



Farewell meetings of exiting Ambassador

During September, exiting Ambassador of Argentina to Malaysia and Brunei, Manuel Balaguer Salas, was received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, Mohamad Hasan (photo), as part of the farewell meetings before his final departure to Argentina after eight years serving in Malaysia.



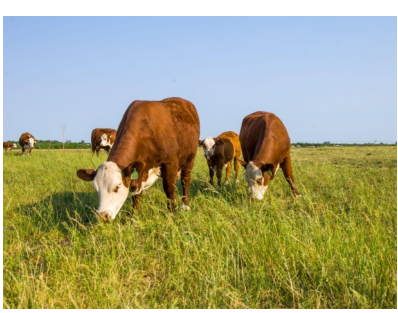
During the occasion, exiting Ambassador expressed his gratitude to the Minister for all the support provided by the local administration during his tenure and made a review of the status of the bilateral relation, placing special emphasis on the excellent levels of the bilateral trade and the Malaysian investments in Argentina.

On a similar note, a few days later, Ambassador Balaguer Salas met in Brunei with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of that country, Erywan Pehin Yusof (photo). During the meeting, the need for a common agenda to enhance exchanges in fields such as trade and investment; tourism and education; agro-industry, food security; and energy, was discussed. In that framework, additional meetings were organized with the Bruneian Minister of Finance and Economy, Awang Haji Mohd Amin, as well as with other departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



JAKIM visits Argentina to enhance halal certification

During September, an official delegation of the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) visited Argentina with the purpose of promoting and improving halal certification along the Argentine food chain with the view to increasing the supply of our food products to the local market and, with this, the Malaysian overall food security goals.



In that framework, on September 3, the seminar "Halal certification for Malaysia" was held jointly with the Malaysian Embassy in Argentina at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Buenos Aires. The event was physically attended by more than 80 representatives of the private sector and government agencies; additionally, more than 100 attendees joined virtually.

After the event, the participating companies and local halal certifiers held individual meetings with the members of the JAKIM delegation.

Finally, during the visit, JAKIM also took the chance to inspect the local certifier "The Halal Catering" with the aim of considering its application as approved certifier. *In situ* inspections to local food producers were also carried out in the framework of their requests to receive approval to export to Malaysia.

Minister Mondino underscores competitiveness of the Argentine food-producing sector, WTO

As part of her official visit to Switzerland and Austria, Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Diana Mondino participated during September in the High-Level Panel "Sowing inclusivity: rethinking agricultural trade for all" of the Public Forum 2024, an event held at the World Trade Organization (WTO) headquarters in Geneva that every year brings together hundreds of experts from around the world to assess the situation of the multilateral trade system.

During her intervention, Minister Mondino stressed that Argentina "fully supports free and fair agricultural trade, within the framework of an open, stable and rules-based system".

Regarding Argentina's agricultural capabilities, the high representative stated that our country is a leader in the implementation of technological solutions for precision farming, including agro-climatic indicators, crop and soil monitoring, direct sowing, intelligence systems in environmental management and simulation of agricultural production processes, all of which can contribute to the fight against climate change and worldwide food security.

President Milei's speech at the UN General Assembly



Argentine President Javier Milei took the stage on last September 24 at the 79th annual meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York to deliver his speech which addressed several imperative topics, such as the need to rethink the role of the UN in the 21st century.

The full speech can be watched [here](#).

New Argentine Ambassador arrives in Malaysia



On last September 27, the new Argentine Ambassador to Malaysia and Brunei, Marta Laura Gabrielsoni, arrived in Kuala Lumpur to assume her duties and was welcome at the airport by the staff of the Embassy and representatives of the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Before travelling to Malaysia, Ambassador Gabrielsoni had been received by the Malaysian Ambassador to Argentina, Nur Azman (photo), who hosted a working luncheon –also joined by several Directors of Malaysian companies operating in Argentina– to look over the status of the bilateral agenda and explore further ways to strengthen the Argentine-Malaysian cooperation.

Ambassador Gabrielsoni has an extensive experience in the international arena, having previously served at the Argentine Mission to the United Nations, New York; the Argentine Mission to International Organizations, Geneva; and the Embassies to the European Union, Bolivia, Japan, Guatemala and Chile, as well as in several Consulates; and now looks forward to this new challenge in her diplomatic career as Argentine Ambassador to Malaysia.

Embassy showcases Argentine halal products, MIHAS fair

Repeating the successful experience of 2023, between last September 17 and 20, our Embassy displayed a booth at the 20th edition of the Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS), which took place at the Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Center (MITEC) in Kuala Lumpur.



Cubes of Argentine steak –courtesy of the local meat importer Lucky Frozen– were served accompanied by our traditional spicy sauce *chimi churri* and paired with Argentine mozzarella cheese –courtesy of the local importer KMT– for the indulgence of the visitors, from which several active enquiries on the Argentine export supply of halal products and services were received.

MIHAS is the most important fair for halal products worldwide, covering various sectors such as food and beverages, cosmetics, tourism and finance, among others.

Argentina reaffirms its regional leadership within the Antarctic system



From 2 to 5 September, the Meeting of Managers of Latin American Antarctic Programs (RAPAL) was held in Brasilia, Brazil. In this context, the delegations from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay and various observers gathered to exchange information on their respective National Antarctic Programs and promote science and logistics within the Antarctic Treaty System, with a focus on international cooperation.

The Argentine delegation reported on Argentina's 2023/2024 Antarctic Campaign, as well as its plans for the summer 2024/2025 Campaign, and presented 10 scientific projects for the benefit of the White Continent, related to the biological restoration of soils contaminated by hydrocarbons and the protection of the Emperor Penguin colony of Cerro Nevado Island, among other aspects.

At the Meeting, Argentina was given, by unanimous decision of the Latin American countries operating in Antarctica, the approval to lead a regional group dedicated to studying and fighting plastic and microplastic pollution in that region of the world.

At the UN, Argentina calls for an international system that guarantees peace, fair trade and economic development



Minister of Foreign Affairs Diana Mondino carried out an active diplomatic agenda on the sidelines of the 79th United Nations General Assembly, which included her participation in the G20

Ministers of Foreign Affairs' Meeting; bilateral meetings with authorities of the Ibero-American General Secretariat and her counterparts from Uganda and Estonia; as well as a high-level event on Haiti; among other activities and high-level meetings.

In particular, during her intervention at the G20 Ministers of Foreign Affairs' Meeting, Minister Mondino stressed that "we are discussing about international organizations to make sure that the system has the right levers to guarantee peace, favour non-discriminatory trade and finance development".

Regarding global trade, Mondino stated that: "It is not fair to punish countries if there is deforestation, while at the same time reforestation made in other parts of the same country is not being considered. Carbon capture is what really counts. This provides food of the highest quality at a really low cost. If countries are really concerned about food security, then this concept should be considered in each and every one of the decisions".