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ARA Libertad Frigate in Baltimore.

DEFENSE

Visit of the ARA Libertad Frigate to the United States

In the context of its 52nd training voyage, the Argentine Navy's training ship was anchored at the Port of Baltimore from September 2 to 9. This training voyage, which concludes in Buenos Aires on November 2, has a crew of 283 people.

Between September 2 and 9, as part of its 52nd training voyage, the A.R.A. Libertad Frigate visited the Port of Baltimore, commanded by Captain Adolfo Rodrigo Ureta.

The ARA "Libertad" is the Argentine Navy's training ship, carrying the message of peace and friendship from a free and sovereign nation to every port it visits. Considered the "Ambassador of the

Seas," it is a symbol of Argentine identity and a fundamental element in the training of midshipmen who complete their maritime and nautical education with this voyage. For this 52nd voyage, the crew of the Frigate consists of 283 members, including 27 officers, 192 non-commissioned officers, and 64 midshipmen undertaking their studies, in addition to invited guests who typically join for shorter segments of the journey.

In this context, Argentine Ambassador Gerardo Werthein welcomed the Chief of the General Staff of the Argentine Navy, Vice Admiral Carlos María Allievi, with whom he held an official reception on the Frigate on September 5. The event was attended by the attaches from Aeronautics, Navy, and Military: Commodore Carlos Gabriel Cendón, Commodore Horacio Calafell, and Colonel Javier Lorenzo Martos, respectively. Authorities from the United States, Argentina, the state of Maryland, and the city of Baltimore, along with diplomats, port officials, other dignitaries, and members of the Argentine public, also participated in this gathering. In his remarks, **Ambassador**

Werthein expressed the honor of the Embassy in hosting one of the symbols of our country and congratulated the entire crew, especially those graduating with this voyage.

The Libertad Frigate set sail from the Port of Buenos Aires on July 20 and visited the ports of Fortaleza (August 6-9), Puerto Rico (August 22-25), and Baltimore, MD. It then began its return to Argentina, stopping at the ports of Bridgetown, Barbados (September 20-22), Recife, Brazil (October 7-10), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (October 19-21), and Montevideo, Uruguay (October 28-31), before arriving in the country on November 2.



(From left to right) Commodore Horacio Calafell, Vice Admiral Carlos María Allievi, Ambassador Gerardo Werthein, Captain Adolfo Rodrigo Ureta, and Minister Francisco Tropepi.



Minister Francisco Tropepi, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Argentine Embassy, opened the session.

OCEANIC

Atlantic Cooperation Alliance Information Meeting

On September 12, the Argentine Embassy hosted a meeting with Ambassador Jessica Lapenn, Senior Coordinator for Atlantic Cooperation, United States Department of State.

On September 12, the Argentine Embassy in Washington, DC hosted an information session organized within the framework of the Partnership for Atlantic Cooperation. During the meeting, Senior Coordinator for Atlantic Cooperation Ambassador Jessye Lapenn, Department of State, presented the outcome of the most recent virtual senior officials' meeting, which took place last August 28, to diplomats from member countries of the initiative.

The session, attended by ambassadors and officials responsible for ocean-related issues from member nations of the Alliance, was opened by the Argentine Embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission, Minister Francisco Tropepi. He highlighted the importance of this initiative for Argentina, a country that, being both oceanic and bi-continental, has vast maritime spaces and one of the longest coastlines in the world.

Ambassador Lapenn, who has led this initiative from its inception, detailed the main topics addressed in the senior officials' meeting, in which different case studies were presented to demonstrate the central role that technology can play in tackling common challenges and achieving shared goals.

Argentina has been a member of the Atlantic Cooperation Alliance since its foundation in 2022 and signed the "Joint Declaration on Atlantic Cooperation" and the "Declaration on Atlantic Cooperation." **Argentina sees this initiative as an strategic opportunity to advance common principles through science, cooperation, and the transfer of technology,** with the aim of

promoting the Atlantic as a prosperous, peaceful, open, and cooperative Atlantic region.

The country actively participates in the Marine Spatial Planning Working Group and the platform for strengthening and supporting scientific exchanges. Argentina is committed to pursuing its close collaboration both bilaterally with the United States as well as with the other members of the Alliance, to promote new cooperation actions in science and technology applied to the ocean that unites us.



Embajadora Jessica Lapenn, coordinadora senior para la Cooperación Atlántica del Departamento de Estado de los Estados Unidos.

EDUCATION

Ambassador Werthein welcomed postgraduate students from Universidad Austral

Ambassador Gerardo Werthein and officials from the Argentine Embassy met on September 6 with a group of students and professors from this institution to discuss issues related to bilateral relations.

On September 6, Argentina's Ambassador to the United States, Gerardo Werthein, together with the heads of the Chancery, Political, and Economic and Trade Sections welcomed a delegation from Universidad Austral in Argentina. The group included the Vice-Dean of the Law School and Director of the Master in Public Policy Program, Celina Cantú; the Director of the Center for International Strategies for Governments and Organizations at the School of Government, Fernando Straface; and the Executive Director of the Center for International Strategies for Governments and Organizations (CIG) at the School of Government, Emiliano Martínez Royano.

During the meeting, the ambassador and the officials engaged in discussions with professors and master's degree students from various departments at Universidad Austral on the bilateral relationship with the United States, focusing on political, economic, and commercial aspects. They particularly emphasized the interest of

companies from different sectors in investing in Argentina, spurred by new regulatory and incentive frameworks for large-scale investments.

It is important to highlight that education plays a crucial role in the bilateral relationship between Argentina and the United States. **The Embassy constantly works to strengthen academic cooperation, which helps position Argentina as a premier destination for international students.** This reputation is built on the high-quality education provided by its universities and their diverse, comprehensive academic programs. Increasing educational exchanges between the two countries not only fosters opportunities for joint research and development but also helps build bridges that lead to a shared understanding. This mutual comprehension is vital for driving economic prosperity in the region. Moreover, these exchanges promote innovation, intercultural understanding, and leadership—essential elements for global progress



Ambassador Werthein (center) and Embassy officials with Universidad Austral teachers and students.

FEDERAL AGENDA

Working meeting between Ambassador Werthein and the Governor of Córdoba

This meeting is part of the Embassy's Federal Agenda and aims to strengthen Córdoba's trade relations with the United States. The visit was made at the invitation of the American Chamber of Commerce in Argentina (AmCham).

On September 13, Argentina's Ambassador to Washington, Gerardo Werthein, held a working meeting with the Governor of the Province of Córdoba, Martín Llaryora, who was accompanied by the Minister of Economy and Public Management, Guillermo Acosta.

The meeting is part of our Embassy's Federal Agenda, and aims to strengthen Córdoba's trade ties with the United States as part of the Governor's visit, invited by the American Chamber of Commerce in Argentina (AmCham).

The Federal Agenda of the Argentine Embassy in the United States seeks to support and assist the provinces in developing and implementing their international agendas. Understanding the needs

and demands of the Argentine provinces is an essential part of federalizing foreign policy.

Governor Llaryora and Córdoba's business leaders also visited the Consulate General in New York, where they met with Consul Pablo Piniero Aramburu, representatives of the local Argentine community, entrepreneurs, academics, scientists, doctors, investors, and artists.



The Governor of the Province of Córdoba, Martín Llaryora, and Ambassador Gerardo Werthein.



Ambassador Gerardo Werthein with ambassadors and officials at the meeting on September 18 to push for the renewal of the GSP

TARIFFS

The Argentine Embassy organized a "GSP Day"

Led by Ambassador Gerardo Werthein, the gathering brought together ambassadors and officials from 25 countries, U.S. congressional members, representatives from federal agencies, and over 60 U.S. importers among others.

On September 18, the Argentine Embassy in Washington D.C. hosted a significant event advocating for the urgent renewal of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) by the U.S. Congress. Led by Ambassador Gerardo Werthein and coordinated by Counselor Julia Hopstock, the gathering brought together ambassadors and officials from 25 countries in the GSP Alliance, U.S. congressional members, representatives from federal agencies, think tanks, and over 60 U.S. importers.

The primary goal of the event was to underscore the importance of promptly reinstating the GSP, a critical trade preference program that expired in December 2020. This program allowed certain Argentine products, along with those from 118 other developing nations, to enter the U.S. market tariff-free. The timing of the meeting was pivotal, as 2024 marks the program's 50th anniversary, yet it has now lapsed for over three and a half years—its longest period without renewal.

Ambassador Werthein emphasized the GSP's value for both Argentina's regional economies and U.S. consumers and industries, highlighting its potential to reduce inflation and strengthen trade relations with strategic allies.

sugar, among others. The Argentine Embassy emphasized that Argentina has been the sixth largest user of the GSP since its creation, with exports of approximately \$400 million annually under the program at the time of its expiration.

Dan Anthony, Executive Director of the Coalition for GSP, also spoke on behalf of U.S. importers, explaining the efforts made for the renewal of the GSP during the week of September 16 in Washington D.C., including holding hundreds of meetings with legislators, advisors, and officials. On this occasion, participants also had the opportunity to view an exhibition of Argentine products that entered the U.S. market under the GSP without tariffs, including cheeses, wines, sparkling wines, yellow corn, candies, sweets, olive oil, and



Counselor Julia Hoppstock, head of Trade Policy at the Embassy, with Dan Anthony, Executive Director of the Coalition for the GSP.



Ambassador Gerardo Werthein with the President of General Motors (GM) International, Shilpan Amin, at the Argentine Embassy in Washington, D.C.

INVESTMENTS

Meeting with the President of General Motors International

At the Argentine Embassy in Washington D.C., a meeting was held between Ambassador Werthein and Shilpan Amin, President of General Motors International, to exchange views on the company's investments in Argentina and future plans.

On September 19, Ambassador Gerardo Werthein welcomed Shilpan Amin, President of General Motors (GM) International, to the Argentine Embassy in Washington D.C. to exchange perspectives on the company's investments in Argentina and its future plans.

During the meeting, they talked about GM's over 100 years of presence in the country, with 1,200 employees at its main plant in Alvear, Santa Fe

Province, in addition to a logistics center located at General Rodríguez, Buenos Aires Province. The production of the Tracker model in Argentina was also highlighted, which supplies both the domestic and export markets, and was the best-selling SUV in Argentina in 2023.

Ambassador Werthein shared details about the economic reform process led by President Javier Milei's government, stressing the recent approval

by Congress of the Basic Law and the Incentive Regime for Large Investments (RIGI) as part of a package of structural reforms aimed to improve the investments and provide incentives for foreign companies.

In this framework, **GM welcomed the current policies undertaken by Milei's government, and discussed plans to continue developing high quality standards and investments in new technologies**, including the possible future development of electric vehicles. In this regard, the Embassy explained Argentina's potential as a supplier of critical minerals necessary for the production of electric cars, such as lithium, given that the country possesses one of the largest reserves of this mineral in the world.

Both parties agreed to continue working together in areas of mutual interest and to explore new opportunities for cooperation and the expansion of GM's current investments in Argentina, benefiting job creation and the country's economic growth.



The Argentine delegation at America's Food & Beverage Expo.

PROMOTION

Argentina participated at the America's Food & Beverage Trade Show

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From September 16 to 18, the America's Food & Beverage Trade Show was held in Miami, Florida, where Argentina was represented by a delegation of 19 companies, coordinated by the Argentine Agency for Investment and International Trade (AAICI). **The delegation included producers of yerba mate, wines, olives, olive oil, raisins, grains, and seeds, as well as a company specializing in labeling machinery.** In addition, representatives from the National Institute of Yerba

Mate and the government of the Province of La Rioja also participated.

Several other Argentine companies from the food sector were present with their own pavilions. The participating companies engaged in numerous business meetings with potential clients, and highlighted the importance of the trade show. Many expressed their interest in returning for the next edition.



The Consul General in Miami, Marcelo Gilhardoni, launches the “Taste of Argentina” program.

GASTRONOMY

Launch of the “Taste of Argentina” Program at the Food and Beverages Show

This culinary and promotional campaign will run throughout October in Florida and in November in Puerto Rico, featuring restaurants and culinary venues showcasing Argentine-inspired dishes.

The Consulate General and Promotion Center of Argentina in Miami, culinary entrepreneurs and Argentine chefs, officially launched the “Taste of Argentina” program during the Food and Beverages Show. This culinary and promotional campaign will run throughout October in Florida and in November in Puerto Rico, featuring restaurants and culinary venues showcasing Argentine-inspired dishes.

The launch took place on September 17 at Piegari, one of Argentina’s renowned Italian restaurants,

which recently opened in Wynwood. The Argentine delegation at the “Food and Beverages Show” welcomed over 150 guests, including industry entrepreneurs, chefs, food and beverage purveyors, importers, media representatives, and local authorities “Taste of Argentina” goes beyond traditional Argentine cuisine, encouraging chefs to blend Argentine flavors with a wide variety of culinary offerings. This initiative seeks to provide consumers with an accessible, high-quality dining experience, with a special three-course lunch and

dinner menus, in which each dish highlights the depth and diversity of Argentine flavors.

experience that celebrates the richness and diversity of Argentine gastronomy.

Designed for food enthusiasts, “Taste of Argentina” invites them to discover how Argentine culinary traditions can elevate and transform their favorite dishes. It promises a flavorful exploration of Argentina’s vibrant cuisine, with over 150 participating restaurants and culinary venues across Miami-Dade, Broward, Orlando, and Tampa. It will also promote Argentine products, by collaborating with around 20 wineries and three breweries to deliver a well-rounded and immersive



The event took place on September 17 at Piegari, a restaurant in Wynwood.



Sebastián D'Alessio, Deputy Consul; Alejandro Coss, President of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia; Alana Lomónaco, Consul General; and Liz Rodriguez, operations manager of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce.

GASTRONOMÍA

Agreement with the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia

The Argentine Consulate General in Atlanta signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia (LACC) to enhance support for the Argentine entrepreneurial and business community in the state. This partnership will enable the Consulate and LACC to offer free training, advice, and mentorship programs tailored for Argentine entrepreneurs in the region.

The objective of this alliance is to equip the Argentine community in Georgia with the tools necessary for economic growth and development.

TOURISM

“Argentina on Tour by Destino Argentina”

On September 9 and 10, a major marketing event was held in New York to promote and position Argentina abroad as an outstanding tourist destination. Participants engaged in dynamic B2B workshop sessions with U.S. buyers

On September 9 and 10, a noteworthy marketing event titled “Argentina on Tour by Destino Argentina” took place in New York, spearheaded by Daniel Manzella, president of Destino Argentina, and his team. This initiative aims to promote Argentina as a premier tourist destination, connecting the country’s high-end travel and hospitality companies with international counterparts, particularly U.S. buyers. Destino Argentina is comprised of high-end companies that promote and position Argentina as an excellent tourist destination abroad, connect domestic travel and hospitality companies with international counterparts interested in their products and services, while showcasing Argentina’s attractions.

The event featured nearly 20 Argentine exhibitors from various regions, showcasing tourism agencies, hotels, wineries, travel companies,

tango shows, cruises, and transportation services. These exhibitors participated in dynamic B2B workshop sessions with U.S. buyers.

A highlight of the event was Argentina’s gastronomy: Fernando Navas, culinary ambassador of Marca País and owner of Balvanera restaurant, offered a taste of Argentina’s rich culinary heritage. Guests also enjoyed exquisite Argentine wines, presented by Claudia Piedrahita, vice president of Wines of Argentina.



The event featured nearly 20 Argentine exhibitors offering products from many regions of the country.



Consul General of Argentina in New York, Pablo M. Piñeiro Aramburu, and dancer Herman Cornejo.

CULTURE

Presentation of “Anima Animal” by Herman Cornejo

On September 18, renowned American Ballet Theater principal dancer Herman Cornejo unveiled his first production, “Anima Animal,” at the Argentine Consulate in New York. This work, which will officially premiere in February 2025, with Cornejo in the leading role and pays homage to legendary dancer Vaslav Nijinsky.

Inspired by the Guarani legend of the mythical bird Urutaú, “Anima Animal” it was choreographed by Anabella Tuliano and features performances by the Grupo Cadabra. The musical score, an original work by Argentine classical composer Noelia Escalzo, together with electroacoustic composer and DJ, Uji.



Fourth edition of the "Shale in Argentina" Seminar, in Houston, Texas.

ENERGY

Fourth Edition of "Shale in Argentina"

On September 12, more than 180 representatives from leading energy companies participated in a seminar organized by the Argentine Institute of Oil and Gas in Houston (IAPG-Houston), in collaboration with the Argentine Consulate General in Houston.

The fourth edition of the "Shale in Argentina" Seminar took place on Thursday, September 12, in Houston, Texas. Organized by IAPG-Houston, in partnership with the Argentine Consulate General, the event brought together over 180 participants from major energy companies, including PanAmerican Energy, Pluspetrol, Halliburton, Chevron, and Rystad Energy, as well as officials from both national and provincial governments. Key speakers included Secretary of Energy Eduardo Rodríguez Chirillo, Neuquén

Province Governor Rolando Figueroa, and YPF CEO Horacio Marín, among others.

The main objective of the seminar was to provide an update on the industry's development in Argentina, focusing particularly on Vaca Muerta. Officials and executives discussed experiences, challenges, and recent plans to continue driving sector growth.

The Secretary of Energy's presentation

highlighted the paradigm shift in the country's development model, emphasizing the surplus achieved in the first seven months of 2024, amounting to approximately USD 2.934 billion. This result was largely driven by a year-on-year increase of 42% in exports, with the United States

as the main destination, reflecting a 74% year-on-year growth as of July. Additionally, advancements in addressing infrastructure issues, such as the reversal works on the northern gas pipeline, were mentioned, along with recognized ongoing challenges.



Secretary of Energy, Eduardo Rodríguez Chirillo.



Consul in Los Angeles, Hector Monacci, Analia Pesci, CEO of the franchise, and Miguel Orsi, store manager.

BUSINESS

FREDDO opens first ice cream shop in Los Angeles

The Argentine company FREDDO opened its first store on Ventura Boulevard in Burbank on September 22, marking the beginning of a unique Argentine culinary hub on the West Coast. FREDDO's products, imported from Argentina, compete successfully with both local ice creams and Italian gelato.

On September 22, the Argentine ice cream chain FREDDO inaugurated its first location in Los Angeles, situated on Ventura Boulevard in Burbank. This opening, alongside the Argentine steakhouse LALA'S, is creating a unique Argentine culinary hub on the West Coast. The General Consulate in Los Angeles collaborated closely on this project for several months, providing support in its implementation, promoting the

initiative in the media, and actively participating in the inauguration.

The ice cream, imported directly from Argentina, has successfully positioned itself against American ice cream and Italian gelato, standing out in a high-quality niche thanks to its natural ingredients, especially appreciated in a demanding market like California.

OFFICIAL VISIT

Your Consulate in Your State: Indiana

As part of efforts undertaken to bring the Argentine Consulate in Chicago closer to all states in the Midwest, the consular team traveled to Indianapolis on September 6 and 7 so that the Argentine community in that city could request

different consular services, submit and receive documents, as well as participate in tourism promotion events. This initiative was part of the "Indiana Latino Expo," organized by the Indiana state government.



Argentine Consulate in Chicago visits Indiana.