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Letter from the Ambassador

Mexico and Australia, partners in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement TPP.

2016 is the year in which Australia and Mexico celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic Relations. It is also the year in which both countries start to be free trade partners by virtue of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP).

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ProMexico

Promotion of Business Opportunities Between Mexico and Australia: A Dynamic Start for 2016.



The beginning of 2016 has been highly eventful and dynamic for the ProMexico trade office in the Embassy of Mexico. From its establishment in Canberra at the end

of 2015, it has seen a continuous stream of clients and productivity; however the first few months of the New Year have seen a heightened amount of promotion activities.

An exciting kick off to the year, ProMéxico, the trade and investment arm of the Mexican government, and the Embassy of Mexico, were invited to present at the most recent event by the Canberra Business Chamber to speak to an audience of keen investors and locally based business people from the ACT regarding the opportunities for investment, trade and internationalisation available to them in the fast growing Mexican economy.



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Global Mexico

New Records in Mexican Tourism Registered for 2015.



Mexico is the tenth most visited destination in the world. The recently revealed tourism statistics by the Mexican Ministry of Tourism and Datatour are clearly positive and reflect a new historic record for tourism in Mexico. The arrival of international tourists in 2015 reached 32.1 million, representing

2.8 million more than in 2014, 9.5% higher in comparison to the previous year.

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Foreign Direct Investment in Mexico in 2015.



The Central Bank of Mexico, reported that the Mexican economy received a total of \$28,382 million USD in foreign direct investment in 2015.

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Mexican Beaches and Blue Flag Certification.



Seven Mexican beaches are contending for international recognition by Blue Flag and 20 beaches and one marina, already in the program, are up for renewal when the international Blue Flag jury meets this year.

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Mexico in the World

- Mexico announces contribution to assist Syrian refugees
- Mexico promotes UN Security Council reform.
- Mexico condemns bombing in Turkey.
- Joint statement by the Foreign Ministers of MIKTA.
- Mexico mourns the passing of former Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali

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Alondra de la Parra



With only 34 years of age, Alondra de la Parra has one of the most prestigious and impeccable careers of any woman in the music world, and as of 2017 this notable Mexican will be music director of the Queensland Symphonic Orchestra, the first appointment of its kind for any Australian orchestra.

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Mexican Artists

Alondra de la Parra debuts at the Queensland Symphonic Orchestra.

Last Saturday 27th of February, Mexican conductor Alondra de la Parra had a spectacular debut as appointed Music Director of the Queensland Symphonic Orchestra. She masterfully conducted Mahler's Concert number 2 at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), at a sold out concert that was attended by personalities such as His Excellency Paul de Jersey, Governor of Queensland; Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Ambassador of Mexico, Armando Álvarez. Her conduction was widely acclaimed by the public and the media.



Mexican Talent at the Oscars.

Two Mexicans made history at the Oscars ceremony held on February 28th. Alejandro G. Iñárritu and Emmanuel Lubezki became the third director in history to win three Oscars in a row, and the first cinematographer to win three consecutive Oscars, respectively, for their work in "The Revenant", which also earned Leonardo di Caprio his first Oscar.

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Gastronomy

Mexico: Recipes, culture and stories from the kitchen tables of Mexico



This month, we had the great pleasure to receive the book “Gourmet Pilgrim Mexico: Recipes, culture and stories from the kitchen tables of Mexico” published by Gourmet Pilgrim, an Australian company based in the Blue Mountains of NSW.

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Huachinango a la Veracruzana Veracruz snapper with tomato, chilli & olives

serves 4



Ingredients

2 garlic cloves, peeled
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons olive oil
800g whole red snapper, cleaned and
backbone removed (see Note)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Lime juice
50ml olive oil, extra
1/2 medium white onion, thinly sliced
1/2 small green pepper (capsicum),
thinly sliced
1/2 small red pepper (capsicum), thinly sliced
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped, extra
2 ripe red tomatoes, finely chopped
12 stuffed green Spanish olives, chopped
2 heaped teaspoons bottled
capers, drained
1 whole fresh jalapeño chilli, optional
5 small dried bay leaves
5 sprigs fresh thyme
1 teaspoon dried Mexican oregano
120ml dry white wine
Salt

To serve:
30g flaked almonds, toasted
Cooked White Rice (see recipe, page 340)

For detailed information on specific
ingredients (including substitutes), utensils
& methods, refer to the Glossary, page 468.

This recipe was developed in the restaurants of Veracruz in the 1950s and is now a classic of the Gulf states. A whole snapper is cooked with a delicious covering of succulent red and green peppers, green olives, capers, bay leaves, thyme and dried oregano, and topped with flaked almonds. It makes a perfect dish for the family or a dinner party.

Method

Pound garlic and salt in a mortar and pestle until mixture forms a paste; stir in olive oil. Pat fish dry with kitchen paper towel and place onto a tray. Brush the fish, inside and out, with garlic paste. Season with salt and pepper, and drizzle with a little lime juice.

Heat extra oil in a large, wide and deep frying pan (or flameproof baking dish) that will fit the whole fish. Add onion and peppers and cook, stirring, until soft. Stir in extra garlic and cook over medium heat for 1-2 minutes or until aromatic. Add tomatoes, olives, capers, chilli (if using) and herbs; cook, uncovered, for 5-10 minutes or until pan is almost dry.

Place fish in pan and spoon over the pepper mixture. Pour in wine, bring to the boil then cover (use foil if using a baking dish) and cook over low heat for 8-10 minutes or until fish is cooked (test by inserting a knife behind the head; when cooked, the knife should easily insert into the flesh). Season to taste with salt, sprinkle with almonds and serve with white rice.

Note – This recipe will work just as well with the backbone still in place, but, ideally, remove the backbone from the snapper (butterfied) or ask your fish supplier to remove it for you.

As the fish is covered with a lid or foil, it does not need turning during cooking.



Opportunities under the recent reform in Mexico and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) between Australia and its Latin American partners

Key note speaker:

**Mr Alberto Calderon - CEO
Orica**

PwC, ProMexico, ALABC and the State Government of Victoria invite you to join us on 4 April 2016 for a discussion on the opportunities under both the recent reform in Mexico and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) between Australia and its Latin American counterparts.

We are delighted to have Mr Alberto Calderon sharing his valuable insights resulting from a long history in the region, principally through his role as CEO of Orica.

PwC will highlight the opportunities under the TPP for Australian companies with interest in the region.

ProMexico will outline the opportunities in Mexico's growing mining sector and under its largely untapped oil and natural gas reserves now open to foreign investors.

Jose Blanco (Blanco Partners') will highlight the opportunities in the infrastructure market in Mexico, Chile and Peru.

For further details and to register your attendance please contact Nicolas Soza on 03 8603 4280 / email: nicolas.a.sosa@au.pwc.com

We are looking forward to seeing you there,

PwC
ProMexico
ALABC
State Government of Victoria

Date

Monday 4 April 2016

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by Friday 1 April 2016

Time

10.30am start. Light lunch will be served at 12.00pm

Location

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