

Beijing and Mexico City strengthen twinning and cooperation ties



On June 12th the Vice Mayor Beijing, Mr. Wang Ning, visited Mexico City along with an important delegation of officials and members of the cultural industry of the Chinese capital, and with the aim of endorsing the twinning ties that bind both capitals since 2009.

In this context, the Vice Mayor of Beijing held a meeting with the Mayor of Mexico City, in the Old Palace of the City, occasion in which both leaders explored new opportunities for bilateral cooperation in trade, education, culture and tourism, mainly; and the signing of a Memorandum of Friendship and Cooperation between the Directors of Beijing Design Week and Design Week Mexico took place, based on which these organizations will promote joint collaboration on Design.

Also, the delegation headed by Mr. Ning,

attended the Opening Ceremony of the 'Cultural and Creative Week of Beijing: Experimental exhibition of design, culture and lifestyle of China', celebrated in the Mexico City Museum until June 16th. This event was part of the extended and main program of the International Friendly Cultures Fair (FICA per its initials in Spanish) 2018, in which the People's Republic of China and Beijing were the Country and City Special Guests, respectively.

The 'Cultural and Creative Week of Beijing' provided a space to address the theme of Design with representatives of various cultural and creative industries; offer artistic functions, calligraphy, Chinese crafts; as well as presenting the exhibition 'Experimental exhibition of design, culture and lifestyle of China', which was inaugurated on May 17th and will remain open until August 12th in the Mexico City Museum.



Mexico City shares its experience as World Design Capital with Lille, France

On June 4th, the Mayor of Lille, Mrs. Martine Aubry, met with the Mayor of Mexico City to explore opportunities for cultural collaboration within the framework of the project 'Lille 3000', which aims to promote the city of Lille as the 'European Capital of Culture', through presentations and international cultural exhibitions that position the city as a cultural and touristic reference globally.

The City of Lille was appointed as World Design Capital 2020, and it became the first in France and the third in Europe to obtain this designation, which is held by Mexico City this year. For this reason, both Mayors addressed issues related to Design, considered as a source of effective solutions to improve the quality of life of its inhabitants.

MEXICO CITY PARTICIPATES IN THE XII ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK

From June 12th to 15th, the XII Annual Meeting of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in Krakow and Katowice, Poland, in which the Mexico City Government participated, through the Laboratory for the City, took place, and aspects such as the generation of dialogue spaces on urban challenges and how they can be faced by means of creative cooperation, the exchange of

ideas and resources.

Within this framework, the members of the Network, of which Mexico City is a member since October 2017, signed a Joint Declaration to reaffirm their commitment to the mission and strategic actions they share, integrating the variables of culture and creativity to their public policies, initiatives and urban projects.

MEXICO CITY JOINS THE SECOND MEETING OF SHERPAS URBAN 20, IN NEW YORK, USA

On June 4th and 5th the Second Meeting of Urban 20 (U20) was held in New York City, with the participation of 25 cities - including Mexico City - as well as various partners from networks of cities and international organizations: the C40 Climate Leadership Group, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), UN-Habitat, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), among others.

The purpose of the Sherpa Meetings of U20, where Mexico City participates through the Coordination General of International Affairs (CGAI), is to formulate a document of recommendations that will be presented next October at the Mayors' Summit U20, In Buenos Aires, Argentina, towards the G20 Summit.