poland, the United States, and Italy, and was also in charge of the Consular Section at the Mexican Embassy in India.

At the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, she undertook the first initiative to catalogue the artistic property of the Mexican Fo-



reign Service, and from 2011 to 2014 she acted as Assistant Director-General at the Directorate-General of International Economic Promotion. She also served as Director-General of Educational and Cultural Cooperation.

The Consulate General wishes Dolores Repetto the best of luck in her new position.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER DOLORES REPETTO TO THE MEXICAN COMMUNITY IN ONTARIO AND MANITOBA:

We members of the Mexican Foreign Service have the challenge of living in many different countries. We arrive in those countries knowing only one thing for certain: that in a few years we will have to leave; and yet, when that moment arrives it is hard to say goodbye to attachments, friends, acquaintances and colleagues. The one thing that gives us strength is the anticipation of new challenges when we reach our next destination: Guatemala, in my case.

For four years I have had the honour of serving as Deputy Counsel at the Consulate General in Toronto; I have had many satisfying and educational experiences here, such as the richness of multiculturalism and the openness that shapes Canadian and, in particular, Torontonians society. In every experience here I always found kind, friendly, sensitive and open people.

I leave with a feeling of gratitude towards the Secretariat, which allowed me to take part in the extensive and noble work carried out in our consulates. Thanks to all the Mexicans, Canadians and people of other nationalities who offered me their friendship and their support for my work.

A very special THANK YOU to all my colleagues at the Consulate General: those who were here when I arrived and those who are working here now. Your support, respect and care were essential to the performance of my duties. I have learned a lot from all of you. Thank you, Canada! Thank you, Toronto! Thank you, Consulmex!

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>

¿Tienes planes de viaje a Canadá?



Tramita tu Autorización Electrónica de Viaje (eTA)

¡Es muy sencillo! ingresa a la página
www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp
y completa el formulario en línea.

Recuerda que puedes ingresar desde
cualquier computadora o dispositivo móvil,
sólo necesitas:

- Tu pasaporte vigente.
- Una tarjeta de crédito o débito.*
- Un correo electrónico válido.

TRAVELLING TO MEXICO

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:

<http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/visas>

For fees and payment: <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/fees>

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.

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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://mexcan.sre.gob.mx/>
- Visas and consular services:
consulmex.com
- Mexican restaurants in Toronto & GTA [click here](#)
- MEXITEL
1-877-639-4835
<https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx/citas>



Tourism Board