

Launch of the 2017 International Friendly Cultures Fair

On December 7, 2016, at the School of Medicine Palace, the Mayor of Mexico City, Mr. Miguel Ángel Mancera, launched the International Friendly Cultures Fair (FICA per its initials in Spanish) 2017, accompanied by Mr. Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, Coordinator General of International Affairs; Mr. José Mariano Leyva Pérez Gay, Director-General of the Historic Center Trust; Mrs. Nuria Sanz, Director and Representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Mexico; Mr. Irie Gaetan Foua Bi, First Counselor of the Embassy of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) to Mexico; and Mr. Kenji López, Director of Specialized International Organizations of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas highlighted the multicultural vocation of Mexico City by offering 225 artistic and cultural activities originating from the five continents in the eighth edition of the Fair, held from May 21 to June 5, 2016 in the Zócalo Capitalino. For his part, Mayor Mancera announced that FICA 2017 will take place by the end of May and will have Ivory Coast as the Special Guest Country, which with a varied and original cultural program, will contribute to enrich the activities of the Fair.

The FICA 2017 program will have as main theme 'Cultural Diversity', and in collaboration with the UNESCO Office in Mexico, the contents of the Fair will be developed, based on the criteria of the UNESCO Convention on the



Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions 2005.

He also informed that the 1st Cultural Diversity Short Film Festival 'CDMX: Place where cultures dialogue', directed toward young filmmakers, will be launched on January 16, 2017, with the aim of exposing the plurality of approaches regarding the manifestation of this concept in the city.

As part of the innovations of the Fair, two main venues will be installed: first, the Zócalo of Mexico City, where the 'Pavilion of Cultural Diversity', the 'Mexico City Pavilion' and the

Artistic Forum will be installed; and second, the Santo Domingo Square, for locating a 'Pavilion of Gastronomy'. Both public squares will be connected by means of the Republic of Brazil Corridor, in order to encourage the free transit of the visitors and the use of the public space.

Finally, the winner of the Second Open Call for the Conceptual Project of the Architectural Intervention of FICA was announced. Colectivo del Uno's project was the one that the jury found most complete for its architectural and functional qualities.

First Korean Festival in Mexico City's Zona Rosa

On December 3 & 4, the 1st Korea Festival in the Mexico City took place in the 'Zona Rosa', organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Mexico, with the support of the Mexico City Government. The various artistic and cultural activities were attended by a total of 10 thousand people. Among the activities offered in the main stage were taekwondo, dance with masks and fans, traditional Samulnori

music, K-POP singing and dancing, and traditional games competitions; in addition to other activities - related to traditional Korean art, gastronomy and technological articles distributed in 18 stands, in the streets of Génova and Hamburgo. The festival sought to bring the citizens closer to Korean culture, as well as reaffirm the ties of friendship and cooperation between South Korea and Mexico City.



CDMX SUBSCRIBES PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH MOSCOW

On December 15, the Mayor of Mexico City, Mr. Miguel Ángel Mancera, met in the Old City Hall, with Mr. Sergey Cheremin, Minister of Government and Head of the Department of International and Economic Relations of Moscow, with the objective of subscribing the Program of Cooperation between Mexico City

and the city of Moscow (2017-2019) in matters of culture and cultural heritage, as well as to exchange knowledge on the conservation of the same from a development perspective urban.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, Coordinator General of International Affairs; Mr. Salomón

Chertorisvki Woldenberg, Minister of Economic Development; Mr. Jesús González Schmal, General Coordinator of the Historic Center Authority; among other members of the Extended Cabinet and a delegation from the International Relations area of the Government of Moscow.