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## Agenda

### Publications

#### ["Fortaleciendo la relación entre la India y América Latina y el Caribe"](#)

New publication of the ECLAC about the relations between Latin America and the Caribbean with India.

#### [Relaciones económicas entre América Latina y el Caribe y China. Oportunidades y desafíos](#)

New publication of the ECLAC about the relations with China and Latin America and the Caribbean.

#### ["The Pacific Alliance and its economic impact on regional trade and investment. Evaluation and perspectives"](#)

Publication of the ECLAC about the Pacific Alliance.

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## News

### Outstanding publications

#### [Los espejos de la historia en el presente de China: reflejos y percepciones](#)

Paper by Manel Ollé, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Publication in Spanish).

#### [En Cont@cto China Nº 102](#)

19 February 2017 marked the 45° anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between Argentina and China. Upon the recognition of the United States to the People's Republic of China (PRC) in 1971, the military Government of General Lanusse in Argentina established contacts with the Chinese Government that ended with the recognition of the PRC and the establishment of the formal diplomatic relations.

#### [El Anuario Asia Pacífico 2017](#)

Publication of the *Centro de Estudios de Asia y África*, number 16

### Academic and Business activities

#### [Mexican Food Companies expect sales at 5 million dollars](#)

Twenty Mexican Companies participate in the Foodex 2017. Twenty food companies participate from 7 to 10 March in the pavilion of ProMéxico in Foodex 2017, the most important fair of the food sector of Asia, to which exhibitors from 78 countries and 77 thousand professional visitors attend. The companies exhibit fresh products such as tomatoes, mango, avocado, a wide variety of frozen fruit, dry fruit, fruits, and canned chili peppers (and preserved), seed cereals such as chia, sesame, amaranth, a wide variety of sweets, chocolates, brown sugar sweeteners, agave syrup, inulin, and agave

sweeteners, honey, sauces, coffee, seeds, avocado oil, as well as beer, rum, tequila, and mescal.

### **Koreans will get to know investment opportunities in Colombia**

The agricultural exportable goods of Colombia, and the benefits of the FTA will be presented by ProColombia to 15 businessmen, and executives of importing companies, and relevant retailers in South Korea. There will be also an exhibition of some natural goods, and products containing ingredients of Colombian origin, and their tasting.

### **Hong Kong: Mexican companies of meats attain more than a hundred business meetings**

In order to export their products to Hong Kong, and the south of China, five Mexican companies of the meat industry carried out strategic mission of business coordinated by ProMéxico.

### **The sector of petroleum and gas of Mexico flows with opportunities**

A radical reform of the Mexican energy sector is creating new business opportunities for the Australian companies, since the petroleum industry and the gas of the country open to the foreign investment for this first time since 1938. The international signatures can now access contracts models of exploration and production, participation in the benefits and service contracts, which previously were out of bounds. The Australian companies were the first ones to benefit from the reforms. The most remarkable is BHP Billiton, which gained the right to develop the field of Trion with Pemex, the State conglomerate of Mexico. Situated in the Gulf of Mexico, the block of Trion is estimated to contain 485 million barrels of reserves of recoverable oil.

### **Argentina and Singapore hold the Second Meeting of Political Consultations in a new stage of the bilateral relation.**

The Second Meeting of Political Consultations with the Republic of Singapore was held in Buenos Aires, in which occasion both Ministries of Foreign Affairs analysed jointly the bilateral agenda, and laid the foundations to progress in their deepening and extension, in a year expected to mark a new stage of the relationship.

### **Republic of China (Taiwan) supports work of Casas de la Cultura y Convivencia (Houses of Culture and Coexistence).**

The Governments of El Salvador, and of the Republic of China (Taiwan) signed a cooperation agreement aiming at strengthening the social and cultural development programs promoted by the Secretary of Citizen Participation, Transparency, and Anti-corruption, by means of the equipping of the “Red de Casas de la Cultura y Convivencia” (Network of Houses of Culture and Coexistence), specifically the houses in 16 municipalities prioritized within the framework of the implementation of the Plan El Salvador Seguro (El Salvador Safe).

### **Japanese professionals carry out volunteering activities in Ecuador.**

During this week eight Japanese volunteers presented their “Official Greeting of mission end”; this group of youngsters is part of an initiative that has been promoted for 25 years by the Governments of Ecuador, and Japan, by means of a Technical Cooperation Agreement, which officially established the collaboration activities between the two countries. The event was held in the facilities of the Ecuadoran Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## **Agreements and negotiations**

### **Officials of the APEC extend commercial benefits of Asia and the Pacific**

High officials of the 21 economies members of APEC, the largest regional economic cooperation group in the world, began to work towards a freer trade of Asia and Pacific that assures the advantages of the globalization and protects the well-being of the people injured in the past. High Officials are convening for the first time in 2017 in Nha Trang, and guided by Viet Nam as President of the APEC. High Officials are developing commercial and economic policies that all the sites of society may embrace and benefit by means of APEC. 3 billion people, half the world trade, and 60 per cent of the world GDP.

### **New platform will promote China-Latin-America cooperation**

Beijing. The Chinese – Latin-American economic and commercial cooperation will gain ground with the next opening of a park in Zhuhai, city in the Chinese southern province of Guangdong, in the second half of this year, according to the local press.

### **Minister of Foreign Affairs received congratulations of the Government of the Republic of China - Taiwan for its accession to the OECD, and its role in the Mercosur**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Eladio Loizaga, received the Ambassador of the Republic of China, Taiwan, Alexander Tah-Rai Yui Yui, who congratulated the national Government for its accession to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and its role within the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR). After the meeting, the Head of the Taiwanese diplomatic mission informed that apart from congratulating the Minister of Foreign Affairs for his participation at the international level when taking part in the meeting of the OECD, that approved unanimously the accession of Paraguay, highlighted the participation of the country within the MERCOSUR.

### **Trade exchange between Peru and India exceeded US\$ 1,700 million in 2016**

Indicators point out that for the first time the trade balance was favorable to Peru with US\$ 127 millions, since what it sold to India reached US\$ 930 millions, and the imports from that country reached US\$ 803 millions. What does this country demand from Peru?

### **Peru will open 12 new markets in Asia and Oceania for agro-export**

Peru will open twelve new markets of Asia and Oceania for agro-export, according to the mission constituted by the experts of the “Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Agraria” (National Service of Agrarian Health) (Senasa) that traveled to Malaysia in order to raise sanitary barriers.

## [Participating countries in the High Level Dialogue commit to integration and free trade in the Asia Pacific region](#)

After two days of intense activities this afternoon the "High Level Dialogue in integration initiatives in Asia Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities" ended, held in Viña del Mar, and aimed at generating a space for exchanging opinions about the initiatives of economic and commercial integration in the Asia Pacific region.

## [The countries of Asia and the Pacific support CSAM in order to progress in the sustainable agriculture for the region](#)

Governmental officials of Asia and the Pacific reaffirmed the importance of promoting the sustainable agriculture in order to fulfil the Program of Sustainable Development of 2030 in Bangkok. The Governing Council of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM), subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), held its twelfth meeting in order to examine the work of the Center, working plan for next year, and to approve a development strategy project for 2017-2019. The twelfth meeting of the Governing Council is the first one held since the 72nd Session of the Commission of the ESCAP in May 2016, in which the member states update the statute of the CSAM so as to align it with the Program 2030.



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