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Malaysia-Argentina 2022: towards a follow-up of the Second Political Consultations Meeting



During 2022, Argentina and Malaysia will work together on the implementation of the objectives set at the Second Political Consultations Meeting that took place at the end of 2021.

On that occasion, the Argentine Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Pablo Tettamanti, along with his Malaysian counterpart, Tan Sri Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob, chaired the coordination meeting through a video conference.

In particular, the officials analyzed several bilateral cooperation opportunities in sectors such as agriculture (e.g. maize and cattle); satellite devices, including radars for climate monitoring; peaceful uses of nuclear energy; forest anthropology; and joint scientific projects in the area of Antarctic materials. The Deputy Ministers also signed an agreement that will intensify the cooperation between the respective diplomatic academies.

In the economic-commercial field, the potential to increase and diversify exports from both countries was stressed. In this regard, during 2022, it is expected to move forward with the pending sanitary and phytosanitary arrangements to increase the presence of Argentine products in the Malaysian market. The government representatives also highlighted the presence of Malaysian investments in Argentina in areas such as oil, infrastructure, tourism and agribusiness.

On an international and regional level, both Deputy Ministers discussed the importance of promoting multilateralism and cooperation in the international organizations and forums in which these countries are part, including the United Nations, ASEAN and MERCOSUR.

Finally, during the meeting, Deputy Minister Tettamanti thanked to his counterpart for Malaysia's traditional support to the resumption of bilateral negotiations between Argentina and the United Kingdom to find a peaceful and definite solution to the Malvinas Islands sovereignty dispute.

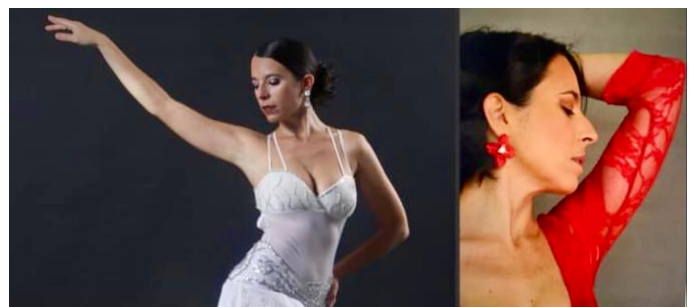
Participation in the 2021 Royal Malaysian Polo Association Annual Soirée

In last December, Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas participated in the Royal Malaysian Polo Association (RMPA) Annual Soirée, of which the Embassy was one of the main sponsors. The gala also had the participation of the Malaysian Minister of Youth and Sports YB Dato' Sri Ahmad Faizal Azumu.



Malaysia currently imports more than 60 Argentine polo horses and hires numerous Argentine polo coaches, players and representatives of the sector for the further development of the sport in Malaysia.

Argentine tango classes in Kuala Lumpur



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Lionel Messi visits the Argentine pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai



The captain of the Argentine national football team, Lionel Messi, visited the Argentine pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai, which is taking place in that city between October 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

After being received by the Argentine Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Agustin Molina Arambarri and the Director of the pavilion, Lucas Gioja, the Argentine sportsman visited the 414 square meters of Argentine sector.

Lionel Messi (Global Ambassador of the Expo 2020 Dubai) is one of the 156,211 visitors who have already enjoyed the Argentine proposal. Among other 191 international participants, Argentina is present at this global mega-event in order to promote its tourist attractions, exportable offer, cultural talent and potential for foreign investments.

Argentine wines set record exports during 2021



Thanks to the joint efforts of the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs -through its network of embassies and consulates around the world- and the corporations and chambers representing the sector, Argentine

wine exports had an unprecedented historical performance and sales record numbers during 2021.

According to data released by the Statistical Laboratory of the National Institute of Vitiviniculture, Argentina achieved its highest value in history in terms of wine exports in 2021, with US\$ 817 million, surpassing the previous record, achieved in 2012 (US\$ 786 million). The main export destinations for Argentine wines during 2021 were the United States, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Canada and the Netherlands, whereas markets such as Mexico, China, France, Switzerland and Paraguay experienced significant increases as export markets.

Argentina presided over the first session of the UN Human Rights Council



In January, the Argentine Republic presided over the first session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (CDH) after being elected in December 2021 -for the first time in our history- by proclamation to preside over the CDH, a global recognition the international leadership of the country in that field.

During this year, the CDH will have to address serious Human Rights situations in several countries, conduct the universal periodical examination of Human Rights and continue to adopt relevant decisions to move forward with the universal Human Rights protection agenda.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs promotes the Argentine cultural industry

Based on the notable production of our cultural sector and on its consolidated prestige



abroad, the Argentine Government is developing an agenda focused on the international promotion of various proposals from our local creative industries (audiovisual, editorial, musical, video gaming, visual arts and design, among others).

In this regard, the second edition of the Seminar on the Internationalization of the Argentine Cultural Industries (IICA) was held. The meeting, chaired by Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago Cafiero and the Minister of Culture Tristán Bauer, highlighted the importance of the international market for cultural industries as a new vector in terms of national exports and of its potential to promote economic recovery.

In Argentina, the contribution of the cultural industries to the GDP experienced a growth of almost 50% in the last 15 years, reaching a 2.6% participation in the total economy, similar to one of more traditional sectors such as construction and financial services, and surpassing others such as energy, gastronomy and accommodation.

Argentina promotes the export of knowledge-based products and services



Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago Cafiero and Minister of Science, Technology and

Innovation Daniel Filmus held a coordination meeting with the aim of further implementing the Program for the Internationalization of Knowledge-Based Products and Services.

In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will support the internationalization of the sector through the participation in Fairs and Exhibitions, the organization of Trade Missions, the production of market intelligence information and the negotiation of agreements with other countries.

"The knowledge industry is not the future, it is the present. It will generate quality jobs and has already totaled revenues of between 6,000 and 7,000 million dollars, making it the second sector in terms of participation in our exports. That is why our government wants to make all the tools available to the sector so that it can develop and expand even more", Minister Cafiero said.