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MEETING WITH URUGUAYAN DELEGATION



Ambassador Dato' Mohd Ashri Muda welcomed a Uruguayan delegation including the Lower House Representatives Mr Benjamín Irazábal and Mr Martín Tierno, and Durazno Mayor Mr Carmelo Vidalín, at the Embassy on June 23rd 2016 to discuss business and investment opportunities in Uruguay, especially in the district of Durazno, which has interesting produce



such as caviar, beef and dairy products. H.E. Dato' Ashri Muda was invited to visit Durazno whenever possible in order to know more about the latest technology in terms of slaughter houses and dairy farms.

THE ISLAMIC CENTRE IN ARGENTINA IS CERTIFIED BY JAKIM



H.E Dato Ashri Muda presented the HALAL official authorization certificate from JAKIM to Mr Federico Hamze and Mr Hassan Maelainine, from the Islamic Centre of the Argentine Republic at the Embassy. Now, this Islamic Centre will be able to certify halal products to be exported to Malaysia.

BUSINESS SEMINAR BY MATRADE

On 22nd October 2016, the Embassies of Malaysia, Vietnam and Taiwan, together with EXPORTAR Foundation –National Agency in charge of promoting foreign investment and trade in Argentina– organised the seminar “How to export to Expanding Asian Markets” to promote and provide the latest information on the do’s and don’ts doing business with the region. The Seminar had Argentine business people from all around the country.



Dr Lien Pham, Executive Director of Casa de Asia, collaborated with EXPORTAR Foundation and shared valuable information. Ms Aldana Depetro, Marketing Officer from MATRADE in Buenos Aires, spoke about the possibilities for Argentine manufacturers and traders to export their



products to Malaysia. Apart from her, Trade Marketing Officers from Vietnam and Taiwan talked about business opportunities in their respective countries. After lunch, Professor Ezequiel Ramoneda from Universidad Nacional de La Plata, who specialises in Southeast Asian Studies, delivered a presentation on Malaysia’s, Vietnam’s and Taiwan’s bilateral relations with Argentina. At the end of the Seminar, Mr Carlos

Camps, a prominent Argentine businessman, presented several success stories of Argentine companies which have a strong presence in Asia.

DATUK CHEF WAN'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA



The renowned Malaysian celebrity Datuk Chef Wan visited Buenos Aires, Argentina in February 2016 as part of this trip in filming a world travel series called “KEMBARA CHEF WAN”, which covers Asia, Africa and Europe. Buenos Aires was his second-to-last



stop in South America after Brazil, followed by Santiago, in Chile. Datin Rohayahti Hamzah and H.E. Dato' organised and hosted a cooking demonstration at the Ambassador's Residence on how to prepare Satay with Peanut Sauce and Spicy Chicken Rendang. Ambassadors' wives and Argentine friends took part in the event. Apart from hosting the cooking demonstration and visiting the city's most famous landmarks, Chef Wan also had time to teach a Master Class at Maussi Sebess Cooking School, together with Argentine Chef Mariana Sebess, on how to prepare some authentic Malaysian recipes.



ASEAN EMBASSIES CELEBRATE A SPORTS DAY

On February 14th 2016 –in the heat of the summer in Argentina-, the ASEAN Embassies celebrated a sports event at the Residence of the Thai Ambassador.



H. E. Dato' Mohd Ashri Muda and Datin Rohayahti Hamzah, together with officials from the Embassies of Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam, participated in various sports activities and spent time to enhance ASEAN fraternal relations among ASEAN countries diplomats in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

SPORTS DAY AT OUR EMBASSY

For the Embassy of Malaysia in Buenos Aires, 2015 ended with a colourful sports event organised by the Mission for the Locally-Recruited Staff and the Home-Based Staff. We organised various sports events including darts, billiards and table tennis at the Embassy, followed by a luncheon and prize giving ceremony on the next day. H.E Dato' Ambassador presented the prizes to the winners of each games.



LOCAL MAIN ATTRACTIONS

COLON THEATRE

The Colón theatre is considered one of the best opera houses in the world, together with La Scala in Milán, the Opera Garnier in Paris and the Royal Opera House in London, and is renowned for its acoustics and architecture.



Designed by Francesco Tamburini, Víctor Meano and Jules Dormal, and built over 20 years, the theatre opened

in 1908 and went on to host some of the most important conductors, singers and dancers of the twentieth century, including Igor Stravinsky, Herbert von Karajan, Daniel Barenboim, Maria Callas, Luciano Pavarotti, Plácido Domingo, Rudolf Nureyev, Julio Bocca and Maximiliano Guerra.

It reopened to the public in 2010 following an ambitious restoration and renovation project undertaken by the city government.



The building also houses set and costume workshops and the renowned Instituto Superior de Arte, where future singers and dancers such as Julio Bocca and Maximiliano Guerra once trained.

RECOLETA CEMETERY

Over 6,400 statues, sarcophagi, coffins and crypts commemorate some of Argentina's most celebrated sons and daughters, not least Eva Peron, in this labyrinthine city of the dead.



Once the orchard of the adjoining Basílica Nuestra Señora del Pilar - the glistening white church that overlooks the Plaza Francia - the land became the city's first public cemetery in 1822. Its layout was designed by French engineer Próspero Catelin, who also designed the city's Metropolitan Cathedral in the Plaza de Mayo.

It is an eerily beautiful and tranquil place, with shadowed walkways and towering marble mausoleums rich in art deco, art nouveau, baroque and neo-gothic architectural styles, masonic symbols and powerful religious iconography. Over 90 of its tombs are listed as national historical monuments.

ARGENTINA'S CULINARY SCENE

Traditional cuisine in Argentina, especially in Buenos Aires, is a variation on Mediterranean cooking, with a heavy Italian influence and an emphasis on local produce. Typical sweet treats you can easily sample in the city –for breakfast or tea time- include:



DULCE DE LECHE

It is Argentina's caramel-like answer to peanut butter or Nutella and a national favourite. Best tasted shamelessly on the end of a spoon, in an alfajor (a dulce de leche cookie) or in a fiendishly rich chocolate dessert.

MEDIALUNAS

There are two types of Argentine croissants: the sweet butter medialunas and the more savory grease medialunas. The first one is plump and brushed with a sugar glaze. His cousin, the grease medialuna, is a skinnier, drier croissant made with lard rather than butter. Both delicious, but very different.



CEIBO: THE ARGENTINE NATIONAL FLOWER



Ceibo (*Erythrina cristina galli*) is the name given to the National flower of Argentina. The Erythrina is a South American tree, with carmine red flowers and a crooked trunk that grows between 8 and 10 meters high. It was declared the National Flower of the Republic of Argentina on December 2, 1942.



It grows on the banks of the Paraná River and Río de La Plata, but it can also be found near lakes and swampy areas around the country. The wood of the ceibo is very light and porous, and it is used for the construction of rafts, model aircrafts and beehives. The tree blooms between November and February. Locally, this flower is also known as sebo or bucar. In English, common names for this species include Cockspur Coral Tree, Cock's Comb, Common Coral Tree and Cry-Baby Tree, among others.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASEAN day

Date: August 8th 2016

The Embassy is getting ready for this celebration, together with other ASEAN Embassies, to be held at the Belgrano Auditorium at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Argentina headquarters, in Buenos Aires.

Malaysia's National Day

Date: August 31st 2016

Our Mission will open its doors to ASEAN Ambassadors, Foreign Ministry officials and Malaysians to celebrate our National Day with pride and love to our beloved country, Malaysia.



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