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On May 20, Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas participated in the inauguration of the "Kuala Lumpur International Art Exhibition 2022 - New Horizon", which took place at the KL City Art Gallery.

The exhibition included art works from two Argentine artists: Malala Tiscornia ("Turquoise beginning", lithography and pigment, 2016) and Roberto Dávalos ("El Petisero", acrylic, 2017).

During the opening -which saw a prominent presence of local authorities, artists, curators, galleries and the general public-, the Ambassador referred to the vitality, diversity and creativity of Argentine contemporary art.

Argentine tango workshops now open



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Meeting with President of Petronas

On the occasion of the Ramadan celebration organized by Petronas, Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas held a meeting with its President, Muhammad Taufik, and the Executive Vice President, Adnan Zainal Abidin, to review the company's operations in Argentina.

Petronas has been present in Argentina since 2015, working in association with our national oil company YPF in Vaca Muerta, Province of Neuquén (center-west of the country).

With a projected investment amount of USD 7 billion over the next 15 years, the Malaysian company opened in 2018 offices in Buenos Aires

and Neuquén, renovating and expanding its cooperation with its Argentine counterpart.

It also has an automotive lubricants plant in Ezeiza, Province of Buenos Aires, with an investment of approximately USD 300 million, and is currently working on new projects, which include areas such as Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and renewable

energies.





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National Day celebration



In order to commemorate the Argentine National Day (May 25), our Embassy organized different activities during last month.

On May 25, a charity activity was carried out with the indigenous community of Malaysia Orang Asli. During the activity -attended by more than

30 members of that community- Argentine empanadas and pastries were shared and presents were delivered in the framework of a pleasant talk in which Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas highlighted the significance of this historic date for our country and the ties of affection and friendship that unite us with Malaysia.

On that same day, in the evening, a dinner was organized with the Argentine residents in Malaysia at the Argentine restaurant Don Julio, in Kuala Lumpur.



Lastly, on May 29, the "Argentine Polo Cup" took place at the Selangor Polo Club in Kuala Lumpur, with the participation of Argentine and Malaysian players, horses from our country and the presence of an Argentine Polo legend, Benjamín Araya, the youngest player in history to obtain the

Palermo Open Tournament, one of the most important trophies in polo worldwide.

Some 160 special guests enjoyed two polo matches, the awards ceremony and a menu specially prepared for the occasion, which included empanadas, chipás and an Argentine barbecue with meat paired with Argentine wines.

Malaysia-Argentina space cooperation

During May, a video conference between the National Commission for Space Activities of Argentina (CONAE) and the Malaysian Space Agency (MYSA) was organized. During the meeting, the public agencies presented their activities and evaluated possibilities for cooperation.

In this frame, the Director General of MYSA showed interest in establishing lines of cooperation in the satellite sector, where he made reference to the current bidding process that MYSA is carrying out to acquire equipment that will allow it to expand its observation capabilities with regards to climate and green spaces.

The Executive and Technical Director of CONAE, for his part, presented the main goals and activities being developed by the Commission and made a particular reference to the National Aerospace Plan.

Tourism promotion activities



During May, the Embassy participated in various activities in order to promote Argentina as a tourist destination.

From May 23 to 25, we participated in the World Travel Exchange 2022 - one of the most important B2B fairs for travel agencies in Southeast Asia- with a booth where videos, brochures and tourist information were presented.

Also, on May 23, Embassy officials made a presentation during the webinar "Argentina, a country with natural landscapes and with an ecological sustainable profile", co-organized with the Argentine agency Inspira Travel. The event was witnessed by around 200 representatives of local agencies and tour operators.

Finally, during May and June several Malaysian travel agencies are visiting Argentina in order to learn more about our country and design tailor-made tour packages for Malaysian tourists. The tourism agencies are being received by sectorial authorities and the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs.