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The Embassy of the Argentine Republic to Malaysia and Brunei has the honor to present to you the first in line edition of its monthly Newsletter, which will comprise of a selection of relevant news from Argentina. We will also share a summary of the activities carried out by the Embassy with the purpose of promoting political, economic, touristic and cultural ties between our country and the vibrant region of Asia. We hope you enjoy the short read!



HALAL BEEF TO BE EXPORTED ONCE AGAIN FROM ARGENTINA TO MALAYSIA

After several years of negotiations, the Department Of Veterinary Services of Malaysia (DVS) has expressed its agreement with the latest version of the health certificate model issued by Argentina. Thus, allowing the export of chilled and frozen halal beef and offal of bovine origin from Argentina into Malaysia.

A meeting was then held recently between the Argentine Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas and the newly appointed general director of DVS, Dato' Dr. Norlizan bin Mohd Noor, to express gratitude from Argentina for the reopening of the Malaysian market, as well as for the purpose of reviewing the issues on the bilateral agenda with said department.

On August 21st, the first batch of Argentine beef from a local company – Lucky Frozen, weighing 2 tons, arrived at Kuala Lumpur International Airport.



PETROLEUM EXPORT FROM PETRONAS ARGENTINA S.A.

In June 2020, in cooperation with YPF -the Argentine National Oil and Gas company- Petronas Argentina made its first export of crude oil from Argentina, in an operation framed in the reactivation of the process of exporting oil from the Vaca Muerta region (central-west of the Argentina).

CHINA OPENS ITS MARKET FOR ARGENTINE LEMONS



After years of negotiations, the Government of President Alberto Fernández agreed on the phytosanitary requirements for the export of fresh lemons to the People's Republic of China. The first cargo arrived at the port of Hong Kong on August 7th with a total of 48 tons, which is part of the 476 tons to be exported during the first phase of the export campaign.

International Economic Relations Secretary, Jorge Neme, celebrated the arrival of Argentine lemons by marking that “the efforts of Argentine businessmen have succeeded in converting lemons into an international brand of Argentina, recognized for its quality and its establishment across more than 100 countries in the world.”

Argentina is the second lemon exporter in the world, after Spain, with a production in 2019 of 1.72 million tons of fresh lemons. 75% of the production is for industrial use, while 8% is for internal consumption and 17% is exported as fresh fruit



THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROMOTES EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND DAIRY INDUSTRY EQUIPMENT IN NORTH AFRICA

On August 18th, International Economic Relations Secretary, Jorge Neme, held a virtual meeting with Argentine embassies in Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt and Morocco, Chambers of exporters of machinery and equipment for agriculture and dairy industries, and Foreign Ministry authorities responsible for the promotion of national exports.

efficient water management, among other sectors. The participating parties intend on organizing a commercial mission amongst the national companies which offer these products and services.

In this regard, Secretary Neme stated: "These countries have different features that offer a wide range of opportunities for our companies. They have in common, however, the enormous potential to make a qualitative leap in Argentine exports to the region. We have the know-how, the technology, the professional talent. You have to build relationships of trust, building permanent ties with your counterparts."

The objective of the meeting was to identify new commercial opportunities for Argentine exports in these countries with regards to agricultural machinery, post-harvest technology, equipment for the dairy industry,

GENDER AGENDA: ARGENTINA PRESENTED ITS CANDIDACY FOR THE CEDAW



On August 19, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Felipe Solá headed the presentation of the Argentine candidacy to the Committee of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) for the period 2021-2024, where he highlighted the gender agenda as "a priority for both the domestic and foreign policies of our country."

In addition, Solá highlighted the work done under the Convention, which "strives to guarantee that there is no direct nor indirect discrimination through an effective strategy to correct the insufficient representation of women, and obliges States to have public policies with a gender perspective."

In that sense, he recalled that Argentina joined CEDAW "35 years ago and that we have a long history on this issue, reinforced now by the fact that our government has prioritized policies aimed at bringing equality between genders."

CEDAW was created in 1979 by the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN). The Committee is the body that oversees the implementation of the Convention and is made up of 23 experts on women's rights from around the world.

ARGENTINA TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONTACT GROUP FOR VENEZUELA



On August 10th, Argentina accepted the invitation to participate as member of the International Contact Group for Venezuela (GIC), in line with the efforts towards

the search for a peaceful and democratic solution to face the crisis that the country is experiencing.

The Argentine government is determined to contribute, with all its efforts, to the work of the GIC, convinced of the positive role that this group can play in providing political and humanitarian responses to the critical situation in Venezuela.

The International Contact Group will now bring together Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, the European Union, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Panama, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Uruguay, all willing to promote the support for a peaceful and democratic solution to the crisis in Venezuela and facilitate access and increase humanitarian aid to the country, particularly in the current context of the growing Covid-19 pandemic.

PRESIDENT ALBERTO FERNÁNDEZ ANNOUNCED THAT ARGENTINA WILL PRODUCE A POTENTIAL VACCINE FOR COVID-19



On August 12th, President Alberto Fernández held a meeting with representatives of pharmaceutical company, AstraZeneca and biopharmaceutical company, mAbxience of INSUD Group. Both companies recently signed an agreement with the objective of transferring the technology for the initial production of 150 million doses of the active substance for the potential COVID-19 vaccine in Argentina.

"Argentina and Mexico will be in-charge of the production for Latin America, which will permit timely and efficient access to all countries in the region," said the President during a subsequent press conference that he gave together with the Minister of Health, Ginés González García, and the Secretary of Access to Health, Carla Vizzotti. Fernández considered that this agreement "puts Argentina in a comfortable situation and will allow us to have the vaccine when required at a reasonable price."

The intention is to be able to supply Argentina and other Latin American countries at the beginning of the second half of 2021, subject to the results of Phase III studies and regulatory approvals. The possibility of producing millions of additional doses to this initial agreement is being evaluated.

Alberto Fernández said he was "very proud that our country has been chosen for the production of the active substance for the potential Covid-19 vaccine."

To conclude the day, President Alberto Fernández, alongside his Mexican counterpart, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, shared the enthusiasm of jointly undertaking the development and manufacture of the COVID-19 vaccine produced under the Oxford-AstraZeneca license.

THE UNITED NATIONS INSISTS THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA RESUME THE DIALOGUE ON MALVINAS



On August 5th, the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24) adopted by consensus, a new resolution that reiterates the call to the United Kingdom and Argentina to resume negotiations to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful and definitive solution to the sovereignty controversy over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich islands and their surrounding maritime areas.

Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Felipe Solá assured that "the recovery of the full exercise of sovereignty over Malvinas constitutes a State policy and a sentiment of the Argentine people."

The Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and South Atlantic, Daniel Filmus, highlighted the "need to resume a substantive dialogue on the sovereignty dispute" and urged the United Kingdom "to comply with the duty imposed by International Law to resolve this dispute by peaceful negotiations and to put an end to this colonial, anachronistic situation."

The call of the United Nations for the resumption of negotiations between Argentina and the United Kingdom as a way to resolve the dispute is shared by various multilateral forums, such as the Organization of American States (OAS), MERCOSUR, the Group of the 77 plus China, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the Ibero-American Summits, among others. However, the UK persists in its refusal to resume negotiations on this matter.



Independence Day!

We invite you to view our special cultural [video](#) filmed in Kuala Lumpur to commemorate our 204th year of independence, on the 9th of July 2020.



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ASSISTANCE FOR STRANDED ARGENTINEANS IN MALAYSIA



With the departure this week of a new group of Argentine citizens who were stranded in Malaysia as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent cancellation of international flights, the Consular Section of the Embassy continues to assist our compatriots to ensure their safe return to their home country.

Since last April, the Embassy has assisted with the return of more than 70 citizens, including those who were in varying parts of Malaysia and those who arrived in transit

at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport. As such, and with the assistance of the Argentine community residing in Malaysia, a humanitarian assistance program was articulated to meet the basic needs of accommodation and food for compatriots with fewer resources, thus successfully overcoming this complex and unexpected situation derived from the pandemic of the COVID-19, which brought us to take extreme measures and precautions to protect our nationals abroad.

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