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Agenda

Next events

Meeting of Governmental Officials

The Latin America - Asia Pacific Observatory invites to the first Meeting of Government Officials, counting on the participation of Directors and/or high authorities of the Directorates of Asia Pacific of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Ministries of the members of the ALADI, and also on invited experts.

Such Meeting will be held on 14 and 15 April at the Headquarters of the ALADI (Sala Islas Malvinas).

Outstanding activities

Meeting with Ambassador Campbell of Australia

The Coordinator of the Latin America Latina – Asia Pacific Observatory, Dr. Ignacio Bartesaghi, received at the offices of the Observatory the Ambassador of Australia in Buenos Aires, Mr. Noel Campbell, with the Honorary Consul of Australia in Uruguay, Engineer Diego Paysse.

MACC visit

The Coordinator of the Latin America Latina – Asia Pacific Observatory, Dr. Ignacio Bartesaghi, received at the offices of the Observatory a delegation of the Mercosur – ASEAN Chamber (MACC) made up of the President of MACC global, Rodolfo Caffaro, President of MACC Argentina, Piet Verdult, and Academic Coordinator of MACC, Horacio Gustavino.

Visit of JETRO

The Coordinator of the Latin America – Asia Pacific Observatory, Ignacio Bartesaghi, with the Head of the Department of Trade Promotion and Competitiveness Development, Jaime Albuja, and the Expert of the Department of Agreements and Negotiations, Sandra de León, received, at the offices of the ALADI, a delegation of JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization), made up of the Director of Economic Research, Jiyo Tsujimoto, and the Director of the Division of Americas, Kojiro Takeshita. The delegation of JETRO counted on the participation of the Director of the Uruguay-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Raúl R. Palacios.

Journey to Japan

The Coordinator of the Latin America – Asia Pacific Observatory, Dr. Ignacio Bartesaghi, invited by the Embassy of Japan in Montevideo, will participate in the Program “Juntos” (Together), to be held in Japan, on 14 - 22 March, visiting the cities of Tokyo and Nagoya, where he will attend courses about Japanese culture, society and economy, and different commerce chambers; they will visit companies, and will hold meetings with different local authorities.

Fourth Meeting of FELACBEJA

The Coordinator of the Latin America - Asia Pacific Observatory, Dr. Ignacio Bartesaghi, participated as a lecturer in the “IV Encuentro de la FELACBEJA” (Fourth Meeting of FELACBEJA) (former scholarship holders of Japan) held on 8 March at the Kolping Institute. The Coordinator will lecture on the current state of the relations between Latin America and Japan.

[“Regional Meeting on Economic Relations of Latin America and the Caribbean with the ASEAN”](#)

Mr. Jaime Albuja will represent the Latin America - Asia Pacific Observatory of the ALADI, CAF and ECLAC in the “Regional Meeting on the Economic Relations of Latin America and the Caribbean with the ASEAN”, organized by the SELA, to be held on 16 March, at the Headquarters of the Permanent Secretariat of the SELA, Caracas, Venezuela.

Publications

["India y América Latina: relaciones estratégicas en un nuevo contexto económico"](#)

Publication by Dr. Ignacio Bartesaghi called "India y América Latina: relaciones estratégicas en un nuevo contexto económico" (India and Latin America: strategic relations in a new economic context). *(Publication in Spanish)*

[Results of the debate “Exploring options for the productive integration between Latin America and Asia Pacific”](#)

Publication about the results of the debate "Exploring options for the productive integration between Latin America and Asia Pacific", held within the framework of the Academic Forum.

[Results of the 2015 APEC Summit in Manila](#)

Publication of the report containing the results of the Twenty-Third Summit of Economic Leaders of the Asia – Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, held in Manila, Philippines.

News

Outstanding publications

[China y el Caribe: acercamientos, desconfianzas y desafíos](#)

Paper by Dong Jingsheng published by Nueva Sociedad. *(Publication in Spanish)*

[Argentina y China: los actores del comercio sojero y el flujo migratorio](#)

Paper by Eduardo Daniel Oviedo published by Nueva Sociedad. *(Publication in Spanish)*

[Geo-economics with Chinese Characteristics: How China's economic might is reshaping world politics](#)

Publication by *World Economic Forum*.

[Turismo en Japón: resultado y consecuencia de su economía](#)

Publication by Dr. Ernesché Rodríguez Asien, member of the Academic Forum of the Observatory. *(Publication in Spanish)*

Business and academic activities

[International Workshop Bio-Nano convergence network Phase 2](#)

The Colombian Government is organizing the International Workshop Bio-Nano convergence network Phase 2 within the framework of the Latin America – East Asia Cooperation Forum (FEALAC), to be held in Bogotá, from 9 to 10 March 2016.

[Avoiding Governors: Federalism, Democracy, and Poverty Alleviation in Brazil and Argentina](#)

Launch of book co-chaired by the Australian National Center for Latin-American Studies (ANCLAS) and the Australian Center for Federalism (ACF).

The 2nd Latin America Japan Investors Forum

The Second Forum of Latin America – Japan Investors will gather business leaders, institutional investors, consultants, financiers and Government officials of Japan and Latin America during a discussions day of informative panel, technical presentations and 1-1 meetings in order to identify investment opportunities and progress in the processes for establishing business and strengthening the business relations.

ExpoAgro Argentina - Exploration trip

Akrom invites farmers and technology developers to the ExpoAgro in Argentina. We will leave on 4 March, and we will return on 15 March. A great opportunity to visit one of the most important events about the progresses of the farm in the world.

Agreements and negotiations

China-Latin-America Integral Cooperation goes slowly

At the beginning of 2015, the First Ministerial Meeting of the China-CELAC Forum (FCC) was held in Beijing, which not only promoted the relations between China and Latin America and the Caribbean in order to enter a new stage with the parallel development of the integral cooperation and the bilateral relations, but it also marked the full coverage of the integral cooperation mechanisms between China and the developing countries. *(News in Spanish)*

China supersedes the United Kingdom and leads the rewards as the main destination of the Chilean wine

The European volume is more important, notwithstanding, the China grows at a rate of 54% according to Odepa. *(News in Spanish)*

TPP: Government faces the Ad porta doubts of the signature of the agreement of New Zealand

Government is preparing a complete document containing the detailed explanation of the content and assessment of the impact of the TPP on the GDP and the local exports, report to be presented when the debate of the agreement begins at the Congress, within the first half of the year. *(News in Spanish)*

Member countries of the TPP formally sign the Trans Pacific Partnership

The Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) - Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, United States, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. *(News in Spanish)*

Trans-Pacific Partnership signed in Auckland

The Minister of Trade Todd McClay signed the Trans-Pacific Partnership on behalf of New Zealand, in a ceremony in Auckland.

Peru participated as a special guest in business forum in India

On 3 February, Peru participated as a special guest of the region in the event of trade and investments promotion "Invest Karnataka 2016", held in the city of Bangalore, capital of the State of Karnataka, considered the technological capital of India. *(News in Spanish)*

Two thirds of the new cars sold in the country are manufactured in five nations of the Asian region

66% of the new cars sold in Chile last year were manufactured in five Asian countries: South Korea, Japan, China, Thailand and India, according to information of the "Asociación Nacional Automotriz de Chile" (National Automotive Association of Chile) (ANAC). *(News in Spanish)*

Malaysia and Cuba promote trade links

MALAYSIA, 11 February 2016- The Executive Director of the Corporation for the development of foreign trade of Malaysia (MATRADE), Dato Dzul kifli, had a meeting with the Cuban Ambassador in that country, Ibeta Fernández. *(News in Spanish)*

Ambassador of Cuba submits credentials before the ASEAN

INDONESIA, 12 February 2016.- Cuban Ambassador, Nirsia Castro Guevara, submitted Credentials as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary before the ASEAN to Le Luong Minh Secretary-General of this regional organization with Headquarters in Yakarta. *(News in Spanish)*

Rachid Yazami: "Singapore and Chile may be key agents in the development of lithium"

For this leader in electrochemical studies and inventor of the graphite-anodote – in order for batteries to be rechargeable- the scientific capacity of Singapore requires our country to be able to furnish lithium with added value and not only as raw material. The creation of energy based in this element would have several levels, apart from the incorporation of other raw materials that the city-State does not have. *(News in Spanish)*

Results of JETRO's 2015 Survey on Business Conditions of Japanese Firms in Latin America

Between 26 October and 29 November 2015 the Official Organization of Japan for Foreign Trade (JETRO) held its sixteenth poll about operations of Japanese firms business (manufacturers and non-manufacturers) in seven countries of Latin America: Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Brazil.

Donación de cinco carros de Bomberos por la Japan Firefighters Association

Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Óscar Cabello Sarubbi, chaired this morning, in Palacio Benigno López, headquarters of the National Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the act for the delivery of five firefighter vehicles given by the Japan Firefighters Association to the "Cuerpo de Bomberos Voluntarios del Paraguay" (Voluntary Firefighter Brigade) (CBVP). *(News in Spanish)*

Attractive opportunities for the table grapes in Indonesia

With a market of 255 million inhabitants and a Gross Domestic Product (DGP) of US\$ 870 billion, three times higher than that of Chile, Indonesia is liable to be an attractive market for national goods. *(News in Spanish)*

Latin America under TPP: Mexico and Peru seek to promote their exporter sector

President of the Chamber of Chile-Mexico Integration (Cicmex), Bernardo Morelos-Zaragoza, states that "one of the most important benefits the TPP may bring to Mexico is a diversification in its exports, by opening the possibility of increasing trade with the other countries constituting this agreement". *(News in Spanish)*



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