

The exhibition 'Our Life, Our Design' was opened within the framework of FICA 2018

With the objective of strengthen ties of friendship and cooperation between Mexico City and the People's Republic of China, the opening of 'Our Life, Our Design. Experimental exhibition of Chinese design, culture and lifestyle' took place on May 17th at the Mexico City Museum, as part of the extended program of the International Friendly Cultures Fair (FICA per its initials in Spanish) 2018.

The opening was led by the Mayor of Mexico City, with the presence of the Charge d'Affaires of the People's Republic of China Embassy, Mr. Lin Ji, and the Design Week Beijing Director, Mr. Wnag Yudong; Professor of China's Fine Arts Academy and Curator of the exposition, Mr. Xu Ping; the President of the Beijing's Contemporary Art Foundation, Ms. Cui Qiao, among others special guests.

Within this framework, on May 18th representatives from these Chinese Cultural Institutions, as well as representatives from Design Week Mexico, the Ibero American University Design Department, and the UNAM Research Center on Industrial Design participated in three Round Tables about Design, which were titled: 'Respect for nature - different delight on the Chinese and Western Creative Thoughts'; 'Harmony space - Life and design'; and 'Ephemeral platforms as cultural and for dialogue meetings'.

'Our Life, Our Design' gathers 114 pieces of Chinese contemporary design: elements from architecture, clothing (textiles and jewelry), utensils and creative products. The exhibition will be open to the public until July 27th.



The winners of the 3rd Edition of the International Award UCLG-Mexico City-Culture21 were announced

Within the framework of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Executive Bureau meeting, which was held on May 25th in Strasbourg, France, the Minister of Culture of Mexico City presented the results of the 3rd Edition of the International Award UCLG-Mexico City-Culture21. The winners were:

Cities or Local/Regional Governments:

- 'The sustainable city: The Lyon Cultural Cooperation Letter' - Lyon, France. This is a program that promotes actions, projects and services related to culture and the city's sustainable development.
- 'Local culture governance: Artist Roundtable' - Seongbuk, distrit of Seoul, South Korea. This is a network that works jointly for the coexistence and cooperation related to the local culture; it also organizes local festivals, manages cultural venues and supports the artistic and cultural community of the city.

Personalities:

- Basma El Husseiny. Cultural manager and activist. Currently she leads the organization 'Action for Hope', based in Beirut, which seeks to promote cultural programs for communities in crisis. She has a broad career as cultural promoter in the Arab region and an expert in cultural governance for UNESCO.
- Patrice Meyer-Bisch: PhD in Philosophy and cultural rights promoter. He currently leads the Observatory on Diversity and Cultural Rights, based on Switzerland, as well as the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Democracy, at the Freiburg University. He stands out for his academy career in topics such as cultural rights and diversity, fundamental for sustainable development.

The awards will be presented on October 18th-20th in Mexico City, within the framework of the International Seminar 'Cultural Rights in the City'.

THE UCLG EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEETING TAKES PLACE IN STRASBOURG, FRANCE

From May 23h-26th, representatives from the Executive Bureau of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) met in Strasbourg, France. This edition, co-organized with UN-Habitat, had as main topic 'Inclusive and Safe Cities: Key for Sustainable Development', with the purpose of generating dialogue spaces between governments of all levels.

Mexico City was part of this meeting in which highlighted the role of urban transport in the cities' development and its contribution to the Sustainable Development Objective related to sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11), as well as the right to the city, among other topics.

THE NEXT METROPOLIS ANNUAL MEETING IN GAUTENG IN THE MAKING

On May 18th, in Johannesburg, South Africa, the Metropolis Secretariat General held a meeting with the representatives of the Gauteng provisional government, since the city will host their next annual meeting under the theme 'Inclusive Metropolitan Cities and City-Regions'.

Along with the Metropolis Regional Secretariats, they defined the general activities and content related with topics such as social and economic inclusion, environment and governance.

Mexico City hosts the Regional Secretariat for North America in Metropolis.