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AMB. MAURICIO TOUSSAINT COMPLETES HIS TERM AS CONSUL GENERAL IN TORONTO

On April 26, the Senate of the Mexican Republic ratified the appointment conferred upon me by President Enrique Peña Nieto as Consul General in San José, California, which means that my term as Mexico's consular representative for the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba will come to an end on June 15, 2016.

After six years in this office, I can now confirm that Mexico has developed a very strong presence in the city of Toronto and in general in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba. Examples of this presence are the considerable activity in the cultural sphere and the strong economic relationship that our country has maintained with this region. Ontario is responsible for 75% of trade between Mexico and Canada.

and proud of its roots, which has integrated naturally into various areas of Canadian society.

In the agricultural sector, with the 10,000 Mexican workers who come to Ontario as part of the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP), for eight months each year a significant number of Mexican men and women contribute to soil preparation, cultivation, care and harvesting of the produce of Canadian farms.

All these efforts would not be possible without the dedication, interest and enthusiasm of the whole Mexican community, along with the support of the Canadian authorities at every level.

As I bid you farewell, I wish you all the best of success in your future projects and health and happiness for your families.

Sincerely, Amb. Mauricio Toussaint

Over these past six years, the Mexican community has distinguished itself as a community that is active, enterprising, diverse

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THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF SAWP WORKERS

In our bulletin for the month of May we welcomed our fellow Mexicans participating in the Mexico-Canada Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP). In this issue we will address the issue of their Rights and Obligations in the context of the SAWP.

Before leaving Mexico, all workers complete a course on this important topic, delivered by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SRE, for its initials in Spanish) and the Secretariat of Labour and Social Welfare (STPS). This course places an emphasis on respect for Canadian laws, as well as adherence to rules of interaction, hygiene and discipline in the workplace.

In addition, over the course of the agricultural season the Consulate of Mexico in Toronto implements a schedule of preventive visits to the farms in the Program to address workers' concerns related to their wages, work duties, living conditions, etc., and to provide guidance about their rights and obligations as workers.

Among other benefits, Mexican workers

in the SAWP have the right to:

-A wage no lower than the minimum wage in the province where they are working (\$11.25 in Ontario and \$11.00 in Manitoba);

-Registration in Ontario's Health Insurance Program (OHIP) or in the Manitoba Health Card program, as applicable;

-Registration in the workplace accident insurance program in Ontario (WSIB) or Manitoba (WCB), as applicable;

-Free accommodation with suitable living conditions.

Moreover, workers are covered by a private medical insurance plan for non-work-related accidents and to purchase medications.

The obligations by which SAWP workers are bound include the following:

-Work and reside in their place of work;
-Carry out the tasks assigned to them by their employer;



-Obey and adhere to the rules established by their employer related to safety, discipline, and property care and maintenance;

-Keep their housing clean and in the same condition in which they found it.

We at the Consulate General of Mexico in Toronto always strive to ensure that SAWP workers' rights are respected, with special attention to our role as a liaison with Canadian employers, thereby contributing to the successful operation of the Program in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba.

PRESENTATION OF MEXICAN DOCUMENTARIES AT HOT DOCS

The Hot Docs International Documentary Film Festival, which took place in Toronto from April 28 to May 8, featured four exceptional Mexican documentaries: *The Man Who Saw Too Much* (Trisha Ziff), *La laguna* (Aaron Schock), *Absences* (Tatiana Huezo) and *The Dive* (Esteban Arangoiz).



ble Mention for the Best Mid Length Documentary Award

Trisha Ziff, the British-Mexican director of the documentary *The Man Who Saw Too Much* was present for the screenings of her documentary, which was well received by the audience.

The Mexico-US production *La laguna*, directed by Aaron Schock, received Honoura-

This year's festival was attended by approximately 211,000 people, with 232 documentaries screened in 15 film theatres around Toronto, and with the presence of 310 film directors, producers, distributors and critics from Canada and elsewhere.

MEXICO BUSINESS CLUB PROJECT

The Mexico-Canada Alliance of Commerce, in coordination with the ProMéxico office in Toronto and the Ontario chapter of the TEC de Monterrey alumni association (EXATEC Ontario), presented the "Mexico Business Club" project on May 18.



The aim of this project is to bring together the Mexican entrepreneurial and professional community and to share experiences and contacts in order to help grow the Mexican entrepreneurial community in Ontario. Admission to the Mexico Business Club is free of charge.

around 25 owners of small businesses in the sectors of processed foods, grocery stores and supermarket product distribution, information technologies, professional and consulting services and audiovisual production.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.mex-can.com/contact-us.html>

Attending the event were

SERVICES FOR FOREIGNERS

TRAVELING TO MEXICO

Canadian nationals and permanent residents of Canada do not require a visa to enter Mexico, with the exception of Canadian citizens carrying **diplomatic or official passports**.



For more information and requirements please visit: www.consulmex2.sre.gob.mx/toronto

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NEW ELECTRONIC MULTIPLE MIGRATORY FORM FOR AIR TRAVEL (FMME AÉREA)

Learn about the new **Electronic Multiple Migratory Form for Air Travel (FMME Aérea)** which facilitates and expedites the registration of your entry to Mexico.

To obtain this form, you must:

1. Go to the following link: <https://www.inm.gob.mx/fmme/publico/solicitud.html>
2. Fill out the application from any electronic device connected to the Internet.
3. Print the Multiple Migratory Form and keep it with you to be validated at the airport, where the immigration authorities must stamp it.

Once the form has been printed, it will be valid for 30 days and allow foreign visitors to remain in Mexico (without engaging in paid activities) for up to 180 days.

The traditional way of obtaining the FMM at ports of entry is still in force. The *FMME Aérea* is an additional option to the traditional practice, and will facilitate the process by enabling the user to fill out the form in advance, from any country.

It is very important to keep the stamped portion of the FMM that corresponds to the record of entry, as this is proof of your legal entry into Mexico and will be required when you leave the country.

For further information: <http://www.gob.mx/inm/articulos/fmm-electronica-aerea?es-MX>

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PLÁCIDO DOMINGO'S OPERALIA THE WORLD OPERA COMPETITION

OPERALIA was founded by Plácido Domingo to discover and honor the best new young opera singers of today.

Guadalajara, Mexico
July 19th to 24th. 2016

[Click here](#) to find the 40 outstanding singers who will compete in Guadalajara 2016

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For Mexican passports, birth certificates and powers of attorney, appointments must be requested through MEXITEL at: https://citas.sre.gob.mx/mexitel_web/ or by calling:

1877 MEXITEL
(1-877-639 4835).

For any other service, please request an appointment by writing to citas@consulmex.com or by calling: (416)368-2875 ext. 236

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- Presidency of Mexico: presidencia.gob.mx
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: sre.gob.mx
- Mexican Embassy in Canada: embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/
- ProMexico: promexico.gob.mx
- Mexico Tourism Board: visitmexico.com
- Mexican National Council for Culture and the Arts: conaculta.gob.mx; ecultura.gob.mx
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico: cancham.mx
- Mexico-Canada: <http://mex-can.sre.gob.mx/>
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