





MAY 25TH: NATIONAL DAY OF ARGENTINA

We invite you to watch the <u>video</u> specially prepared by our Embassy in commemoration of the National Day of Argentina, which took place on May 25. The production highlights the contributions made by the Argentine community residing in Malaysia in different fields, which contribute to promoting ties of friendship and cooperation between both countries.

COOPERATION IN THE SPACE SECTOR

On May 27th, we held a video call with the Director General of the Malaysian Space Agency, Tuan Haji Azlikamil Napiah and his team, with the purpose of evaluating alternatives to initiate cooperation activities in this field between both countries.

During the meeting, we made a presentation of the National Commission for Space Activities (CONAE), of its main functions and activities, as well as of several of its programs and sectors of interest, emphasizing the production of satellites, radars, and different related applications. Both parties agreed to continue working in this line to develop space cooperation between our countries.



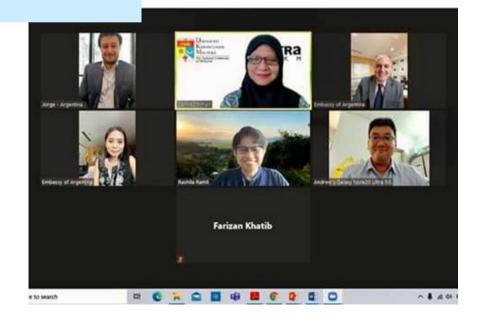


On May 3rd, Ambassador Manuel Balaguer Salas along with other Embassy officials held a meeting with a delegation from the Malaysian Foreign Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), in which the current evolution of our bilateral trade was analysed and the existing opportunities to advance the relationship between the two countries were evaluated.

VIRTUAL MEETING WITH KEBANGSAAN UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA (UKM)

On May 10th, a virtual meeting was held with the Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies of Kebangsaan University Malaysia (UKM) and his team, in order to analyse the possibility of reprinting books by Argentine authors which have been already translated into Bahasa by the University, as well as to evaluate new joint projects.





CONTINUATION OF THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHT TO IDENTITY



The 2021 International Campaign for the Right to Identity, which is aimed at promoting the search for granddaughters and grandsons who were abducted during the last civil-military dictatorship in Argentina (1976-1983) and who may be living abroad, is ongoing.

The initiative was developed with the National Commission for the Right to Identity (CoNaDi) and Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo and is being implemented with the collaboration of the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs through its diplomatic and consular offices.

In that regard, people with doubts about their identity, or about someone else's identity, may contact Argentine consulates abroad for guidance (this Embassy may be contacted through emsia@mrecic.gov.ar or 03-2144-1451/61). Enquiries will be kept confidential.

ARGENTINA REITERATES THAT VACCINE PATENTS MUST BE WAIVED

Addressing the General Council of the World Trade Organization (WTO) during May, Argentina ratified its view that Covid-19 vaccines must be universal public goods so that all countries have equitable access to them and to medical innovations developed to fight the pandemic.

Therefore, bearing in mind that extraordinary situations require extraordinary solutions, Argentina endorsed South Africa and India's proposal at the WTO Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) to suspend intellectual property rights for medical products, including vaccines, that are necessary for the prevention and treatment of Covid-19.



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MET WITH CO-HEAD OF PROSECUTION OFFICE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION



Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Felipe Solá met on last May 5 with the co-head of the Prosecution Office for Human Trafficking and Exploitation (PROTEX), Marcelo Colombo, to discuss the Sixth Meeting of National Authorities on Human Trafficking (TDP) within the Organization of American States.

"We hope that the Meeting of National Authorities will serve to strengthen communication ties and promote greater cooperation between the authorities in charge of preventing and fighting human trafficking, as well as helping and protecting the victims and survivors," Solá stated.

The Meeting of National Authorities on Human Trafficking is a political decision-making forum engaged in preventing and fighting this crime, as well as assisting and protecting victims. Although the Sixth Meeting was scheduled to take place in 2020, it had to be postponed due to the pandemic. Meetings are held every two years under the presidency of an OAS Member State —this year, the Argentine Republic.

