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SECRETARY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE VISITS SEASONAL WORKERS' FARMS

The Secretary of Labour and Social Welfare (STPS), Roberto Campa Cifrián, and the Undersecretary of Employment and Labour Productivity, Fernando Maldonado Hernández, paid a working visit on June 2 to two Ontario farms participating in the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP): Hendriks Greenhouses and Sheridan Nurseries Ltd., located in Beamsville and Georgetown, respectively.



In both cases, the visit began with a welcome from the employers, followed by a tour of the production areas and a get-together with the migrant workers. Secretary Campa Cifrián listened to the experiences of the workers and talked to them about their main concerns, after expressing his thanks to them for the good name they were giving Mexico.



The delegation was accompanied by Mexico's Ambassador to Canada Dionisio Pérez-Jácome, the Consul General in Toronto, Porfirio Thierry Muñoz-Ledo, and the Consul in Leamington, Darío Alberto Bernal Acero.

Also present were Ambassador Martha Ortiz de Rosas Gómez, Director of the International Affairs Unit of the STPS; Héctor Oswaldo Muñoz Oscos, Coordinator of Mexico's National Employment Service (SNE); and Karla Gisela Quintero Díaz, Assistant Director for Inter-Institutional Coordination.



ROUND TABLE WITH THE GOVERNOR OF OAXACA

The Governor of the state of Oaxaca, Alejandro Murat Hinojosa, paid a working visit to Toronto on May 24 to promote his state for foreign investment and tourism. The Oaxacan delegation included the state's Secretaries for the Economy, Finance and Tourism, as well as its International Coordinator.

The governor participated in a round table to talk about opportunities in Oaxaca for international medical care. The event was organized by the firm Kealey and Associates, with the presence of former Canadian prime minister John Turner.



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CULTURAL EVENTS

VISIT TO THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (CBC)

On May 23, the Consulate General was invited to the facilities of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), the country's public radio and television broadcaster, with headquarters in Toronto.

The visit included access to the television and radio studios, technical areas and the offices of reporters for the CBC.

During the tour, the importance of technological innovations and their impact on the media was discussed, with the opportunity to see the CBC news channel's automated studios. There was also a discussion about the role the media plays in diplomatic work in the 21st century.



TACO FESTIVAL IN TORONTO

The 2018 edition of Taco Fest was held at the Ontario Place theme park in Toronto from June 15 to 17. The food and cultural festival combined traditional culinary delicacies inspired by Mexican dishes that are very popular in Canada, like tacos, guacamole, nachos, paletas and spicy salsas.

During the festival, around 2,500 people gathered to enjoy the culinary delights offered by the restaurants Fonda Lola, Rebozos, Mad Mexican and El Jefe de Mississauga, as well as bakery treats from Pancho's Bakery, *paletas* from Wrestlers and ice creams from Eva's Original Chimneys.

Also featured was a performance by the mariachi group México Amigo and a dance show by the folk ballet troupe The Mexicans.



NICOLÁS PEREDA AT ARTSCAPE YOUNGPLACE



Image: Institute for Creative Exchange Web page

From May 23 to 27 at Toronto's Artscape Youngplace, Mexican-Canadian filmmaker Nicolás Pereda offered a workshop on representation in film as a process of collective expression. The workshop consisted of working with the filmmaker to develop a screenplay that reflects on representation, reality, fiction, and the possibility of transgressing borders in filmmaking. The end result was the recording of a video that shows the experience of immigrants arriving in Toronto and its architectural and emblematic urban landscapes, which can be viewed at the following [link](#).

Nicolás Pereda is considered one of the most innovative filmmakers in contemporary Mexican art film, having presented work at major international film festivals like Cannes, Berlin, Venice and Toronto, as well as at contemporary art museums and galleries.

PEDRO REYES AT THE POWER PLANT GALLERY IN TORONTO

On May 24 and 25, the Power Plant art gallery in Toronto featured a contemporary satirical puppet show titled *Manufacturing Mischief*, written by the Mexican artist Pedro Reyes.

The show deals with techno-optimism and the dangers of a possible resurgence of fascist ideas in the Western world. It features 10 portrayals of well-known personalities, including Ayn Rand, Noam Chomsky and Elon Musk.



Image: Canadian stage Web page

MEXICANS IN TORONTO

INTERVIEW WITH ENTREPRENERUS: NAUTILUS INNOVATION LAB

What is NAUTILUS INNOVATION LAB?

It is a Canadian company founded by Christian Navarro, Carlos Bravo, Raúl Gallardo and Iván Gallardo, with the objective of improving the quality of living of people through the development of technology, taking nature as its inspiration.

Why did you decide to do this?

A lot of countries have joined the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); we have adopted four of them and we're committed to being part of the solution: (6) clean water and sanitation; (7) affordable and clean energy; (11) sustainable cities and communities; and (13) climate action. That's why we're developing the following:

Lotus Water

A flower-shaped electromechanical device that is activated when it starts to rain, opening its petals and collecting rainwater. When it stops raining, the petals close up again. The water collected is contained in a tank and then passes through a filtration and purification process to produce clean water. It is expected to hit the market at the end of the year.



personalized coaching and the provision of a workspace. They have also integrated us into the ecosystem and supported us with strategic connections, which has helped us to make ourselves known. In addition, we have received a lot of help from Venture Lab and Water Tap. At the same time, we've been supported by Mexican institutions like Novaera, ProMéxico and the Mexico Business Club in Toronto.



BrighTree

A structure that resembles a tree, in an integrated project that provides lighting and wireless internet access through the autonomous generation of renewable energy. The device can house any type of element, like chargers for electronic devices and security cameras.

It hasn't been easy, but we're not alone, and that has allowed the constant development of the company. We believe that innovation and technology should be centred on people, with a sustainable approach. The global economic, ecological and social challenges are here and instead of worrying about them, we should take care of them; it's up to all of us.

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What has your experience been like as an immigrant to Canada?

Excellent. It is a huge challenge and being here has certainly opened up doors of opportunity that we had never imagined before.

It all began in September of last year when we took part in the LATAMStartups boot camp, which is an acceleration program based in Toronto focusing on startups and entrepreneurs from Latin America. As part of the process, we were introduced to the HELIX business accelerator at Seneca College and we were accepted to join.

We feel very happy to be part of HELIX; it has been a great experience and we've had all the support through workshops,



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

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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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(1-877-639 4835)

For any other service, please request an
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(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:
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