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Locals join Argentina in World Cup celebrations



In probably the wildest final in the tournament's 92-year history, Argentina won its third World Cup title by beating France 4-2 in a penalty shootout after a 3-3 draw featuring two goals from the 35-year-old Messi and a hat trick by France forward Kylian Mbappé.

In the framework of the different stages of the tournament, locals joined Argentine fans in bars, restaurants and other venues to support the Argentine football team and, all in all, enjoy together the most popular sport competition in the world.

On Sunday, for example, before the final game, the Argentine community organized a "banderazo" (ie. supporters gathering) in KL city center that was joined by many other local and international fans of our National Team.

The day after the Final, in his turn, Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas opened his Official Residence for a World Cup winning celebration party with the Argentine community, Ambassadors from other countries and, of course, our local friends.

Argentine winery roadshow in Malaysia



With the assistance and participation of our Embassy, on December 6, the Malaysian chapter of the Asian roadshow organized by Argentine winemaker Kaiken took place, a series of promotion events being deployed by the company with the goal of expanding the presence of its premier wines in the local markets.

The event had the participation of representatives of the company that travelled from Argentina, importers and various other guests from the local wine industry.

The wine tastings were paired with typical dishes from our country and an Argentine dance show was organized for the indulgence of the guests, all in all offering a complete cultural dining and commercial experience.

Minister of FA meets with Ambassadors of League of Arab States



Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago Cafiero met during December with the diplomatic representatives in Argentina of the members of the League of Arab States (LAS) in order to discuss issues related to the international agenda, the export of Argentine products and the arrival of more productive investments.

The historic ties of trust and friendship that unite the Arab countries with Argentina and the current excellent tune of the relationship allow for a deepening of the bilateral exchanges, which also benefit from the complementarity of both regions, particularly on issues such as food security and energy.

Within this framework, Minister Cafiero presented a road map with different actions to be developed in areas such as the promotion of Argentine exports and investments in strategic sectors, such as mining, energy and food. Likewise, he highlighted the potential contributions of the Argentine technological capabilities in terms of energy transition, knowledge economy, satellite industry and biotechnology applied to human health, among others.

Export of Argentine halal products to Malaysia: meeting with JAKIM



During December, Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas met with the Director General of the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (Malay: Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia, JAKIM), Hajjah Hakimah.

JAKIM is the federal government agency in Malaysia that administers Islamic affairs in Malaysia, among them issues related to the certification of halal products and services, locally and abroad.

In this regard, among other issues, it was discussed the possibility that the agency carries out training activities for Argentine companies wishing to export those products and services to the Malaysian market, so that they reach full accordance with the Islamic regulations.

Organized by the Latin American embassies in Kuala Lumpur, the Latin American Film Festival takes place every year under a free admission policy, so that everyone can enjoy the best of the Latin American cinema industry.

Donation of proceeds of Latin American Festival to local non-profits

On December 2, Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas participated, together with his Latin American colleagues, in the ceremony of donation of the proceeds of the Latin American Festival that took place on last September 25. This time the donation was for the Malaysian Foundation for the Blind and will allow the purchase of more than thirty Braille writing machines by the institution.



Last year, the Latin American Festival, which is deemed to be one of the main events that celebrates Latin American culture and gastronomy in Malaysia, took place at Plaza Low Yat shopping center in Kuala Lumpur.

The festival was co-organized by the Embassies of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and Peru in conjunction with Plaza Low Yat, Federal Hotels International and the Latin Women's Association of Malaysia, and was attended by more than 8,000 visitors, among them Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah.

III World Forum on Human Rights (Argentina): registrations open



This year and as part of the celebrations of 40 years of uninterrupted democracy, Argentina will host between March 20-24 the third edition of the World Forum on Human Rights, one of the largest worldwide spaces for public debate on Human Rights designed to bring together and integrate national, regional and international organizations committed to the enforcement of human rights.

The Forum had its first edition in 2013, in Brazil, where 74 countries and more than 700 institutions participated. In 2014, the Forum was held in Morocco and was attended by representatives from 95 countries and more than 750 organizations.

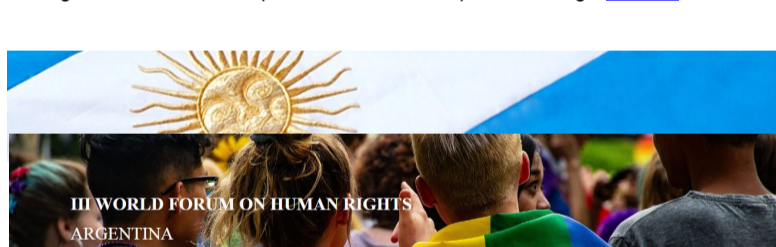
The Forum features plenary sessions, debates and magisterial conferences on the topics of the human rights agenda, as well as several activities carried out entirely by social movements, civil society, international, government, academic, research and related organizations.

The event also provides for a rich cultural agenda, in which film, theater, literature, dance, music, plastic arts, solidarity economy fairs and radio and TV shows are presented.

Who can participate?

All interested persons, social movements and institutions, civil society organizations, international organizations, federal, provincial and municipal governments, national, provincial and municipal justice systems, national, provincial and municipal legislative powers, academic, research and related institutions, among others, are invited to attend and take part in the event.

Registrations are now open and can be completed through [this link](#).



Notable contribution of Knowledge-Based companies to historic record of exports in 2022

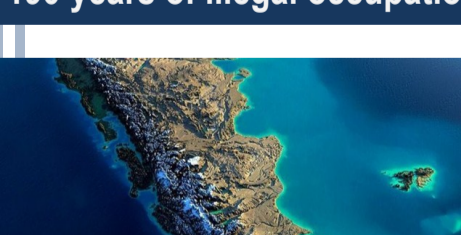
Argentina ended 2022 with a historic record of exports of goods and services, which totaled more than USD 100 billion in the year. In this regard, during a meeting with Argentine technology companies in order to go over this year's international promotion activities, Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago Cafiero stressed the high contribution that the exports of Knowledge-Based Services (KBS) made to our foreign trade record last year.

In fact, during 2022, the KBS sector exported services for an amount of USD 7,241 million, which represents an increase of 9.7% compared to the previous year. The trade surplus also increased compared to 2021, reaching USD 740 million at the end of 2022. For 2023, sales are projected to land between USD 7.5 to USD 7.7 billion. It must be noted that the sector represents approximately 12.5% of all private companies in Argentina (95% of which are SMEs).

In 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized 35 sectorial activities in different countries and in partnership with more than a thousand Argentine companies in order to promote the Argentine knowledge-based economy abroad.

Argentina is the second exporter of KBS in Latin America. It is one of the most dynamic activities in the country, with a high rate of creation of new companies and intensive employment of qualified labor.

190 years of illegal occupation of the Malvinas Islands by the UK



January 3, 2023, marked the 190th anniversary of the illegal occupation of the Malvinas Islands. On 3 January 1833, the Malvinas Islands were illegally occupied by British forces that expelled the Argentine population and authorities legitimately established there and replaced them with British subjects who from then on adopted restrictive measures to prevent the Argentine people from resettling on the Islands. This act of force by the United Kingdom, which was contrary to international law and was carried out in times of peace without any prior notice or declaration, and which culminated in the illegal occupation of the Malvinas Islands, was immediately rejected and protested against by the then Argentine authorities. Since then, all Argentine governments have uninterruptedly reaffirmed their legitimate and imprescriptible sovereignty rights over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. On that day, our sovereignty was interrupted by an act of force by the United Kingdom.

Ever since then, there has been a sovereignty dispute between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom, as recognized by the United Nations General Assembly under Resolution 2065 (XX).

The United Kingdom's refusal to comply with the obligation to settle the dispute peacefully and to put an end to colonialism in all its forms is aggravated by its continuous unilateral actions, including the exploration and exploitation of renewable and non-renewable natural resources, which Argentina has continuously condemned.

The United Kingdom also maintains an unjustified and disproportionate military presence on the Islands and regularly performs manoeuvres and exercises in spite of the fact that Argentina does not represent a threat to the United Kingdom. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the restoration of democracy in Argentina, a period during which all governments have pursued the peaceful settlement of disputes.

The Argentine Republic reaffirms once again, 190 years after the usurpation of the Malvinas Islands, its legitimate and imprescriptible sovereignty rights over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. Recovering the full exercise of sovereignty over such southern territories, in accordance with International Law, while respecting the way of life of their inhabitants, is a permanent and unrenounceable goal of the Argentine people, as enshrined in the first temporary provision of the Argentine Constitution.