



Embassy of the  
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## Argentina and Malaysia: a relationship with growth potential



On January 26, the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, Diana Mondino, received in her offices the Ambassador of Malaysia to the Argentine Republic, Nur Azman Abdul Rahim.

During the meeting, the authorities highlighted the longstanding friendship between both countries. Within that framework, they addressed matters of common interest, analyzed the development of bilateral relations and underlined the importance of further strengthening the relationship in various areas.

Furthermore, they stressed that there are considerable opportunities for trade and investments between both countries. In that regard, they agreed that bilateral economic relations have significant potential for expansion and diversification, especially concerning the opening of markets and the joint work between Petronas and YPF in the Argentine gas fields.

## Deepening cooperation in education affairs

During January and February, our Embassy carried on working on one of its main lines of action: the deepening of the cooperation with Malaysia in matters of education.



In that regard, on January 8, we organized a meeting with representatives of the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, the first Malaysian private university, in order to explore different possibilities of association with Argentine universities, especially in the field of student exchange.

On another note, a few days later, our Ambassador met with the local Minister of Higher Education, Zambyr Abdul Kadir (photo), in order to exchange views on how to expand the bilateral exchanges in those affairs, including the creation of permanent seminars in universities of both countries and professor exchanges.

## Organization of virtual meeting to foster scientific exchanges



On January 23, organized by our Embassy with the goal of promoting scientific and technical exchanges and cooperation programs between relevant counterparts of our two countries, a virtual meeting took place between high authorities of the Argentine National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI) and the Standard & Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (SIRIM).

In that framework, different association possibilities between the two institutions were explored, such as joint researches, trainings and information exchange, for example, in the field of certification standards.

## High level meeting to expand lithium investments

During last month, our Minister of Foreign Affairs met with the CEO of Summit Nanotech, Amanda Hall, and company executives, who expressed their interest in landing in Argentina as suppliers of technology, innovation and studies on sustainable lithium extraction.

Summit Nanotech is a Canadian company focusing on investing in the extraction of resources lithium and, in this regard, its CEO referred during the meeting to the strategic agreement recently signed with Australian company Power Minerals to contribute to the development of a mining project in the province of Salta (North of Argentina).

Minister Mondino, in turn, highlighted the importance of the mining business to Argentina, as well as its significance in terms of energy transition, especially with respect to lithium exploration and exploitation. In addition, she offered details on the regulatory changes introduced to promote foreign investments in general and mining investments in particular.

## Ambassador attends Malaysian monarchs' farewell ceremony



During January, the Ambassador attended at the National Parliament the farewell ceremony of Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, Sultan of Pahang, who would end his reign as King of Malaysia on last January 30, after his 5 years of constitutional mandate.

## World Peanut Meeting (Argentina, March 18-21, 2024)



Organized by the Argentine Peanut Chamber, our country will host between March 18-21, 2024, the World Peanut Meeting, an event aimed to provide a unique opportunity to get the latest news on the supply and demand dynamics of the international Peanut Markets.

Amid special exhibitions, peanut field visits and networking spaces, top international managers from the peanut production, processing, and distribution industries will offer market presentations and answer questions from the audience in order to provide a complete and accurate perspective of the trends of this market.

The Meeting will take place in the city of Córdoba (center of the country), one of the top world exporters of the product.

More info and registrations, [here](#).

## Promotion of Argentine food exports: meeting with DVS

With the aim of fostering different negotiation and administrative process currently in course to open the Malaysian market to new Argentine food products, we held a meeting with the Director General of the Department of Veterinary Services of Malaysia (DVS), Dr. Akma Ngah Hamid, and her team.



Argentina is one of the main food producers in the world and, in terms of consumer products, is currently present in the local market with a wide selection of wines and beef.

## Developing the "Argentine Food Machinery" brand



During last January, authorities of our Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a working meeting with representatives of the brand Maquinaria Argentina para Alimentos (English: Argentine Food Machinery) who expressed their interest in continuing to work together with

the Ministry and its network of Embassies to carry out trade missions during 2024 and promote the recently created sectorial brand.

The development of a sectorial brand, as carried out by the Argentine chambers of food machinery and packaging companies, is a vital tool in today's highly competitive global market, as it provides quick and simple identification of Argentine products abroad and guarantees compliance with the quality standards of Argentina's industry to buyers.

It must be noted that, as one of the top agricultural producers in the world, Argentina has a long standing tradition in the research, development and production of a wide array of high quality machinery and solutions for the sector.

