

President Calderón Urges Mexicans to Support Haiti

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 | Presidency



Mexico City.- President Felipe Calderón urged Mexico to help Haiti at this moment when it requires everyone's support and brotherhood to deal with its grief and cope with the emergency in the wake of yesterday's earthquake.

"I know that the people of Mexico will respond to this call from our Haitian brothers with the same generosity, spirit of solidarity and brotherhood we have always shown with this sort of tragedy."

"Once again, I urge all Mexicans to contribute canned food, drinking water, medicine and other useful items for these tragedies, through the Mexican Red Cross and federal offices: the Secretaries of the Interior, Social Development and Health and the Integral Family Development System, DIF, at the federal and state level," he urged.

At the Manuel Ávila Camacho Hall of the official Los Pinos Residence, the Federal Executive reported that three Mexican Armed Forces planes will set off today, carrying between 15 and 20 tons of food, as well as doctors, rescue workers, engineers, and Civil Protection technicians and personnel.

The President added that the Mexican Navy will send the Huasteco Hospital boat, which will transport medical personnel and another 50 tons of foods, followed by the Papaloapan next week. He explained that the immediate objectives of this mission traveling to Haiti are: the search and recovery of survivors, providing medical assistance to the wounded and undertaking an analysis of the damage and a diagnosis of what requires special attention.

"Today, Mexico is present, in solidarity with Haiti, and we will make every effort to help the Haitian people. I ask you this on behalf of Federal Government and I am convinced that that the people of Mexico will respond with its characteristic brotherhood and solidarity," he declared.

Before setting off on his tour of the state of Michoacán, President Calderón said that in order to coordinate international aid to the Caribbean, he has been in contact by telephone with international leaders, such as US President Barack Obama and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. "This is crucial, since Haitian social and political structures have collapsed in addition to the country's physical infrastructure, which has also been devastated. International coordination is essential to ensure that efforts to provide support are not dispersed," he explained.

Federal Government Working to Make Mexico Suitable for World Investment: FCH

Thursday, January 14, 2010 | Office of the Presidency

- States that Mexico is a productive partner that collaborates with manufacturing firms
- Declares that the authorities are seeking lasting solutions to the economic crisis beyond political interests



San Juan del Río, Querétaro. During the inauguration of the Second Mitsubishi Electric Mexico Plant, President Felipe Calderón said that this investment is a clear sign of the confidence firms worldwide have in Mexico's growth potential.

"Let us work to make Mexico a suitable country for the world's investment," he said.

He explained that Mexico has what is needed to be the best investment destination, mainly in the manufacturing area.

"And I would like to inform Mitsubishi Electric and all the divisions in this great firm that Mexico is determined to be a productive, collaborative partner with manufacturing firms from all over the world," he said.

On tour in the state of Querétaro, in San Juan del Río, the Mexican president said that the course the country and Mexicans have charted will ensure economic recovery, which is why his government will make the right decisions and work responsibly to meet the country's economic challenges.

"We will do it as we have done to date, by working ceaselessly to find responsible, lasting solutions beyond the short-term political interests that so concern others," he explained.

Accompanied by state governor José Eduardo Calzada Rovirosa, and Gerardo Ruiz Mateos, Economy Secretary, and Bruno Ferrari García de Alba, Director General of PROMÉXICO, the President declared that since one of his government's main concerns is job creation, efforts will focus on the consolidation of economic recovery and therefore generate the work required by Mexicans.

"It obviously has not been easy, it has obviously involved everyone's efforts and sacrifice and complex measures by government that undoubtedly entail efforts for citizens and families but enable us to stay Mexico's course to development and prosperity.

Because it is only with stability and financial solidity that Mexico will be able to guarantee investment for those that wish to produce and create jobs. Because it is only through the country's responsible administration that Mexico will be able to grow and create the jobs our people need," he said.

President Calderón told directors of the Mitsubishi firm that over 110 million pesos were invested in this new plant and that 300 direct and approximately 900 indirect jobs were created.

SSP Captures Eduardo Teodoro García Simental, alias "El Teo"

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 | Public Security Secretariat

- Identified as leader of Tijuana Cartel until 2007 and currently linked to Sinaloa Cartel.



Mexico City.- The Public Security Secretariat informs that as a result of processing information through the Intelligence Center, earlier today, Federal Police arrested Eduardo Teodoro García Simental, alias "El Teo" with the collaboration of the Mexican Army, as well as the Navy Secretariat, the Attorney General's Office and the Government of Baja California.

García Simental was one of the Mexican and the U.S. governments' most wanted men, for whom a 30 million peso reward had been offered for those providing information that would lead to his capture. This arrest also involved the collaboration and exchange of information with the DEA. For over five months, Federal Police undertook intelligence work to locate "El Teo" in the vicinity of the Las Flores neighborhood in La Paz, Baja California Sur, where he relaxed, after carrying out his operations in Tijuana.

In April 2008, "El Teo" broke off relations with Luis Fernando Sánchez Arellano, alias El Ingeniero, current leader of the Arellano Félix criminal organization and took over his drug trafficking structure in the state of Baja California. In 2008, over 300 executions were attributed to El Teo as a result of his confrontations with Sánchez Arellano. He used methods such decapitation, incineration and mutilation, with the collaboration of Santiago Meza López, alias "El Pozolero," who admitted having dissolved at least 300 bodies in acid.

Also in "El Teo's" group was José Filiberto Parra Ramos, alias "La Perra," arrested on June 10, 2009. To finance his operating structure, "El Teo" kidnapped businessmen and tradesmen in his main operating zones such as Ensenada, Rosarito, Tijuana and Tecate, in Baja California. This group is associated with most of the associations of municipal, federal and state agents as well as civil servants. It has also been linked to the death of three federal police in Tijuana, Baja California and Rogelio Sánchez Jiménez, a state government employee who was found tortured and hanging from a pedestrian bridge in Tijuana, Baja California on October 8, 2009.

That same month, death threats from Teodoro García Simental against State Attorney General Rommel Moreno Manjarez and Public Security Secretary in Tijuana, Julián Leyzaola Pérez began to increase. Teodoro García Simental was a member of the structure that included Efraín Perez Pasuengo, alias "El Efra," Jorge Aureliano Félix, alias El Macumba and Marco Antonio García Simental, alias "El Cris."

After these three individuals were arrested in 2004, "El Teo" took over, increasing his operating capacity for transporting drugs from Baja California to the United States. Also arrested during the operation was thirty-three year old Diego Raymundo Guerrero Gómez, from Ensenada, Baja California. The intelligence operation provided an operating advantage for their arrest. The arrestees and their weapons were handed over to the State Prosecutor's Office. This action confirms Federal Government's Commitment to combating organized crime and the Federal Police's mission to protect and serve the community.

THE MEXICAN FOREIGN SERVICE PAYS HOMAGE TO AMBASSADOR CARLOS RICO FERRAT

Monday, January 11, 2010 | Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mexico City.- The Foreign Ministry paid homage today to Ambassador Carlos Rico Ferrat, who died on January 4 in Houston, Texas, while heading a research project on the Mexico-U.S. border.

Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa presided over the ceremony, which was held in the Foreign Ministry's José María Morelos y Pavón auditorium and attended by the ambassador's family, friends and members of the Mexican Foreign Service and the diplomatic corps accredited in Mexico.

The homage was well-deserved recognition for Ambassador Rico's work, commitment, professionalism and his humane nature. The Foreign Ministry again extends its most sincere condolences to the ambassador's family and friends for this great loss.



We Are Not Standing Idly by in the Fight against Crime: FCH

Friday, January 8, 2010 | Office of the Presidency

- Stresses that the actions carried out by his government are designed to restore safety in the streets of Mexico
- Urges society to strength the country, because in the past, the lack of union destroyed us
- Leads 21st Meeting of Mexican Ambassadors and Consuls; instructs them to promote Mexico as strategic destination for investment.



Mexico City.- President Felipe Calderón stressed that the battle his administration has waged against crime and organized crime is designed to preserve the security and tranquility of citizens.

He also pointed out that it should not be assumed that this problem will be solved by standing idly be, as some people hope. “This is a serious problem in which the President will take the lead and will involve heavy costs in terms of time, because it cannot to solved in the short term; and money, which is why we have virtually doubled the budget for the country’s security and unfortunately, human lives,” he said.

At the 21st Meeting of Mexican Ambassadors and Consuls, the President instructed members of the Mexican Foreign Service to speak well of Mexico in order to dispel the mistaken image those abroad have of the country. “I know that events have attracted the media's attention, creating distorted or mistaken perceptions about the scope of the problem we have, but it is crucial to gauge its true dimension.”

“In short, one can dissent or criticize but one can also speak well of Mexico and we must speak well of Mexico. This is true for any Mexican, particularly for those of us in public positions and particularly for those in the foreign office,” he said. Accompanied by members of his cabinet, President Calderón stressed that in 2010, Mexico needs public figures to act with unity of purpose and action, overcoming ideological differences, since Mexicans have the obligation to reflect and contribute to the country's political, social and economic strength.



“In this year of the Bicentennial, I think that Mexicans must draw some lessons from the nation's history. A key one is that the lack of unity destroyed us in the past, and curbed the country’s progress,” he said. Addressing nearly a hundred ambassadors and consuls, the President declared that it is also important for people to know about the real situation in Mexico regarding human rights, where the main challenge is the construction of an effective Rule of Law.

He regretted the fact that there are Mexicans who speak badly of the country and regarded it as important to understand that there is a national interest above any particular interest. “The main attacks on life, patrimony, freedom and human rights do not come from Government but rather from organized crime. There are states in the country where they say: There is violence here because Federal Government intervended; there are states in the country that request the intervention of the Federal Forces and then say: No. there is violence here because Government intervended. That is not true. Federal government intervienes when there is violence, not the other way around,” he explained.

President Felipe Calderón also paid tribute to Ambassador Carlos Rico Ferrat, who died on Monday and was an exceptional diplomat and academic who dedicated his life to serving Mexico.

We are on the path to economic recovery: FCH

Monday, January 11, 2010 | Office of the Presidency

- [States that his government has made a record investment in infrastructure](#)
- [Inaugurates Anzaldúas International Bridge in Reynosa](#)
- [Mexico and US designed to complement each other, he declares](#)



Reynosa, Tamaulipas. President Felipe Calderón declared that with a record investment in infrastructure of 630 billion pesos in 2010, Mexico is on the path to economic recovery in this Year of the Bicentennial and Centennial of the Revolution.

“We are on the right track for making 2010 the year of recovery. We will continue taking the necessary measures to shore up growth and boost the competitiveness of the Mexican economy,” he declared. On tour in the state of Tamaulipas, the President added that the resources assigned to this sector account for 5% of the Gross Domestic Product,

even during the year of economic crisis.

“And despite the difficult times we experienced in the international environment, investment in the country's infrastructure in 2010 will be 630 billion pesos, the highest figure ever for infrastructure in Mexico,” he declared. He added that despite the severity of the crisis in this region, and the rest of the world, including the United States, Mexico's competitiveness has increased in relation to that of other nations. “In the last seven months of 2009 alone, Mexico increased its share of the U.S. import market by 10%, in other words, it grew in relation to other countries that export to the United States such as China and Canada,” he explained.

Accompanied by state governor, Eugenio Hernández Flores, as well as Secretaries of Foreign Affairs, Patricia Espinosa Cantellano; Communications and Transport, Juan Francisco Molinar Horcasitas and Finance and Public Credit, Ernesto Cordero Arroyo, the Mexican President said that infrastructure is a crucial aspect of growth, particularly now that on both sides of the border there is a cycle of economic recovery that must be reinforced.

“That is why I am delighted to be here to inaugurate the International Reynosa-McAllen Bridge, the Anzaldúas Bridge. And also to be doing so in the Year of the Independence Bicentennial, the Year of the Mexican Revolution Centennial,” he added. Addressing American government officials, President Felipe Calderón stressed the importance of building bridges, since it links towns and boosts the competitiveness of economies. In particular, the Anzaldúas bridge makes it possible strengthen links and economic integration between Mexico and the United States, which have a great opportunity to complement each other.

He hailed the cities of McAllen, Mission, Granjeno and Hidalgo County, as well as the state of Tamaulipas, for completing this project, adding that they will have to work together to continue expanding infrastructure along the border.

“Our economies are almost designed to complement each other. One is a large economy, the largest, in the world, whereas the Mexican one was a small economy, which is no longer that small, and has become one of the largest ones. The U.S. economy is capital intensive, whereas ours is labor intensive,” he explained. Anzaldúas Bridge, said the President, represents an investment of nearly one billion pesos. It was built using a concession scheme and involves building an International Bridget with state of the art technology, which includes five kilometers between Reynosa, Tamaulipas, and Mission, Texas and includes 10 kilometers of entrances.

During the first stage, he said, only light vehicles will cross whereas during the second stage, facilities will be built for haulage transport.



In celebration of Mexico's Bicentennial of Independence and the Centennial of its Revolution, the Mexican Consulate of San Diego and the Museum of Photographic Arts present the series "Mexican Film Classics"



San Diego, CA.- The Museum of Photographic Arts (MoPA), in partnership with the Mexican Consulate of San Diego proudly presents the film series *Mexican Film Classics* at MoPA. On the second Thursday of each month in 2010, MoPA will screen a classic selection of vintage Mexican films, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Mexican Revolution and the 200th anniversary of Mexican Independence.



This new film series was developed to further MoPA's mission to engage the public with culturally relevant and educational film programs. MoPA's Director of Education and Public Programs states: "Mexico's cultural contributions traverse the visual arts, music, literature and more, and you see all of these art forms come through in their cinematic history. This series is a perfect opportunity to explore Mexico's cultural traditions, history, and national psyche through film."

January's film will be screened on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Irwin & Joan Jacobs theater at MoPA.

VIVA MEXICO! (1934)

Produced by Serguei Eisenstein
Directed by Miguel Contreras Torres
Starring Paco Martinez & Sara Garcia
Spanish audio, English subtitles

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¡Que Viva México!

De Serguéi Eisenstein

14 de enero de 2010
7:00 PM

Museo de Artes Fotográficas de San Diego
(Museum of Photographic Arts)
Balboa Park



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in 2010, 7:00 pm
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