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## Official agenda during the month



During February, Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas, current Dean of the Latin American and Caribbean diplomatic corps in Malaysia, participated in several meetings and activities:

- Opening ceremony of the 15th parliamentary session in Kuala Lumpur

- Working meeting with UiTM

The goal of the meeting, which had Professor Datuk Ts. Dr. Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor, Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) as the counterpart, was to explore ways of increasing academic and cultural cooperation between the institution and the Latin American and Caribbean region.

- Celebrations of the 2023 International Mother Language Day

With an eye to promoting awareness of linguistic diversity and multilingualism, the celebrations of the 2023 International Mother Language Day took place in Kuala Lumpur organized by the Bangladesh High Commission in collaboration with the Dhaka University and Taylor's University, Malaysia.

During the event, that comprised the virtual participation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, Ambassador Balaguer Salas gave a speech in which he highlighted the importance of mother tongues for cultural diversity.

## Record participation of Argentine companies in Gulfood fair

More than 130 Argentine companies of the food and beverages sector participated in the 28th edition of Gulfood fair (United Arab Emirates, February 20-24), which brought together some 5,000 brands and specialists from 125 countries.



During the event, one of the most important of its kind in the world, Argentina deployed a 906m2 pavilion coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as two separated areas for beef, one, and for food and beverages from regional economies, the other.

"The record participation of Argentine companies in Gulfood2023 shows the willingness and commitment of the public and private sectors to advance an export agenda that includes added value and generates new markets," said the Undersecretary for Trade and Investment Promotion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Guillermo Merediz, and added: "The world is demanding food and Argentina, with its capabilities and the drive of its businessmen and women, has the conditions to be a safe, reliable and quality supplier".

## Growth of industrial exports in January



According to official statistics recently published, during January, exports of manufactures, both of industrial and agricultural origin, increased jointly 5.8% year-to-year.

With regards to the Manufactures of Industrial Origin (MOI), in particular, there was a 12.5% increase in the quantities exported themselves. This was mainly explained by higher sales of motor vehicles for freight transport and lithium carbonate.

In general, the main export markets in January were Brazil (15.0%), the United States (10.5%), China (8.6%), Chile (5.1%) and Peru (4.0%). The European Union market accounted for 12.4% of the exports during the month.

## Argentine trade missions to Malaysia



During the past weeks, a trade representative of ENTIVOX, a company with offices in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay dedicated to the export of Argentine food products, such as beef, pork, poultry, grains, legumes and dairy products, visited Malaysia in order to have business negotiations with Malaysian importers of these products.

ENTIVOX's plan includes setting up an office in Southeast Asia, for which the company is evaluating its possible location in Malaysia, Thailand or Singapore.

On another note, the President of the MERCOSUR-ASEAN Chamber of Commerce (MACC) held during February a video call with Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas in the framework of the commercial visit that the Chamber plans to carry out soon to Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.

## Investment opportunities in the Argentine mining sector

In recent years, mining has established itself as a determining productive sector for Argentina. There are currently 113 projects underway, mainly covering gold, silver, copper and lithium. Our country is backed by its geological potential and the possibilities that the global energy transition are opening up in a context of greater public incentives for the development of the activity.



Within this framework, there are two major events scheduled for the coming months to learn more about the Argentine mining sector, as well as the investment opportunities that it offers:

- [International Seminar on lithium](#) (August 9 and 10, 2023)

- [Expo San Juan Minera](#) (April, 2024)

## Argentine humanitarian mission to Türkiye and Syria returns



On February 21, an Argentine humanitarian mission made up of members of the Argentine Agency for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance - White Helmets (ACIAH) and the Special Federal Rescue Brigade (BEFER) of the Argentine Federal Police, arrived in our country after a week of intense work in the southern region of Türkiye, heavily affected by the earthquake that occurred on February 6.

During the deployment of the mission, the Argentine specialists managed to rescue three persons alive (an adult woman, a teenager and a child) who were under the rubble.

Argentina will continue sending medical supplies and donations collected by different civil associations.

