



14th Latin American Festival concludes successfully



On June 11, the highly anticipated 14th edition of the Latin American Festival took place in Kuala Lumpur. With an estimated attendance of more than 9,000 persons, who had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Latin

American culture and gastronomy during this whole day celebration, the festival was, as every year, a huge success.

The event, whose proceeds will be donated to local charity institutions, was co-organized by the Embassies of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela in conjunction with Plaza Low Yat, Federal Hotels International and the Latin Women's Association of Malaysia, together with the support of the Kuala Lumpur City Hall, the Malaysian Red Crescent and KPJ Healthcare.

The Deputy Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia, Firdaus Bin Akbar Khan, attended the festival as Guest of Honor and was joined by authorities from the Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the Malaysian Tourism Promotion Board.

Our country's stand offered a wide range of typical Argentine products, such as *empanadas* (stuffed pastry); *lomitos* (roast beef sandwiches); wines; *alfajores* and *dulce de leche* (sweet delicacies); and mate tea. Our country also sponsored a Tango presentation by a local couple (Iskandar Zulkarnain and Alyzsa Lim), who had reached the semifinals in a past edition of the Tango World Cup in Buenos Aires.

A nomad Argentine family that travels the world with their caravan - "Los López por el Mundo" (IG:@loslopezelmundo)- participated with their own stand, which in addition to arousing curiosity among the attending public, offered typical products of our country.

The festival ended with a raffle whose first prize was of a round-trip to one of the co-organizing countries of the event.

Participation in the investiture ceremony of the King



On last June 5, our Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas, in his capacity of acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Malaysia, delivered a speech on behalf of the diplomatic corps at the investiture ceremony of Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah which was held in conjunction with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong's official birthday celebration at Istana Negara.

UN climate agency picks Argentina's Saulo as first woman leader

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) voted in June for Argentine expert Celeste Saulo to become its first woman Secretary-general.

Saulo, who has headed Argentina's weather service since 2014 and will now steer the WMO's critical role in tracking climate change, won a landslide vote at the UN agency's congress held in Geneva.

"In these times when inequality and climate change are the greatest global threats, the WMO must contribute to strengthening the meteorological and hydrological services to protect populations and their economies, providing timely and effective services and early warning systems", Saulo said following her election.

Saulo will take over from the outgoing secretary-general, the Finnish Petteri Taalas, on January 1.

Meeting with Director of Petronas office in Argentina



During June, the Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas received the visit of the Director of the Petronas office in our country, Nazri Idzlan bin Abdul Malek.

Over the course of the meeting, the status and prospects of the exploration and production activities of the company in Argentina were analyzed.

Argentine kids pledge allegiance to the National flag



As every year, on last June 20, the date when we commemorate the creation of our National flag, Argentine kids in Argentina and around the world took part in different celebrations where they had the opportunity to pledge allegiance to one of our most important emblems.

In Malaysia, this event, which aims to strengthen the sense of belonging of the young generations to the country, took place in the Official Residence of the Ambassador, where Juan, Emil and Joaquin proudly made their pledge accompanied by their families and received a diploma to remember this day.

After the official ceremony, a reception with some Argentine typical dishes was offered to the children and their loved ones.

Argentine companies participate in biotechnology and medical fairs, USA



A delegation of 30 Argentine biotechnology companies travelled in June to Boston, USA, in order to showcase their products, services and investment opportunities at the Biotechnology Industry Organization fair (BIO 2023). The trade mission was organized by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the Argentine Chamber of Biotechnology (CAB), CAB-Startups and the Federal Investment Council (CFI).

During the inauguration of the Argentine pavilion, the Undersecretary for the Promotion of Trade and Investment, Guillermo Merediz, highlighted the importance of the Knowledge-Based Economy for our country's export matrix: "The Knowledge economy is currently the third largest export complex in Argentina, which has developed and expanded hand in hand with a strong process of public investment and incentive policies for the scientific-technological sector in general".

In Argentina, the biotechnology sector, which generates USD 2.1 billion yearly, is composed by more than 200 companies, placing the country among the top 20 in the world in that field.

Later on in June, 15 national companies of the medical sector participated at FIME SHOW 2023, the largest medical products fair in the Americas, which took place in Miami, USA. The mission was organized by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Argentine Investment and International Trade Agency (AAICI).

BRICS meeting: "Argentina aspires to strengthen the interests of the Global South", Minister Cafiero remarks



Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago Cafiero participated during June in a meeting with his peers from the BRICS group, integrated by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, where it was discussed the need to promote a more relevant role for emerging economies and developing countries.

During his intervention at the ministerial meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa, Minister Cafiero warned that "global problems cannot be solved unilaterally nor can they be addressed with generic recipes that do not distinguish the particular realities that the countries of the South are going through".

The government official ratified that Argentina's foreign policy "is based on principles such as the search for peace in the world, the promotion of Human Rights and the respect for diversity as a central requirement for democratic coexistence".

