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Mexico City's Zócalo during Mexico's Independence Day celebrations
Zócalo de la Ciudad de México durante los festejos de la Independencia de México

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September is Mexico's Patriotic Month and the Embassy is preparing to commemorate the 215th Anniversary of the country's independence movement with the joy and national pride that characterizes Mexican people, together with our Trinbagonian friends.

That is why the article by the excellent analyst Jonathan Bhagan, on the importance of ties between Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago, has been especially relevant, particularly now as we approach the 60th Anniversary of bilateral relations.

In Mexico, we continue working in support of women, hand in hand with all our partners. As such, we recognize the commitment of the Association of Caribbean States during its participation in the work of the XV Regional Conference on Women.

The Embassy thanks Consul Juan José Martínez Estrada for his service in the Consular Section since 2021. We wish him the very best in his new endeavours.

Víctor Hugo Morales Meléndez
Ambassador

Septiembre es el Mes de la Patria en México y la Embajada se apresta a conmemorar el 215 aniversario del movimiento de independencia del país con la alegría y el orgullo nacional que caracteriza a las y los mexicanos, junto con nuestros amigos trinitenses.

Por eso ha sido muy relevante el artículo del excelente analista Jonathan Bhagan, sobre la importancia que tienen las relaciones entre México y Trinidad y Tobago, más ahora que nos encaminamos a conmemorar el 60º aniversario de las relaciones bilaterales.

En México continuamos trabajando a favor de las mujeres, de la mano de todos nuestros asociados, por ello reconocemos el compromiso de la Asociación de Estados del Caribe durante su participación en los trabajos de la XV Conferencia Regional de las Mujeres.

La Embajada agradece al cónsul Juan José Martínez Estrada su labor en la Sección Consular desde el año del 2021. Le deseamos la mayor de las suertes en sus nuevas actividades.

Víctor Hugo Morales Meléndez
Embajador

CULTURE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS

Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago are two countries with rich cultural strengths that transcend borders.

While Trinidad and Tobago celebrated World Steelpan Day and began preparations for Carnival, the Ambassador of Mexico held a work meeting with the country's Minister of Culture and Community Development, Michelle Benjamin, during which they discussed cultural activities in preparation of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between both nations, to be commemorated in 2026.

Mexican folk art, globally recognized for its beauty and symbolism, could serve as an area of cooperation with Trinidad and Tobago through workshops showcasing the experience of Mexican artisans and their contributions to community development. These initiatives could be aligned with cooperation schemes related to gender perspective development, in line with Mexico's Feminist Foreign Policy.



Trinidad and Tobago's multiculturalism is also an artistic asset that could be featured on prominent stages in Mexico, where leading global artists gather each year, thereby offering an opportunity to promote Trinbagonian talent. The same could apply to the country's literature which boasts outstanding authors whose works can be presented at far-reaching Mexican literary events, that include publications in English.

A testament to the excellent cultural collaboration between both countries is the publication of the piece "Borders Are Imaginary", written by Marina Salandy-Brown, President of the Bocas Lit Fest, in the magazine Archipiélago: Revista Cultural de Nuestra América, co-edited by the Latin American and Caribbean Research Center at UNAM, in its August issue, No. 127.

LA CULTURA EN LA RELACIÓN BILATERAL

México y Trinidad y Tobago son dos países con fortalezas culturales que trascienden fronteras.

A la par que Trinidad y Tobago celebraba el Día Mundial del steelpan y daba inicio a los preparativos del carnaval, el Embajador de México tuvo una reunión de trabajo con la ministra de Cultura y Desarrollo Comunitario trinitense, Michelle Benjamin, durante la cual dialogaron sobre actividades culturales en preparación para la conmemoración del 60º aniversario del establecimiento de relaciones diplomáticas entre ambos países, mismo que se cumple en 2026.

El arte popular mexicano, reconocido mundialmente por su belleza y simbolismo, podría ser también un referente para la cooperación con Trinidad y Tobago mediante talleres sobre la experiencia de artesanos mexicanos en la contribución al desarrollo comunitario, mismos que podrían vincularse a esquemas de cooperación en materia de desarrollo perspectiva de género, alineada a la Política Exterior Feminista de México.

La multiculturalidad trinitense es también un activo artístico que puede ser presentado en relevantes escenarios mexicanos donde año con año se dan cita relevantes artistas de todo el mundo, lo que abriría una ventana de difusión del talento trinitense; lo mismo podría ocurrir con la literatura de este país que tiene grandes exponentes y cuyas obras pueden ser presentadas en eventos editoriales mexicanos de amplio alcance, que incluya obras en idioma inglés.

Prueba de esa excelente colaboración cultural que existe entre ambos países es la publicación del texto "Las Fronteras son imaginarias", escrito por Marina Salandy-Brown, Presidenta de Bocas Lit Fes, en la Revista Cultural de Nuestra América, Archipiélago, coeditada por el Centro de Investigaciones para América Latina y el Caribe de la UNAM, en su número 127 en el mes de agosto.

Why Mexico-T&T relations matter

In the midst of ongoing trade wars, hot wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, Trinidad and Tobago's relationship with Mexico hints at the promise of a zone of peace or a "Zona de Paz," as Spanish speakers would say. In an increasingly unstable world, T&T needs as many strong partners as possible.

The United States has moved three Aegis guided-missile destroyers near Venezuela, and Nicolás Maduro has mobilised Venezuela's militia in response, creating regional tensions. In this tense atmosphere, it is comforting to remember that T&T has good relations with one of Latin America's economic giants, Mexico.

Mexico stands as the second-largest economy in Latin America, with a GDP of over 1.6 trillion USD, making it a member of the G20. Diplomatically, Mexico operates as a bridge between Latin America and the wider world. Its active participation in organisations such as the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the Organisation of American States (OAS) makes it a valuable ally for T&T. Both nations share common positions on issues such as climate change, sustainable development, and the protection of small and vulnerable economies.

In 2024, bilateral trade between Mexico and T&T reached approximately US\$376 million. Furthermore, Mexican firms have major interests in T&T businesses such as Trinidad Cement Limited (TCL). Mexican cement giant Cemex owns 70 per cent of TCL. The final stage of the Cemex takeover was reported in the T&T Guardian in 2017 as follows:

"Yesterday's announcement by Mexican cement giant Cemex that it now controls 70 per cent and counting of TCL, the Claxton Bay-based regional cement producer, is a significant and potentially positive development for T&T.

"The transaction favours TCL's 6,000 shareholders, as the Cemex bid allows them to cash out of the company at \$5.07 per share, which is a 50 per cent premium over the price the local company was trading at before the takeover offer was announced.



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"Further, many local investors in TCL may have been encouraged to accept Cemex's amended offer, because not only was it increased to \$5.07 from the initial offer of \$4.50, but shareholders were given the option of receiving payment in US dollars at US\$0.76 a share. The takeover of TCL by Cemex acknowledges the long-standing relationship between the two companies, as Cemex first purchased a 20 per cent block of shares from the government in 1994, more than 22 years ago."

Outside the realm of business, Mexico is a major champion of human rights, especially the rights of indigenous peoples and women. The government of Mexico has officially adopted a feminist foreign policy, which has been named one of the three best in the world along with Sweden and Norway.

In line with this feminist foreign policy, there was an event hosted by the Mexican embassy on March 7th, 2025, for International Women's Day. At this event, the Mexican Embassy recognised two Indigenous Women leaders of Trinidad and Tobago: Jacqueline Bernadine Khan, for her dedication to documenting the history of the Santa Rosa First Peoples Community and Anicia Ortancia Benjamin, Cacica of the Warao community.

Mexico has explicit constitutional recognition of Indigenous peoples in Article 2 of its Political Constitution, something that I have advocated for in previous columns. While there is much talk of decolonisation by removing the statue of Columbus, T&T remains years behind

Mexico and other countries in recognising the descendants of the first peoples and their right to self-determination.

The new administration of T&T ought to partner more with Mexico and consider constitutional reforms based on the progressive nature of the Mexican constitution when compared to our existing Constitution.

In the midst of the ongoing sabre-rattling between the US and Venezuela, T&T may need to rely even more on Mexico as a partner to advocate for regional peace in forums like the OAS and UN.

It is impossible to predict what sort of action Donald Trump may take against Venezuela in the coming months. Historically, the US invaded Panama in 1989 during Operation Just Cause. Over 27,000 US troops invaded to remove General Manuel Noriega from power. Given the drug trafficking allegations that were levelled against Noriega in the past, and against Nicolás Maduro presently, we can see a hypothetical situation taking place in Venezuela.

If the US does take military action, it would cause major regional instability and flows of refugees into T&T. If such military action does take place, T&T would need to rely on regional partners like Mexico to deal with the consequences.

As nations around the world beat the drums of war, there is hope for T&T to still play sweet steelpan music in harmony with Mexico's indigenous corridor ballads as we attempt to create a zone of peace, a "Zona de Paz."

IT IS ALSO THE TIME FOR WOMEN IN THE ACS



The voice of the Greater Caribbean resonated at the 16th Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Mexico, with the participation of the Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), Ambassador Noemí Espinoza Madrid. In her keynote speech, she indicated that it is time to align policies with international standards, invest in resilient systems with a climate focus and strengthen social protection, with particular attention to Afro-descendant women living in highly vulnerable conditions.

For Secretary General Espinoza, just as the Caribbean Sea unites the coasts, women uphold life with the strength of the mangrove and the persistence of the waves. The ACS firmly believes that if we care for women, we care for our Greater Caribbean and our shared future. Through this vision, it was reaffirmed that in the ACS, it is also the time for women as President Claudia Sheinbaum has emphasized in various contexts.

During the Regional Conference, Secretary General Espinoza held meetings with Undersecretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Raquel Serur Smeke, as well as with Executive Director of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation, Alejandra del Moral, with whom she renewed the commitment to working on strategic regional projects, ranging from sargassum management to disaster risk reduction.

EN LA AEC TAMBIÉN ES TIEMPO DE MUJERES

La voz del Gran Caribe resonó en la XVI Conferencia Regional sobre la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe, celebrada en México, con la participación de la secretaria general de la Asociación de Estados del Caribe (AEC), Embajadora Noemí Espinoza Madrid, quien en su mensaje principal, indicó que es hora de alinear políticas con estándares internacionales, invertir en sistemas resilientes con enfoque climático y fortalecer la protección social, con especial atención a las mujeres afrodescendientes que viven en condiciones de mayor vulnerabilidad.

Para la secretaria general Espinoza, así como el Mar Caribe une las costas, las mujeres sostienen la vida con la firmeza del manglar y la tenacidad de las olas. La AEC tiene la firme convicción de que, si se logra que ellas sean cuidadas, cuidamos de nuestro Gran Caribe y de nuestro futuro común. Con esta visión se reafirmó que en la AEC también es tiempo de mujeres, tal como lo ha señalado en diversos contextos la presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum.

Durante la Conferencia Regional, la secretaria general Espinoza sostuvo encuentros con la subsecretaría para América Latina y el Caribe, Raquel Serur Smeke, y con la directora ejecutiva de la Agencia Mexicana de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo, Alejandra del Moral, con quienes reafirmó el compromiso de trabajar en proyectos estratégicos para la región, desde la gestión del sargazo hasta la reducción de riesgos de desastres.

MADE IN MEXICO

Mexico's industrial fabric makes it a highly competitive manufacturing economy in international markets, with products ranging from chips to sophisticated vehicles.

Harvard University's Economic Complexity Index ranks Mexico in 17th place. With the "Made in Mexico" economic brand, the country promotes diversification of international markets, strengthening of the domestic market and the relocation of investments, which is a component of Plan Mexico, an economic strategy to boost the domestic market, substitute imports and strengthen production chains.

Mexico has become a leading exporter of vehicles (fourth in the world), computers and household appliances. It has also established itself as a strong exporter of agro-industrial products such as beer (first in the world) and the iconic tequila. Despite the geo-economic challenges, Mexico continues to attract increasing amounts of foreign investment, which reached USD 34.265 billion in the second quarter of the year and remains the United States' largest trading partner.

Remember that "Made in Mexico is Better Made".



HECHO EN MÉXICO

El entramado industrial de México lo coloca como una economía, manufacturera y altamente competitiva en los mercados internacionales, con productos que van desde los chips hasta vehículos sofisticados.

El índice de Complejidad Económica de la Universidad de Harvard coloca a México en el puesto 17. Con la marca económica "Hecho en México", el país impulsa la diversificación de mercados internacionales, el fortalecimiento del mercado interno y la relocalización de inversiones, dicha marca es un componente del Plan México, estrategia económica para potenciar el mercado interno, sustituir importaciones y fortalecer las cadenas productivas.

Lo hecho en México ha colocado al país como una potencia exportadora de vehículos (cuarta a nivel mundial), de computadoras y electrodomésticos. A su vez se ha consolidado como un fuerte exportador de productos agroindustriales como la cerveza (primero a nivel mundial) y el icónico tequila. A pesar de los desafíos geoeconómicos, México continúa atrayendo crecientes cantidades de inversión extranjera, que llegó a USD 34 mil 265 millones en el segundo trimestre del año y se mantiene como el principal socio comercial de Estados Unidos.

Tengamos presente que "Hecho en México, está Mejor Hecho".

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN MOBILITY

The promotion of human rights is a steadfast endeavor of Mexico's foreign policy, particularly regarding individuals in situations of mobility. As a result, the collaboration between the Embassy of Mexico and the management staff of the Trinidadian NGO Caribbean Centre of Human Rights (CCHR) in Chaguanas, dedicated to the protection and advancement of human rights in the Caribbean, is especially relevant.

The Embassy acknowledges the exceptional work undertaken by the Executive Director, Ms. Mary Joanna Marsden, and her professional and committed team of collaborators. The partnership with CCHR is established within the framework of Mexico's support for the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Trinidad and Tobago.

The exchange of best practices for the protection of people in mobility is one of the elements of collaboration. Another is the mutual understanding of advanced legislation in areas such as migration, human rights, asylum and refuge, in addition to sharing Mexico's experience in training professional staff to communicate in Spanish. The Embassy of Mexico is therefore an ally in contributing to the noble work of the CCHR.

DERECHOS HUMANOS Y MOVILIDAD HUMANA

La promoción de los derechos humanos es una tarea perseverante de la política exterior de México, particularmente de las personas en situación de movilidad. Por ello, la colaboración de la Embajada de México con los directivos de la ONG trinitense Caribbean Centre for Human Rights (CCHR) en Chaguanas, dedicada a la defensa y promoción de los derechos humanos en el Caribe, es de particular relevancia.

La Embajada reconoce la excepcional labor que realiza la Directora Ejecutiva, Sra. Mary Joanna Marsden, y su profesional y comprometido equipo de colaboradores. La colaboración con el CCHR se da en el marco del respaldo mexicano a la labor de la Alta Comisión de Naciones Unidas para Refugiados en Trinidad y Tobago.

El intercambio de buenas prácticas de protección a personas en movilidad, es uno de los elementos de colaboración. También lo es el conocimiento mutuo de legislaciones de vanguardia en materias como migración, derechos humanos, asilo y refugio. Además de compartir la experiencia mexicana en la capacitación de personal profesional para comunicarse en español. Todo ello convierte a la Embajada de México en un asociado que contribuye con la noble labor del CCHR.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

In a joint activity with the High Commissions of Australia and Canada, the Embassy of Mexico hosted a gathering to commemorate the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. Among the participants were members of prominent indigenous peoples' organizations from Trinidad and Tobago, such as the Warao Community represented by Shaman Rauold Simon, and Partners for First Peoples Development with Chairman Roger Belix; in addition to the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations and UNDP Resident Representative, as well as civil society organizations. This tripartite event offers an opportunity for all of us to strengthen our awareness and join efforts for the improved well-being and integration of our indigenous communities.

Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, Ms. Kiva Clarke, attended on behalf of the Trinidad and Tobago Government, who referred to the actions promoted by President Dr. Claudia Sheinbaum on the matter of indigenism, as well as to the relevant news that was circulated in this country on the election of the new president of Mexico's Supreme Court who comes from an indigenous community.

Through this action, Mexico positions itself as a reference in support of the visibility and human rights of indigenous peoples. To that end, Ambassador Victor Hugo Morales stressed that 2025 is a special year in Mexico, as it has been declared by President Claudia Sheinbaum as the Year of Indigenous Women, in the framework of which the country applies its Feminist Foreign Policy towards the empowerment of women, particularly the empowerment of indigenous women.

DÍA INTERNACIONAL DE LOS PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS

En una actividad conjunta con las Altas Comisiones de Australia y Canadá, la Embajada de México fue sede de un encuentro para conmemorar el Día Internacional de los Pueblos Indígenas del Mundo, en el que participaron representantes de destacadas organizaciones de pueblos indígenas de Trinidad y Tobago, como Warao Community con el Shaman Rauold Simon, y de First People Development con Roger Belix; además de la Representante Residente de Naciones Unidas y el PNUD, así como organizaciones de la sociedad civil. Esta actividad tripartita es una ocasión propicia para que todos fortalezcamos nuestra conciencia y sumemos esfuerzos para un mayor bienestar e integración de nuestras comunidades indígenas.

En representación del gobierno trinitense, la Secretaria Permanente Adjunta del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Caricom, Sra. Kiva Clarke, quien hizo referencia a las acciones impulsadas por la Presidenta Dra. Claudia Sheinbaum para promover el tema del indigenismo, así como la relevante noticia que fue retomada en este país sobre la elección del nuevo presidente de la Suprema Corte de Justicia de México, quien proviene de una comunidad indígena.

Con esta actividad, México se posiciona como un referente a favor de la visibilidad y los derechos humanos de los pueblos indígenas; en tanto que el Embajador Víctor Hugo Morales destacó que el 2025 es un año especial en México, ya que ha sido denominado por la Presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum como el Año de la Mujer Indígena, en cuyo marco el país aplica su Política Exterior Feminista, para el empoderamiento femenino, particularmente el empoderamiento de las mujeres indígenas.

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EMBASSIES HONOUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WITH film & dialogue



Members of the audience watch the Mexican short film *Bajish* during the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples Short Film Screening at the Mexican Embassy.

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They number nearly half a billion people worldwide, yet in indigenous Peoples remain marginalized communities in many countries. According to UN estimates that while they make up less than one per cent of the world's population, they account for 15 per cent of its poorest, most vulnerable people. They are woven into the fabric of humanity: more than 400 million speak the world's 7,000 languages and embody some 3,000 distinct cultures.

It is this diversity – and their unique histories, cultures and rights – that Australia, Canada, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago highlighted in their own ways last week in a first-ever gathering at the Mexican Embassy in Ottawa to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples with a short film screening. The initiative brought together the ambassadors of the four countries, indigenous leaders, government officials and members of the diplomatic corps.

"Indigenous Peoples and their lands and territories are deeply connected to the environment," said Hugo Morales Meléndez, ambassador of Mexico to Canada. "For Hugo Morales Meléndez, the international day will help address the challenges faced by indigenous peoples in Canada and around the world."

"We have encouraged action on high-level issues such as the rights of indigenous women and children in our development," he told attendees. "We have also supported our Foreign Policy and as a result, last March 8, we organized a round-table meeting in support of women, during the International Day of the Girl Child.

Indigenous women are at the heart of preserving indigenous languages. They are essential to the survival of their communities. For TBT, the event was also a chance to highlight the historical records show that Amerindian Peoples lived in Mexico for more than 15,000 years before the arrival

of Christopher Columbus. Nativis estimates that at the time of his arrival, there were some 40,000 Amerindians in habited Trinidad and Tobago, a wider Caribbean trade and exchange network, between the two islands.

Acting permanent secretary for Canadian Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Kiva Clarke, also participated in the meeting. "The Government of Trinidad and Tobago was pleased to learn that the respective governments of Canada and Mexico have undertaken to work together to strengthen their indigenous communities," she said.

She praised Mexico's declaration of 2025 as "the Year of the Indigenous Woman." "This will help to raise awareness of the challenges faced by indigenous women in Canada and around the world," she said.

"Similarly, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago is committed to have Indigenous communities and their lands and territories recognized as an integral part of the country, when the country itself is led by three strong women," Clarke said. "It is important to keep this connection, because the cultures of the Amerindians and other tribes who live here are part of our national societies."

The United Nations officially observed the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on August 27, in collaboration among the embassies of Mexico, Canada and Australia. Mexico gave the day renewed meaning with the launch of a campaign that the stories of Indigenous Peoples are not of the past, but of the present, of resilience, identity and belonging.

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Head of Cultural Affairs and Embassy of Mexico, Florie Gonsalves, left, with La Casita director Andriana Rodriguez.
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Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Mexico, Victoria Valdés, left, with IOM UN Migration project assistant Karen Powell and Indigenous Council for The Bahamas, Dr. Elvina Moxie Davis.

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM



Mexico implements a feminist foreign policy that is reflected in various diplomatic and consular actions. One such activity is the Consular Entrepreneurship Program for Mexican Women Abroad (PCEME), under the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IMME), that this Embassy has implemented for the second consecutive year in Trinidad and Tobago, with a broad vision of collaboration and solidarity with migrant women of other nationalities.

Since its first edition, PCEME has benefited 2,257 women residing abroad. In 2025, the program was carried out by 77 Mexican Embassies and Consulates around the world, with the goal of promoting the empowerment of women so that they may be equipped with tools to create or strengthen a business, thereby fostering their financial and economic autonomy.

The Embassy of Mexico expresses its gratitude to all participants for their confidence in this women's empowerment initiative. The Mission congratulates them on their excellent performance in the course and wishes them the best of success in the entrepreneurial endeavors they undertake, based on the knowledge and skills gained through PCEME. The Embassy also appreciates the support of partners who made this achievement possible, particularly the IMME, Casita Hispánica and the marketing consultant, Mariel Corona.

PROGRAMA DE EMPRENDIMIENTO PARA MUJERES

México aplica una política exterior feminista que se refleja en varias acciones tanto diplomáticas como consulares. Una de ellas es el Programa Consular de Emprendimiento para Mexicanas en el Exterior (PCEME), del Instituto de las Mexicanas y Mexicanos en el Exterior, que esta embajada ha aplicado por segundo año consecutivo en Trinidad y Tobago, con una visión amplia de colaboración y solidaridad con mujeres migrantes de otras nacionalidades.

Desde su primera edición, el PCEME ha beneficiado a 2,257 mujeres que residen en el extranjero. En este 2025, el programa fue ejecutado por 77 embajadas y consulados mexicanos en todo el mundo, con el objetivo de promover el empoderamiento de las mujeres para que cuenten con las herramientas que les permitan crear o fortalecer un negocio, con el fin de impulsar su autonomía financiera y económica.

La Embajada de México expresa a todas las participantes su agradecimiento por su confianza en este esfuerzo de empoderamiento femenino, las felicita por su excelente desempeño en el curso y les desea el mayor de los éxitos en los emprendimientos que realicen, con las bases de conocimientos y habilidades adquiridas con el PCEME. Asimismo, aprecia el apoyo de socios que hicieron posible este logro, de manera particular al IMME, a la Casita Hispánica y a la consultora de mercadotecnia Mariel Corona.

COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT FOR ENTREPRENEURS

The social economy is a path towards justice and social cohesion, necessary in the current context of geo-economic challenges. As a result, the Embassy of Mexico, with the objective of promoting the work and talent of Mexican and Trinbagonian entrepreneurs, hosted the meaningful activity promoted by East Yard Enterprises and its founder, Kevon Gareth Foderingham, within the margins of World Entrepreneurship Day.

The event was especially valuable since it brought together two complementary dimensions: cultural creativity and social entrepreneurship, in addition to enabling the strengthening of links with talented entrepreneurs in areas such as art, advertising, fashion, IT and literature. Overall, it was an occasion that illustrated how entrepreneurship has a positive social impact.

The Ambassador of Mexico highlighted that the social economy generates some two million jobs in the country, reason for which efforts are being made to modernize the legal framework, to foster greater financial support for entrepreneurs and to promote the inclusion of women as development leaders. Plan Mexico, the roadmap for Mexican development, has as one of its objectives the creation of jobs and the reduction of imports, which is why support for creators is essential.

COMPROMISO Y APOYO CON LOS EMPRENDEDORES

La economía social es una vía hacia la justicia y la cohesión social, necesarias en el actual contexto de desafíos geoeconómicos. Por ello, la Embajada de México, con el ánimo de impulsar el trabajo y el talento de los emprendedores mexicanos y trinitenses, hospedó la formidable actividad promovida por East Yard Enterprises y su fundador, Kevon Gareth Foderingham, en el marco del Día Mundial de los Emprendedores.

El evento tuvo un valor especial porque unió dos dimensiones complementarias: la creatividad cultural y el emprendimiento social, además de permitir estrechar vínculos con talentosos emprendedores de áreas como el arte, la publicidad, la moda, la informática y la literatura, ocasión que permitió mostrar la forma en la que el emprendimiento tiene un positivo impacto social.

El Embajador de México destacó que la economía social genera en el país unos dos millones de empleos, por lo que se hacen esfuerzos para la modernización del marco jurídico, el fortalecimiento financiero a favor de los emprendedores y para impulsar la inclusión de las mujeres como protagonistas del desarrollo. El Plan México, la hoja de ruta del desarrollo mexicano, tiene como uno de sus objetivos la creación de empleos y la reducción de las importaciones, por lo que el apoyo a los creadores es indispensable.



Mexico's independence movement began in the town of Dolores Hidalgo, in the present-day state of Guanajuato. This Magical Town which combines history, tradition and colonial charm, invites you to stroll through its memory-filled streets, where every corner evokes the freedom spirit from 1810.

The Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows is the main stage of this historical legacy. From its atrium, Father Miguel Hidalgo issued the "Grito de Dolores" (Cry of Dolores), calling on the people to fight for freedom. Just a few steps away, visitors can tour the Casa Hidalgo Museum, the former home of the hero, and discover documents, artifacts and chronicles.

Beyond its historical wealth, Dolores Hidalgo is also famous for its internationally recognized pottery tradition.

Visit Dolores Hidalgo, you can arrive at Mexico City and take a direct flight to León/Guanajuato (Bajío International Airport, BJX), which is just over an hour's drive from Dolores Hidalgo by highway.



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DOLORES HIDALGO: CUNA DE LA INDEPENDENCIA



El movimiento por la independencia de México inició en el pueblo de Dolores Hidalgo, del actual estado de Guanajuato. Este Pueblo Mágico combina historia, tradición y encanto colonial; invita a recorrer sus calles llenas de memoria, donde cada rincón evoca el espíritu libertario de 1810.

La Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores es el escenario principal de este legado histórico. En su atrio, el cura Miguel Hidalgo lanzó el "Grito de Dolores", con el cual llamó al pueblo a luchar por la libertad. A unos pasos, los visitantes pueden recorrer el Museo Casa Hidalgo, antiguo hogar del prócer, y descubrir documentos, objetos y relatos.

Además de su riqueza histórica, Dolores Hidalgo es célebre por su tradición alfarera, reconocida a nivel internacional.

Visita Dolores Hidalgo, puedes llegar a la Ciudad de México y tomar un vuelo directo a León/Guanajuato (Aeropuerto Internacional del Bajío, BJX), situado a poco más de una hora de Dolores Hidalgo por carretera.

JOSÉ ALFREDO JIMÉNEZ



Mexico is recognized around the world for its rich musical heritage. Among the composers who gave voice to the people's emotions, José Alfredo Jiménez holds a privileged place. Born in Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato, he created more than 300 songs that crossed borders and became an essential part of Mexican musical identity.

With titles like "El Rey", "Caminos de Guanajuato" or "Si nos dejan," José Alfredo converted ranchera music into a genre that expresses Mexico's soul. His work established mariachi as an international symbol of Mexican identity and also inspired film and literature where writers such as Carlos Monsiváis referred to him as a "chronicler of the people's emotions".

Today, his legacy lives on in every performance of his songs. Listening to his music interpreted by mariachis is to relive the essence of Mexico and to celebrate that, beyond history and traditions, Mexico is also culture transmitted through song.

This September, Port of Spain will witness the spirit of Mexican music with a performance by the **Mariachi Internacional Tapatío de Álvaro Paulino**, during Latin Nights at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

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Con títulos como El Rey, Caminos de Guanajuato o Si nos dejan, José Alfredo consolidó la canción ranchera como un género que expresa el alma de México. Su obra consolidó al mariachi como símbolo internacional de mexicanidad y también inspiró al cine y a la literatura, donde escritores como Carlos Monsiváis lo señalaron como "cronista del sentir popular".

Hoy, su legado continúa vivo en cada escenario donde su música se interpreta. Escuchar sus canciones interpretadas por mariachis es revivir la esencia de México y celebrar que, además de historia y tradiciones, México también es cultura hecha canción.

En septiembre, Puerto España será testigo del sentir musical mexicano con la presencia del Mariachi Internacional Tapatío de Álvaro Paulino, en las Noches Latinas del Hotel Hyatt.

MEXICAN OF THE MONTH - JUAN JOSÉ MARTINEZ ESTRADA

Juan José Martínez Estrada, who has served as Mexican Consul in Port of Spain since 2021, is originally from Mexico City. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Juan José has collaborated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mexico's Cultural Institute in San Antonio, Texas. During his university studies, he completed internships at the Mexican diplomatic Missions in Hungary and Belgium, as well at the Permanent Mission to International Organizations based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Since 2013, Juan José has been a member of the Mexican Foreign Service and has been assigned to Mexico's Embassies in Haiti and Guatemala. He served as Consul for Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and Suriname until August 2025, which allowed him to meet and serve the resident or visiting Mexican community in these three nations.



For all of the above, Juan José is the Mexican of the month. The Embassy of Mexico thanks him for his work over the years and wishes him every success in his professional endeavors in Mexico City.

MEXICANO DEL MES - JUAN JOSÉ MARTÍNEZ ESTRADA

Juan José Martínez Estrada, quien ha fungido como cónsul de México en Puerto España desde 2021, es originario de la Ciudad de México. Es licenciado y maestro en filosofía, por la Universidad de Ginebra, Suiza.

Juan José ha colaborado en la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores y en el Instituto Cultural de México en San Antonio, Texas. Durante sus estudios universitarios, realizó prácticas profesionales en las representaciones de México en Hungría, en Bélgica y en la Misión diplomática ante los Organismos Internacionales con sede en Ginebra, Suiza.

Desde 2013, Juan José es miembro del Servicio Exterior Mexicano, ha estado adscrito en las Embajadas de México en Haití y Guatemala. Hasta agosto de 2025 se desempeñó como cónsul para Trinidad y Tobago, Barbados y Surinam, lo que le permitió conocer y servir con mucho gusto a la comunidad mexicana residente o visitante en estas tres naciones.

Por todo ello, Juan José es el Mexicano del Mes; la Embajada de México le agradece la labor realizada en estos años y le desea el mayor de los éxitos en su labor profesional en Ciudad de México.

Sabías que...

Septiembre es el mes de la Patria, por varios acontecimientos:

El movimiento de la lucha por la independencia de México inició en la madrugada del 16 de septiembre de 1810, encabezada por don Miguel Hidalgo, quien al grito de ¡Viva la Independencia! emprendió el camino a la libertad de México.

Doña Josefa Ortiz de Domínguez fue fundamental para el inicio del movimiento libertador de México, dado que fue quien avisó a los insurgentes de que la conspiración independentista había sido descubierta, lo que motivó que se iniciara el movimiento armado por la libertad nacional.

El 30 de septiembre se celebra el natalicio del Generalísimo José María Morelos, el mejor estratega militar del movimiento de independencia, quien heredó el liderazgo de Hidalgo para continuar la lucha libertaria. Morelos abolió la esclavitud en México.

El 13 de septiembre de 1847 un grupo de cadetes defendieron a México de la intervención estadounidense, los denominados Niños Héroes, quienes defendieron heroicamente el Castillo de Chapultepec, sede del Colegio Militar.

Did You Know...

September is Patriotic month, due to several events:

The movement for Mexico's fight for independence began in the early hours of September 16, 1810, led by Don Miguel Hidalgo, who, with the cry of "Viva la Independencia!" launched Mexico's path to freedom.

Doña Josefa Ortiz de Domínguez was fundamental to the start of Mexico's freedom movement, given that she warned the insurgents that the independence conspiracy had been discovered, thereby prompting the early armed struggle for national liberation.

September 30 marks the birth of General José María Morelos, the best military strategist of the independence movement who inherited leadership after Hidalgo and continued the fight for freedom. Morelos abolished slavery in Mexico.

On September 13, 1847, a group of young cadets defended Mexico from U.S. invasion. They are known as the Niños Héroes (Boy Heroes) who bravely protected Chapultepec Castle, headquarters of the Military Academy.

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