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The Embassy of the Argentine Republic to Malaysia and Brunei has the honor to present to you the November edition of its monthly Newsletter, with a selection of relevant news from Argentina and a summary of the activities carried out by the Embassy with the purpose of promoting political, economic, touristic and cultural ties between our country and the vibrant region of Southeast Asia.

We hope you enjoy the read!

CELEBRATION OF 'ARGENTINE DAY' IN KUALA LUMPUR



On October 7th, an "Argentine Day" took place in Kuala Lumpur. The event, aimed at promoting Argentine food and beverage products, was organized by the Embassy at Prime restaurant following the sanitary protocols established by the Malaysian government.

The tasting event turned around a special menu prepared by the Argentine chef Ramiro Moya, which included empanadas, Argentine beef (a product recently authorized to enter Malaysia), different wines, cheeses and dulce de leche.

Argentine Ambassador, Manuel Balaguer Salas, made a general presentation on his country, describing each one of the products and where to purchase them in Malaysia, while Chef Ramiro Moya referred to the quality of Argentine beef, the different cuts and their ways of preparation.

More than 50 special guests participated, including importers, representatives of the media, gastronomic and hotel entrepreneurs and members of royal families, among others.

TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION WEBINARS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND MALAYSIA



On October 9th, the Embassy participated in a webinar on "Commercial opportunities in Argentina and Malaysia" organized by the ProCórdoba Agency in collaboration with the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship. The webinar was meant to contribute to the process of internationalization of companies from Córdoba Province (center of Argentina) in Malaysia.

Additionally, on October 14th, a webinar titled "Malaysia and Argentina: strengthening bilateral trade and investment in the New Normal" took place. The event was jointly organized by the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) of Malaysia, the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) and the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), with the goal of providing an update on the status of the Argentine and Malaysian markets in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and promoting business and investment opportunities between both countries.

The webinar was attended by 119 companies and a total of 430 participants, a record for an event of this type, as indicated by the local authorities.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ORGANIZED THE 1ST E-HEALTH TECHNOLOGICAL TRADE MISSION TO BARCELONA



Ten Argentine E-health technology companies, which have made innovations in the domains of Artificial Intelligence, Telemedicine, Tele-Rehabilitation, Simulation, Medical Training and solutions for clinical research, participated for the first time in the Barcelona Health Hub Summit.

The Summit took place on October 27th, 28th and 29th, with more than ten Argentine companies, such as MIRAI 3D; INTERBRAIN; ESTUDIO DTRES; NEURALACTIONS; G&L GROUP; UN ENSAYO PARA MI; MOTMI; OMNIA; OSANA SALUD and LLAMANDO AL DR, among others.

CHINESE STATE COMPANY SINOGRAIN TO INCREASE PURCHASES OF ARGENTINE SOYBEANS BY 25%



The Chinese company Sinograin, responsible for the administration and operation of the grain and oil reserve in China, confirmed its interest in renewing the cooperation agreement signed in 2018 with Argentina and to increase the volume of its purchases of Argentine soybeans and soybean oil.

Sinograin will thus expand the purchases of Argentine soybeans from 3 million tons to 4 million tons and its purchases of soybean oil from 300,000 tons to 400,000 tones in 2021.

ARGENTINE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: "WE MUST MOVE TOWARDS A MUTUALLY HELPFUL MULTILATERALISM"



(ECLAC).

In a virtual meeting with 27 other Ministers of Foreign Affairs from the region, senior authorities and the head of ECLAC, Alicia Bárcena, Solá pointed out: "Let's think about the nature of our multilateralism, whether or not we have had a helpful Organization of American States, how have we voted. I think we have been separated among us, everything else has been stronger than our desire to integrate ourselves. It is crazy that our opinions on Venezuela can separate us; that cannot be the center, it must be taken into account, yes, we may not share the same views and beliefs but we should be united to face the pandemic. If we do not achieve that unity, it will be easy to divide Latin America and segregate it on the international agenda."

The 33 Latin American and Caribbean countries are members of the ECLAC, along with some North American, European and Asian nations which maintain historical, economic and cultural ties with the region. In total, there are 46 Member States and 14 Associate Members, a legal status agreed to some non-independent territories in the Caribbean.

US COMPANY TO INVEST 45 MILLION DOLLARS IN ARGENTINA



On October 30th, an agreement was signed at the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship between the state shipyard Tandanor and the American company Red Chamber, to invest a total of 45 million dollars for the construction of two new fishing vessels that will replace sunken ones off the coast of Puerto Madryn, Chubut province, the repair of other vessels and investments in its plant.

In an event attended by the Argentine Foreign Minister, Felipe Solá, the Minister of Defense, Agustín Rossi, and the Secretary for International Economic Relations, Jorge Neme, the agreement was signed by the president of Red Chamber Argentina, Marcelo Mou, and the President of Tandanor, Miguel Ángel Tudino.

During the signing ceremony, Marcelo Mou pointed out: "Deepening the investment plan in Argentina is a long term policy for us and, in this regard, it is of our interest to have a state-owned company like Tandanor building these two new vessels" and added that "the Investments that we are executing will generate jobs for more than 400 people as direct labor. This will add a new link to the renewal of the national fleet and will generate a great stimulating effect in the industry."

THE LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FLACMA) EXPRESS ITS SUPPORT TO ARGENTINA IN THE DISPUTE OVER MALVINAS ISLANDS



The Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Associations of Local Governments (FLACMA) supported during October the legitimate rights of the Argentine Republic in the sovereignty dispute with the United Kingdom over the Malvinas Islands through a declaration that was approved unanimously during the General Assembly of the organization.

In addition, FLACMA reiterated “the interest of all its members in reaching a prompt solution to this prolonged sovereignty dispute between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom (...) in accordance with Resolution 2065 of the United Nations and other resolutions on the matter from the Organization of American States (...) the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).”.

The declaration, that bears the signature of Johnny Araya Monge, president of FLACMA and mayor of San José de Costa Rica, was also signed by municipal authorities and heads of associations and federations of cities of Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

ARGENTINE MUSICAL COMEDY VIA STREAMING



Starting this Saturday, November 7th, at 11 pm (Malaysian time) the Argentine musical comedy, *Le Petit Grand Hotel*, will be available online and in Spanish, premiering in 4 chapters on 7, 14, 21 and 28 November.

The play was entirely produced in Buenos Aires between the months of August and October 2020 respecting the sanitary protocols in force in Argentina, meaning that participating musicians and actors never physically met each other!

Le Petit Grand Hotel tells the story of a legendary hotel, whose strict managers decided to modernize its facilities and renew the staff. Thus, the Human Resources department prepared some very difficult admission tests which only four new employees passed. The musical revolves around how these four new hires perform and their relationship with Mr. Pistorelli (the hotel manager) and his strict rules.

Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

ARGENTINA-EUROPEAN UNION: DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS



On October 27th and 28th, the sixth Local Dialogue on Human Rights was held between the European Union (EU) and Argentina and, for the first time, a specific chapter on gender issues was included.

The EU and Argentina highlighted that they are partners who share fundamental values and that, as such, they play a significant role at a regional level and multilateral forums. In this sense, they committed to keep closely cooperating at bilateral and multilateral levels on the issues of human rights and gender equality.

The Ambassador of the European Union to Argentina led the interventions on behalf of the EU. Representatives of 13 embassies of Member States accredited in the country participated, as well as officials from the EU Delegation, the European External Action Service and the European Commission.



39TH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES

Argentina and Chile will present again their joint proposal for a marine protected area (MPA) at the Western Antarctic Peninsula, this time within the framework of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), whose virtual sessions will be held from the 26th to 30th of October.

As a leading actor in the Antarctic Treaty system, our country has been a strong promoter of the protection of the marine biodiversity in the Antarctic Peninsula area, whose fragile ecosystem suffers the impacts of climate change and fishing. The area is home to about 75% of the circumpolar population of krill, an essential food for whales and penguins. It is also where the greatest human activity in the Antarctica is recorded, including numerous national Antarctic programs and presence of tourists, all of which exceeds 50,000 persons annually.

The Argentine-Chilean work has aroused the interest of the international community. In this sense, Nat Geo made the documentary "The Antarctic Peninsula", whose premiere was held this month and can be viewed [here](#).

NEWSLETTER "ARGENTINE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION: SMES EXPORT" - OCTOBER 2020

Find [here](#) the October 2020 edition of the newsletter "Argentine technology and innovation: SMEs Export" published by the National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI) of Argentina.



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