



## Argentine participation in the 19th Latin American Film Festival in KL



With the participation of the Argentine film “Soy Gilda” (“I’m Gilda”) -a touching story based on the life of a popular singer who tragically died in a car accident- between November 17 and 21 the 19th Latin American Film Festival took place in Kuala Lumpur.

The embassies of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and Peru also took in the festival and presented selected films from their countries. The Latin Women Association of Malaysia (LWAM), a traditional partner of the event, supported the initiative this year as well.

The event was held at GSC cinemas in Midvalley Megamall, one of the largest and busiest shopping centers in town, and was preceded by a gastronomic and cultural event attended by some 200 guests, among officials from several Embassies, authorities from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia, the city of Kuala Lumpur and the National Film Development Corporation Malaysia (FINAS), among other special guests.

Argentina displayed a stand in which different national products were offered and our tourist destinations presented. Also, a tango performance showcasing a local couple that competed in the last Tango World Cup in Buenos Aires was organized.

## 25N - International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

With the collaboration of the Embassy of Belgium in Malaysia and the participation of Women's Aid Organization of Malaysia ([www.wao.org.my](http://www.wao.org.my)), our Embassy organized in November a debate and awareness-raising event in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which concluded with an informal walk through the center of Kuala Lumpur in support of the work carried out by that organization. The Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities of Malaysia, Datuk Zuraida Kamaruddin, a recognized activist of this cause, also took part in the initiative.



On the occasion, the recent national survey “A Study on Malaysian Public Attitudes and Perceptions towards Violence Against Women (VAW)” conducted by the WAO was presented to the attendees, among national authorities, foreign Ambassadors and members of civil society.

The Argentine Ambassador, in his turn, spoke about the situation and international position of Argentina on the matter.



## Scientific and technical cooperation with Malaysia



During November, our Embassy organized two videoconferences to relaunch the scientific and technical cooperation with Malaysia in key sectors for our country.

The first virtual meeting – concerning agricultural and livestock issues- was between the Argentine National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA) and its Malaysian counterpart, the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI); and the second meeting, which concerned scientific cooperation in the Antarctica, was between representatives of the Argentine Antarctic Institute (IAA) and the National Antarctic Research Center (NARC) of Malaysia. More than 40 experts and scientists from both countries participated in these exchanges.

Within this framework, INTA and MARDI agreed to hold a meeting at the General Directors' level and with technical staff to deepen cooperation in the two selected sectors: corn and cattle. On the other hand, as a result of the meeting between the IAA and the NARC, a series of fields and projects of common interest were identified, such as microbiology (micro and macro algae, microbial diversity, marine plankton, Antarctic land plants, krill) and physical sciences, as well as the possibility of sending a Malaysian scientist to one of the Argentine permanent bases in the Antarctica during the 2022/2023 Antarctic campaign, in order to carry out a research project.

### Argentina donates Covid vaccines

As part of the international reciprocity and solidarity strategy aimed at reaching an equitable access to vaccines in order to reduce the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, and in view of the positive evolution of the epidemiological situation in the country, Argentina has donated Covid vaccination doses to other countries, such as Mozambique and Vietnam.

It should be noted that Argentina had previously received donations that exceeded 7 million doses, which made it possible to accelerate the vaccination campaign and to provide complete protection to most of our population. In this regard, our country is currently in a position to promote equitable and effective access to vaccines in order to promote a greater world immunity against COVID-19.

The donation offers were made to those nations with the greatest need for vaccination and in line with the idea expressed by Argentine President Alberto Fernández that until all countries have sufficient access to vaccination we will not be able to turn the page of the pandemic.

## Argentina elected Vice-President of the Executive Council of UNESCO

During the 213rd session of the Executive Council of UNESCO, held on November 26 at the Organization's headquarters in Paris, Argentina was elected by acclamation to serve as Vice-President of this body on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean region.

In this sense, Ambassador Losardo -who represents Argentina at the Executive Council- will assume the voice and defense of the interests of Latin America and the Caribbean within the executive body. This election represents a vote of confidence of the entire region to our country and ratifies Argentina's commitment to multilateralism.



## Argentine Government and the UN give new impetus to bilateral cooperation

The Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago Cafiero headed in November the first meeting of the "Joint Steering Committee of the United Nations Strategic Cooperation Framework 2021 -2025" in which cooperation policies with that International Organization were analyzed.

The Resident Coordinator of the UN in Argentina, Roberto Valent, highlighted that "Argentina is a country not only committed to multilateralism and the United Nations and that is part of the UN since its inception, but also provides direction on fundamental issues such as Human Rights -a field where there are countries that follow the Argentine example on several issues- with progressive legislative frameworks that require political courage".

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs promotes Argentina to be host the World Summit of Nobel Peace Prize winners



Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago Cafiero received in November the Argentine Nobel Peace Prize, Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, and the President of the Secretariat of the Nobel Peace Laureates, Ekaterina Zagladina, in order to discuss the promotion of Argentina to be the host of the next World Summit of Nobel Peace Prize winners in November 2022.

During the Summit, the most important humanitarian leaders are expected to be convened along with all the Nobel Peace Prize winners, the purpose being to discuss and propose common educational, cultural, humanitarian and social actions that support world peace.