

# Launch of the 2016 Friendly Cultures Fair

**O**n Thursday 11 February at the Old City Hall, Mexico City Mayor, Mr. Miguel Angel Mancera, presided over the launch of the 2016 Friendly Cultures Fair, to be held from May 21 to 5 June 2016, in the Zocalo.

He was accompanied by Mr. Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solorzano, Coordinator General of International Affairs; Mr. Eduardo Vazquez Martin, Minister of Culture; Ms. Dhyana Quintanar Solares, Coordinator General of the Public Space Authority; and Mr. Clément Leclerc, Minister Counselor of the Embassy of France in Mexico; with the attendance of more than 70 diplomatic representatives in our country.

During the event, it was announced that France will be the guest country, as part of the commemoration of the 190 anniversary of the es-



tablishment of diplomatic relations with Mexico. Furthermore, the Mayor highlighted our capital's important collaboration in cultural and climate issues with France and Paris.

Finally, Mr. Mancera announced the first Open Call for the Conceptu-

al Project of the FCA 2016 Architectural Intervention, as well the first Best Stand Competition, which aim to promote the innovation, sustainability, and efficiency of the eighth edition of Mexico City's multicultural festival.

## Mexico City Mayor meets with 7 generations of scholars of the VTP Program

On Thursday 4 February, Mr. Miguel Angel Mancera, Mayor of Mexico City, accompanied by Mr. Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solorzano, Coordinator General of International Affairs; Mr. José Ramón Amieva, Minister of Social Development; Ms. Alejandra Barrales, Minister of Education; and Mr. Chun Beeho, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Mexico, met at the Old City

Hall, with the seven generations of scholarship winners of the Vocational Training Program (VTP), sponsored by the Seoul Metropolitan Government.

During the event, in which the study certificates of the 2015 scholars who concluded satisfactorily their technical careers in Seoul said year were delivered, the Mayor highlighted Mexico City's international cooperation efforts in favor of the education and social development of its inhabitants, and announced that our capital will seek to redouble efforts to promote bilateral education exchange with the Seoul Metropolitan Government and South Korea.



### MAYOR MANCERA NAMES HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS "DISTINGUISHED GUEST OF MEXICO CITY"

On Saturday 13 February, at the esplanade of the Zocalo, Mexico City Mayor, Mr. Miguel Ángel Mancera, named His Holiness Pope Francis "Distinguished Guest", and have him the Key to the City, as part of his visit to Mexico, thus strengthening the diplomatic relations between The Vatican and our capital.

### MAYOR MANCERA NAMES JAPANESE ARTIST YOKO ONO "DISTINGUISHED VISITOR OF MEXICO CITY"

On Wednesday 3 February, at the Old City Hall, our Mayor, Mr. Miguel Ángel Mancera, named Japanese artist Yoko Ono "Distinguished Visitor of Mexico City", in recognition for her activism in favor of world peace, during her visit to our capital and the opening of the exhibition Land of Hope, in the Memory and Tolerance Museum.