



Ambassador's political and cultural agenda



During August, the Embassy, together with representatives of other Latin American diplomatic offices, took part in a meeting with the new president of the Penang Port Commission, Yeoh Soon Hin, in order to

evaluate cooperation actions to increase the trade exchanges between our region and Malaysia.

On another note, we also participated in the opening in the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Center of the theatrical performance *Rivers in the sky*, co-directed by two renowned theatre practitioners, Sabera Shaik from Malaysia (Masakini Theatre Company) and Ana Woolf from Argentina, who applied her own unique style of tutelage based on oriental techniques and Latin American rhythms.



At a fully booked venue, six performers took the audience through the 5 elements –Air, Water, Fire, Wood, and Earth–, reliving through a highly physical performance further augmented by projections and shadows how human beings have hurt Mother Earth.

After the play, we took the chance to congratulate co-director Woolf and the rest of the ensemble and discuss actions to further enhance the cultural exchanges between Argentina and Malaysia.

Argentina and Southeast Asia ratify strong trade and cooperation relationship



On last August 11, the Argentine Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Pablo Tettamanti, together with the Pro Tempore President of the ASEAN Committee in Argentina, the Ambassador of the Philippines, presided over the ceremony that commemorated the 56th anniversary of the establishment of that bloc. The event, that was attended by the Malaysian Ambassador to Argentina, Nur Azman Abdul Rahim, took place at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Buenos Aires.

During the ceremony, Tettamanti stressed the importance that Argentina places on its political, cultural and economic ties with the Association and highlighted that in 2022 Argentine exports to this region reached USD 7,842 million (an increase of 5.5% with regards to the previous year) and imports, USD 4,225 million. Also, the Deputy Minister proposed to advance new agendas, especially those related to science and technology, renewable energy, peaceful nuclear energy, aerospace industry and Artificial Intelligence .

Ministry of Foreign Affairs promotes Argentine publishing market



As part of the Argentine Book Plan, over the course of last month, the Argentine Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Pablo Tettamanti led a meeting with representatives of the foreign publishing industry to promote the internationalization of our

literature. This strategic impulse also pursues the economic development and professionalization of medium and small publishers.

During the meeting, that was attended by editors from the United States, France, Brazil, Colombia and Spain, Deputy Minister Tettamanti pointed out that "it is key to strengthen and diversify the export capabilities of our country's publishing industry and increase employment in the sector" .

"50 years – 50 images": renowned photographer Ortiz Mugica exhibits at Art Beats Festival



Co-organized by Lancaster University (UK) and Sunway University (Malaysia) and curated by Argentine Professor Mayco Santaella and Dr Maryam Ghorbankarimi, the Arts Beats Festival took place during 19 and 20 August at Sunway University in Petaling Jaya.

The artistic festival featured a diverse range of activities, including film screenings, art exhibitions, photography displays, sound design presentations and live theatre performances. With a global reach, the festival received submissions from artists hailing from countries such as the UK, South Korea, Iran, Pakistan, Spain, India, Poland, the Philippines, and Malaysia.



In this framework, the renowned Argentine photographer Diego Ortiz Mugica was selected to present "50 years – 50 images", an exhibition that invites visitors to discover Argentina from another perspective, different from the traditional images that are

usually depicted of football passion, but not less impressive. With the language and expression of black and white photography as its main driving force, Diego Ortiz Mugica along with teachers and emerging photographers from his fine art school of photography portray Argentine people from different latitudes and Nature in all its generosity and magnificence. With a unique, deep and intimate perspective, the artists offer a glimpse into Argentina through astonishing images.

Ortiz Mugica's work has been exhibited at the most important museums and cultural institutions in Argentina, New York, Washington, Florencia, Frankfurt and Palma de Mallorca. His photos are also part of remarkable international collections, including the National Fine Arts Museum, MEC, Arcade Foundation and Rabobank Foundation, among others.

Video game companies from Argentina participate in business fair, Germany

The Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs coordinated the participation of 8 video game companies at the *Gamescom 2023*, the most important event in the video game industry, that took place in the city of Cologne, Germany, from last August 23 to 27.



It is estimated that approximately 370,000 users from around the world attended the event that gathered more than 1,035 companies from more than 55 countries, which presented their latest games, programs and innovations in the field.

The participating Argentine companies were Ark One Studios, AWG SA, Game Ever SA, Purple Tree, Scubalight Studios, Red Wolves SAS, Image Campus SA and Tlön Industries.

Presentation of candidacy for Executive Council of UNESCO 2023-2025

Through a presentation attended by members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited in Argentina and other officials and special guests, the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs officialized last month the candidacy of Ambassador Marcela Losardo for the Presidency of the Executive Council of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2023-2025.



Ambassador Losardo, currently our country's permanent delegate to UNESCO, was nominated due to her vast professional experience, her focus on the promotion of Human Rights and her administrative approach based on modernization and efficiency.

The elections will take place in November 2023, in Paris, within the framework of the 42nd Session of the UNESCO General Conference.

Argentina joins the BRICS group



The BRICS group of emerging economies, that currently includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, has agreed to invite Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia, the United Arab Emirates and Iran to join the bloc

"We have reached an agreement on the BRICS expansion process", South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said on the final day of the group's 15th Summit of Heads of State and Government in Johannesburg, which took place last month.

The bloc was formed in 2009 by Brazil, Russia, India and China (South Africa joined one year later) and represents around 40% of the world's population and contributes more than a quarter of the global GDP.

After the announcement, the Argentine President Alberto Fernández stated that the BRICS "play a determining role in the need to design a global financial architecture that takes into account the needs of growth, trade, investment and social well-being" in a context marked "by the crisis of the multilateral system, the slowdown of the world economy, generalized inflation rates and the unsustainability of external debts", in addition to "a deepening of the North-South gap between nations" .

