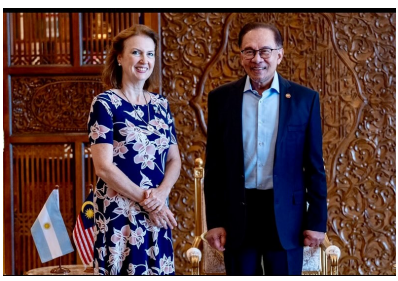




Minister of Foreign Affairs visits Malaysia



On March 18 and 19, the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Diana Mondino, accompanied by the Secretary of International Economic Relations Marcelo Cima, made an official visit to Malaysia with an agenda focused on deepening the economic and trade aspects of the bilateral relationship.

In that regard, the Minister was received by Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohamad Hasan, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security Mohamad Sabu and, together with Deputy Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Liew Chin Tong, chaired a meeting with the CEOs of major Malaysian companies with economic interests in Argentina.



Likewise, Minister Mondino held meetings with authorities from Petronas with the purpose of evaluating the investment projects of the company in our country and also participated in a reception in her honor at the Official Residence of the Ambassador with members of the Argentine community residing in Malaysia.



Participation in the anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate



On last March 13, Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas participated together with the diplomatic representative of the Vatican in Malaysia, Wojciech Zaluski, in the 11th anniversary of the election of Pope Francis as the head of the Catholic Church worldwide after Pope Benedict XVI.

Pope Francis, born as Jorge Bergoglio in Buenos Aires in 1936, became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 and was ordained Cardinal in 2001 by Pope John Paul II. Since his appointment in 2013, the Holy Father has embarked on 44 international trips so far, many of which have had the goal of fostering the dialogue and understanding between religions.

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Meeting with members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

In March, Minister of Foreign Affairs Diana Mondino held a meeting with the Heads of Mission of Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Nigeria, Morocco, Türkiye and Pakistan, member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) accredited in Buenos Aires.

During the meeting, reference was made to the importance that both our Ministry and the OIC attach to the fight against intolerance, negative stereotypes, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against people for reasons of religion or beliefs. In that line, Minister Mondino highlighted that Argentina recognizes the broadest respect for religious freedom and cultural diversity and agreed with her counterparts on the need to strongly condemn the scourge of Islamophobia, as well as all forms of discrimination based on religion, ethnicity or nationality.

Likewise, there was agreement on the deep concern about the current situation of the civilian population in the Gaza Strip, especially children.

The OIC, that currently has 57 member countries, was established in 1969 as a forum to gather the voice of the Muslim world. Its headquarters are in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Iftar celebration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Our Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary for Worship met during March at the headquarters of the Ministry, known as San Martín Palace, with members of the governing board of the Islamic Centre of the Argentine Republic (CIRA) and members of the Muslim community to celebrate Iftar, the breaking of the fast during the month of Ramadan.

The celebration was an expression of the religious plurality of the Argentine society. Through the Secretariat for Worship, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs promotes meetings and dialogue between the various religions that –such as in Malaysia– coexist peacefully in Argentina.

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Tribute to the Argentine architect César Pelli

On the occasion of her recent official visit to Malaysia, the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Diana Mondino presided over a ceremony to honor the Argentine architect César Pelli (born October 12, 1926 in Tucumán, Argentina), who designed the iconic and world-famous Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur and is widely considered one of the most prominent architects of the 20th century.



The tribute was crowned with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, which will be placed in a specially conditioned area in the Towers to celebrate, this year, the 25th anniversary of their inauguration.

Pelli and his work are considered a symbol of friendship between Argentina and Malaysia.

Participation in the Inter-Regional Business Forum, Kuala Lumpur



Organized by the International Strategy Institute with the aim of enhancing understanding, cooperation and economic partnerships between Latin America and the Caribbean and Southeast Asia, during March 7 and 8, the first "Inter-Regional Business Forum (IRBF)" took place in Kuala Lumpur.

The event, attended by more than 200 businessmen from ASEAN countries interested in learning more about the exportable supply and investment possibilities that our region offers, was officially opened by keynote presentations from the Deputy Secretary General for Industry of the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), and our Ambassador in his capacity of Dean of the Group of Latin American and the Caribbean Diplomatic Corps.

Argentina was also represented by Counselor Alejandro Nervegra from the National Direction of Exports Promotion of our Minister of Foreign Affairs, who had travelled to Malaysia especially for the occasion and together with his peers from eight other Latin American and the Caribbean countries, participated in the different thematic panels of the forum.

Argentina positions itself as regional hub to promote technological innovation



The Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized, together with the company German Accelerator, a Luncheon for Innovation and Sustainability during March. The main objective of the event was to explore the different innovation ecosystems in both Argentina and Germany, as well as to identify opportunities for technological synergy and complementation to boost regional economies.

German Accelerator's landing in Argentina aims at enhancing the local innovation system, as well as opening up new growth and internationalization opportunities for the Argentine sector, which is home to over 15 technological unicorns and over 30 growth poles and clusters and has thus become a relevant player at the global level.

The knowledge-based economy accounts for over 7% of total employment in Argentina and, in the past year, the sector's exports exceeded USD 8.5 billion, which amounts to over 8% of Argentina's total exports.

