

# Mexico City Mayor announces the seventh edition of the Friendly Cultures Fair

On Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2015 at the Old City Hall, the Mayor of Mexico City, Mr. Miguel Ángel Mancera, accompanied by the Coordinator General of International Affairs, Mr. Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, by the Minister of Tourism, Mr. Miguel Torruco Marqués, and by the Coordinator General of the Public Space Authority, Ms. Dhyana Quintanar Solares, led the launching ceremony of the Friendly Cultures Fair.

During the event, the Mayor announced that the Fair's seventh edition will be held from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of May in the Zocalo's central square. It was also made known that starting this year, the Fair will feature a special guest country, the first of which will be the United Kingdom in order to mark the Dual Year Mexico - United Kingdom 2015, an initiative to commemorate the nearly 190 years since

the establishment of diplomatic relations between both countries. By joining this celebration, Mexico City seeks to boost educational and cultural cooperation ties with the British government.

It was also announced that from May 11<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Open Gallery of Chapultepec will host a photo exhibition with the highlights of the Friendly Cultures Fair 2014.



# Mayor inaugurates the “Arab-Mexican Friendship” photo exhibition in Mexico City



On Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> of 2015 at the Open Gallery of Chapultepec, the Mayor of Mexico City, Mr. Miguel Ángel Mancera, inaugurated the “Arab-Mexican Friendship” photo exhibition, which shows the history, civilization, culture and daily life of the Arab citizen, in order to strengthen their friendship with the Mexican people.

The exhibition, which will be available until April 25<sup>th</sup>, consists of over 100 photographs that evoke the historical legacy of 12 countries of the Arab League, with whom Mexico maintains diplomatic, cultural and commercial relations: Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Qatar.

## • SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE AL-LAS PROJECT LEARNING WORKSHOP

From the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of March in Montevideo, Uruguay, the workshop entitled “Global impact of cities” was a joint reflection on the visibility and impact of cities and local governments in global debates on development, with particular emphasis on sustainability, inclusion, culture and citizenship-building issues. It also allowed the partners and project collaborators to exchange experiences on multi-stakeholder consultation processes and awareness campaigns being carried out simultaneously, since the second half of 2014.

## • MEXICO CITY HOSTS THE KNOWLEDGE FAIR ACCIONU

On March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, as part of the celebrations for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations, UN Mexico, in collaboration with the Government of Mexico City and the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, carried out on Avenida Paseo de la Reforma, a knowledge fair entitled AcciONU, in order to show attendees UN Mexico's work to promote greater inclusion and equity.