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## STATE VISIT TO CANADA OF THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO ENRIQUE PEÑA NIETO

RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION VALUES SHARED BY CANADA AND MEXICO: PRESIDENT ENRIQUE PEÑA NIETO

- Let us work together to ensure that the future of relations between Canada and Mexico is a source of prosperity for both nations, declared the head of the Canadian government.
- Canada is strong, not despite its diversity but because of it, President Peña Nieto said.

Respect for diversity and social inclusion are values that Mexico and Canada “appreciate and defend” because “they are values that strengthen and renew the friendship” between the two nations, said President Enrique Peña Nieto at dinner in his honor hosted by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.



During the first meeting between the two leaders in the framework of the President of Mexico's state visit to Canada, President Peña Nieto said to Prime Minister Trudeau: “Let us work together so that the future of relations between Canada and Mexico become a source of prosperity for both countries, cooperation between our peoples and joint contributions to a better world.”

President Peña said that true friendship is built on shared values, and stressed that “Canada and Mexico share values such as openness and inclusion, respect and freedom.

He also said that these bilateral relations, “Are based on intense, growing economic activity, but above all, on their very broad and positive human relations.”

He remarked that, “It could not be otherwise, since Canada is home to more than 96,000 Mexicans. The second largest overseas Mexican community lives here, while Mexico is home to 60,000 Canadians.”

In addition, he said, “This social interaction combines with a profound spirit of cooperation in our nations. Today we are united by particularly sensitive issues for global development, such as migration, refugees, indigenous peoples, climate change, and education.”

He told the Prime Minister that he will find an ally in the Mexican government, and a good friend in its president and then raised a toast, “For Canada and its relations with Mexico; for this great friendship we have been building, and for the stronger, better country and the stronger relations we wish to build between the two countries.”

At Casa Loma museum, accompanied by members of their respective delegations, President Peña Nieto recalled the Canadian Prime Minister's words at the funeral of his father, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, in 2000, in the presence of leaders from around the world. On that occasion, he added, “you shared your father's thoughts: More tolerance is not enough; we need genuine, profound respect for every human being, regardless of his thoughts, beliefs or origins.”

“In that same spirit, Mr. Prime Minister, you have rightly pointed out that Canada is strong, not despite its diversity but because of it. Respect for diversity and social inclusion are values our two nations cherish and defend. There are values that strengthen and renew the friendship between Canada and Mexico,” he added.

He thanked the Prime Minister for, “The renewed willingness to ensure that relations between Canada and Mexico go beyond merely cooperation and economic links to strengthen friendship and that this fraternal relationship will enable us to jointly promote prosperity and development for our societies.”

## CANADA AND MEXICO UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE A RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH MORE TRADE: JUSTIN TRUDEAU

Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau said that Canada and Mexico, “Dream of an America that is strong and united and of an inclusive continent, where prosperity is celebrated and where we work steadily to ensure that more and more people benefit from these efforts.”

He said that they share, “The desire to build more respectful relationships with indigenous peoples just as we have shared our economic interests.”

Prime Minister Trudeau said that both Canada and Mexico, “Understand how important it is to have a respectful, productive relationship with increased trade, greater job creation and higher growth.”

He recalled the assistance Mexico provided to his country during the Fort McMurray fires, sending 41 firefighters who helped put them out.

He told President Enrique Peña Nieto that this type of aid, “Is precisely what good neighbors do and, on behalf of all Canadians, I would like to express my gratitude for sending us this assistance at a time when we needed it. We appreciate it, and we will not forget it.”



More relevant articles:

- [Mexico jealously protects its economic stability, which is its strength: Enrique Peña Nieto](#)
- [Mexico and Canada have forged strong bonds: EPN](#)
- [Press Statement by Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto during his state visit to Canada](#)

Source: Press Office—Presidencia de la República

## AMBASSADOR PORFIRIO THIERRY MUÑOZ LEDO, NEW CONSUL GENERAL IN TORONTO TAKES OFFICE

Ambassador Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo, who has been a member of the Mexican Foreign Service since 1986, has been appointed Consul General of Mexico in Toronto.

Muñoz Ledo holds a degree in law from the Autonomous Metropolitan University (*Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana*) in Azcapotzalco, Mexico, and a master's in public policy and administration from the London School of Economics (LSE) in the United Kingdom. He joined the Mexican Foreign Service through the public selection process and has risen up through the ranks from the category of Diplomatic Attaché. Since April 2012, he has held the rank of Career Ambassador.

Over the course of his diplomatic career he has held bilateral and multilateral roles and, on occasions, has combined both responsibilities. Ambassador Muñoz Ledo has held a wide range of diplomatic and consular posts around the world, and has also performed various duties in the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs in Mexico.

His diplomatic background includes assignments to Mexican embassies in the United Kingdom (1986-1989), in Austria (1989-1994), and in France (1998-2000), where he was Chief of Staff and then acting Business Attaché. He was also on Mexico's Permanent Missions to the United Nations and other international organizations based in Vienna (1989-1994) and to the office of the UN and other international organizations based in Geneva (1994-1998).

In the consular service he has acted as Consul General of Mexico in Boston, Massachusetts in the United States (2004-2007), also



covering the states of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine and Vermont.

Muñoz Ledo was appointed as Mexican Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco (2007-2013), and as concurrent Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Gabonese Republic, the Republic of Ghana, the Republic of Mali and the Republic of Senegal.

From September 2013 to June 2016, Ambassador Muñoz Ledo served as Mexico's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), based in Paris.



His work for the foreign service includes the following positions: Assistant General Director for the United Nations System (2000-2001); Advisor to the Undersecretary for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe and the United Nations, responsible for promoting Mexico's candidacy for the UN Security Council (2001); General Director for the United Nations System (2001- 2003); and Head of the Cultural Affairs Unit (2003).

With the Mexican central government he has worked for the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit's Office of International Financial Affairs (1978-1980) and for the Secretariat of Programming and Budget's Office of Social Services (1980- 1982). In the semi-public sector, he worked as an advisor in the Representative Office in Paris of Mexico's state-owned oil company, PEMEX (1985-1986).

Ambassador Muñoz Ledo has represented Mexico at international conferences and meetings and has also been invited to participate in academic seminars and symposia. He has written numerous

articles and reports on Mexican cultural policy, the oil industry in Latin America and Mexico's participation in the United Nations Security Council.

Ambassador Muñoz Ledo's appointment as Consul General of Mexico in Toronto reflects the Mexican government's commitment to reinforcing its work to protect Mexicans abroad, and to encourage economic, financial, tourism and cultural promotion.

The Consulate will thus be taking specific actions aimed at enhancing the protection of Mexicans, the provision of consular services, the promotion of the interests of Mexico and its citizens, the strengthening of strategic dialogue with Ontario and Manitoba, the promotion of economic, commercial and financial relations, encouraging educational, academic, scientific and technological cooperation and the development of Mexico's cultural presence in the region.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 20TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN DRAWING CONTEST "ÉSTE ES MI MÉXICO"

20th. Anniversary of the Children Drawing Contest "Éste es mi México" - Let's draw about Mexican Music and Traditions.

To participate:

- Children must be between around 6 and 14 years old.
- Draw your artwork with a team and fill in the registration form.
- Send your drawing to the Consulate of Mexico (11 King St. West. Toronto, ON M5H 4C7).

More information at:

<http://www.ime.gob.mx>



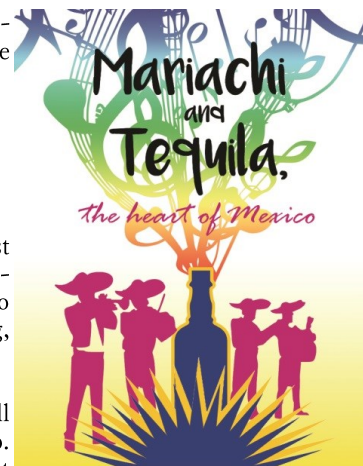
### MEXICAN PAVILION AT FOLKLORAMA 2016

Mex Y Can Association of Manitoba is proud to participate once again at Folklorama featuring:

**The Mexican Pavilion:  
Mariachi and Tequila, the  
Heart of Mexico**

Folklorama is the world's largest and longest-running multicultural festival, which runs for two weeks each August in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The Mexican Pavilion will celebrate the state of Jalisco. They will present an international folkloric display. From July 31-August 06, 2016  
More information at: [Folklorama](http://Folklorama)



### 2017 MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) invites foreign citizens who are interested in studying for a specialization, master's degree or doctorate, conducting graduate or postdoctoral research, or taking part in an undergraduate or graduate-level academic mobility program, to participate in the 2017 Mexican Government Scholarship Program for International Students.



of bilateral conventions, multilateral programs and special agreements. More than 70 Mexican institutions participate and all offer academic programs registered with the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) as National Quality Graduate Programs.

The scholarships are offered to more than 180 countries through a series

More information at:

<http://www.gob.mx/amexcid/>

### USEFUL LINKS

- Presidency of Mexico: [presidencia.gob.mx](http://presidencia.gob.mx)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [sre.gob.mx](http://sre.gob.mx)
- Mexican Embassy in Canada: [embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/](http://embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/)
- ProMexico: [promexico.gob.mx](http://promexico.gob.mx)
- Mexico Tourism Board: [visitmexico.com](http://visitmexico.com)
- Mexican National Council for Culture and the Arts: [conaculta.gob.mx](http://conaculta.gob.mx); [ecultura.gob.mx](http://ecultura.gob.mx)
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico: [canchammx.com](http://canchammx.com)
- Mexico-Canada: <http://mex-can.sre.gob.mx/>
- Visas and consular services: [consulmex.com](http://consulmex.com)
- Mexican restaurants in Toronto & GTA [[click here](#)]
- MEXITEL 1-877-639-4835 <https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx/citas>