



FICAC Latin America Conference 2023



Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula

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The FICAC Latin America Conference 2023, held in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, thanks to the efforts of the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula, marked a milestone in the history of the World Federation of Consuls by bringing this highly relevant event to the Latin American continent for the first time. This conference had the primary objective of strengthening the consular movement in the region and promoting international cooperation in several key areas.

Key Objectives:

Strengthening the Consular Movement: The conference brought together consuls from across Latin America to share experiences, practices, and collaborate on fundamental consular issues, thereby strengthening the network of consuls in the region .

Encouraging Foreign Investment: Foreign investment in Honduras and other Latin American countries was actively promoted through conferences, meetings and informative sessions that connected entrepreneurs and investors with opportunities in the region.

Significant International Agreements: Additionally, During the conference, strategic collaboration agreements were signed, including a covenant between the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés and the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK), aimed at fostering trade and economic cooperation between both entities.

Strengthening Higher Education: The conference incentivized the internationalization of higher education in Honduras through the signing of agreements between private universities in Honduras and FICAC, allowing for students and faculty exchanges to enrich higher education in the country.

Impact and Conclusions:

The FICAC Latin America Conference 2023 has left a lasting impact by strengthening consular cooperation in the region, promoting foreign investment, and facilitating strategic international agreements. Additionally, the focus on internationalized higher education is essential for the sustainable development of Honduras. Moreover, this event has not only elevated Honduras' international prestige but has also laid the groundwork for future fruitful collaborations between Latin American countries and FICAC.

In summary, the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023 was a resounding success in achieving its objectives of strengthening consular cooperation, promoting foreign investment, and establishing strategic agreements while contributing to the growth of higher education in Honduras and strengthening the international presence of the Latin America Region.

Main Events:

Visit of the FICAC Board of Directors to the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés.

Conference by the President of CCIC and the Mayor of San Pedro Sula

The morning of Friday, September 1st, a memorable day, marked the inauguration of the Conference at the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés. In this significant event, the FICAC Board of Directors had the privilege of meeting with the President of the Chamber, Mr. Eduardo Facusse, accompanied by the Mayor of San Pedro Sula, Mr. Roberto Contreras. Mr. Facusse, distinguished as the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés, offered a concise but extraordinary presentation on the importance of San Pedro Sula in the economic landscape and highlighted the reason why Honduras is an ideal place for investment and entrepreneurship. Without a doubt, his message underscored the region's potential and business opportunities it offers.

Following the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés (CCIC), Mayor Roberto Contreras took the stage with a warm welcome message to San Pedro Sula. In his words, he highlighted the city's cultural and economic richness, as well as its growth and progress over the years. The Mayor's message and the video presentation contributed to creating an atmosphere of optimism and enthusiasm, focusing attention on the opportunities San Pedro Sula offers for business development and investment.

DEIK Signing Agreement

Subsequently, the master of ceremonies took the microphone and enthusiastically announced the signing of an important agreement between the CCIC and the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK). DEIK is a prominent institution in Turkey responsible for facilitating and promoting international economic relations and trade. DEIK also acts as a bridge between Turkish companies and the global market playing a crucial role in fostering international partnership and collaborations. The signing of this agreement highlights the importance of promoting economic and trade cooperation between Turkey and Honduras. This promising agreement will open up new investment and collaboration opportunities between the two nations, heading towards a strong and promising business future.

Planting of the Tree of Peace and Prosperity Ceremony

Following the signing of the agreement, a moving ceremony to plant an Olive Tree, symbolically known as the “Tree of Peace and Prosperity”, took place. This act was particularly significant as FICAC President Nikolaos Margaropoulos had the opportunity to speak about the profound importance of this tree and the symbolism it represents in the context of the conference.

FICAC President shared his thoughts on the relevance of the Olive Tree as a symbol of peace and prosperity worldwide. He emphasized how this tree has been a symbol of reconciliation and unity throughout history and how its planting at that moment symbolized the commitment of all present parties to work together in harmony and collaboration. The Planting Ceremony not only left a physical mark on the location but it also made a lasting impression on the hearts and minds of the participants. It served as a tangible reminder of the importance of peace and prosperity in the business world and international cooperation, highlighting the common purpose of building a brighter and more prosperous future for all.

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The tree planting ceremony marked an emotional conclusion to the visit to the CCIC. However, the day continued to be of great importance as the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023 took place in the afternoon. This event brought together high-ranking government officials and had the honor of featuring the President of the Republic of Honduras, Iris Xiomara Castro Sarmiento, as the keynote speaker. The conference promised to be a key space for dialogue and the exchange of ideas on crucial topics for the region and international cooperation.

During the conference, the Honorable Mr. Nikolaos Margaropoulos, President of FICAC, took the stage and shared moving words, highlighting the importance of education and international economic and trade cooperation. In his speech, he emphasized the fundamental role these elements play in the development and progress of nations and the promotion of strong relationships between countries.

In a moment of great significance and recognition, Mr. Margaropoulos had the honor of presenting the prestigious FICAC Gold Star to President Iris Xiomara Castro. This award is given in recognition of her remarkable distinction as the first woman to be elected President of Honduras. Furthermore, it also highlights her lifetime achievements as a pioneer in advocating for women’s human rights, her contribution to advancing social development, her dedication to environmental conservation, and her invaluable support for honorary consuls in Honduras. Without a doubt, these achievements have left an indelible mark both on our nation and in the world.

This gesture symbolizes FICAC's deep appreciation and admiration for President Castro for her outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to vital causes. The presentation of the FICAC Gold Star is a testament to her significant contribution to the Honduran society and the international community.

Subsequently, Her Excellency President Xiomara Castro took the podium as the keynote speaker of the conference under the title “Strengthening Diplomatic Relations for the Growth of Latin America.” Her speech promised to offer valuable insight into the importance of diplomacy in the economic growth of the region, highlighting Honduras’ role and commitment in this context. Therefore, President Castro Sarmiento shared her reflections on how strengthening diplomatic relations can be a catalyst for progress in Latin America. Her words emphasized the need for international cooperation and building bridges between nations to address common challenges and seize economic opportunities. During her speech, she also emphasized the importance of sustainable development and environmental protection as fundamental pillars for growth and stability in the region. To sum up, the participation of the President of the Republic added an additional level of relevance and prestige to the conference, highlighting the government’s commitment to international economic and trade relations.

Regional conferences of this nature are vital for strengthening mutual understanding and collaboration between the public and private sectors, providing a platform for addressing economic challenges and opportunities in Latin America and beyond. All in all, the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023 promised to be a milestone in the pursuit of closer international cooperation and the promotion of stronger economic relationships in the region.

Prominent Participants and Agreement Signing

Visit to the Technological University of Honduras (UTH)

The second day of the conference proved to be a resounding success, highlighted by a special visit to the Technological University of Honduras. During this visit, three highly relevant talks took place. Two presentations on Oncology, delivered by Honorable Dr. Aghazadi Raja, stood out, providing valuable insight into this crucial field. Additionally, Mr. Ravi Venkatesan offered an enriching talk on mindfulness, addressing the importance of mindfulness in both personal and professional life. Finally, the culmination of this memorable day was the signing of a significant agreement between private universities in Honduras and FICAC, thus strengthening academic ties and cooperation for the benefit of higher education in the region.

Oncology Conference with Dr. Aghazadi Raja

Dr. Aghazadi Raja's first lecture was exclusively directed at medical professionals in the Rio Blanco Hall. This talk represented a significant event in the realm of healthcare. In fact, her presentation offered knowledge and insight into the field of oncology, benefiting attending physicians with updated and crucial information for their professional practice. Thus, this distinguished event contributed significantly to the enhancement of medical education and the advancement of oncology patient care in Honduras.

Following the Oncology Conference directed at medical professionals at UTH, Dr. Raja delivered an open lecture attended by medical professionals and medical students. This initiative gave the opportunity to a broader audience, including future healthcare professionals, to access Dr. Raja's knowledge and experience in the field of oncology. As a result, the inclusion of medical students in this open conference provided an invaluable opportunity to learn from a distinguished expert and motivated future generations to be brilliant in the crucial field of medicine.

Heartfulness Session with Sr. Ravi Venkatesan

The heartfulness conference with Mr. Ravi Venkatesan, held in the Julian Arriaga Hall, was a highly relevant event on both personal and professional levels. This open conference provided valuable insights into mindfulness, its appreciation in daily life, and professional development. Moreover, the conference even included several minutes of meditation to put what was taught into practice. Undoubtedly, mindfulness is a tool that can have a significant impact on mental health, decision-making, and overall quality of life and Mr. Venkatesan's presentation provided attendees with a deep understanding of this practice. To sum up, the participation of professionals and students in this event underscores the importance of mindfulness in the fields of healthcare and education.

Signing of the Agreement between FICAC and Private Universities in Honduras.

The FICAC Latin America Conference 2023, in collaboration with the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula, marked a milestone in Honduras' positive projection by highlighting its commitment to higher education and international cooperation. The signing of the agreement between FICAC and private universities in Honduras represents a fresh start and a cooperative agreement that propels the advancement and modernization of higher education in Honduras. Also, it is important to mention that the signing ceremony was attended by the President of ANUPRHI, the President of ACCS, the President of FICAC, FICAC spokespeople, and representatives from the Autonomous University of Honduras.

The primary objective of this agreement is to strengthen higher education in Honduras through the internationalization of students and faculty, professional development, joint activities, the promotion of undergraduate and postgraduate programs, as well as the establishment of strong links with FICAC member countries worldwide. Furthermore, the conference promotes the internationalization of higher education in Honduras through the signing of agreements between private universities in Honduras and FICAC, enabling an exchange of students and faculty to enrich the country's higher education system. This step represents a significant advancement for the Honduras educational system and its global outreach.

In summary, the visit to the Technological University of Honduras, organized by the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula, was a resounding success. The oncology talks delivered by Dr. Raja benefited both medical professionals and medical students, enriching the healthcare field in Honduras. Similarly, the mindfulness conference with Mr. Ravi Venkatesan emphasized the importance of mindfulness in both daily life and professional development. The signing of the agreement between FICAC and the private universities in Honduras marks a milestone in international cooperation and the internationalization of higher education in the country. Collectively, these events strengthen higher education in Honduras and its global presence, promoting a brighter future for academic and professional development in the region.

The Importance of Training for Honorary Consuls

The training session aimed at students of International Relations, Business Administration, and Law, focusing on the value of training for Honorary Consuls, presented by members of the FICAC Board of Directors and the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula, has been an essential component in promoting knowledge and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of Honorary Consuls in the 21st century. First and foremost, it explored “The Value of Training for Honorary Consuls”, emphasizing the importance of adequately preparing Honorary Consuls so they can contribute effectively in the diplomatic and consular sphere. Furthermore, it delved into the strategic connections and collaboration between FICAC, universities and International Organizations, highlighting the significance of partnership in the diplomatic arena.

During the training session, contemporary challenges and opportunities were discussed, especially in relation to technology and artificial intelligence, which can have a significant impact on the responsibilities of Honorary Consuls. Additionally, the inclusion of FICAC’s Women in Diplomacy Committee underscored the importance of gender diversity in diplomatic efforts, recognizing the value of diverse perspectives in decision-making. Also, It is noteworthy to highlight the shared experience of Honorary Gad Proper with FICAC, as it provided a practical and concrete insight into the work of Honorary Consuls within the organization, offering valuable information about their roles and responsibilities in practice. Finally, the commitment of FICAC to expand in Latin America was emphasized, highlighting the relevance of strengthening diplomatic and cooperative relations in this growing region. This initiative reflects the interest of FICAC and the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula in promoting international collaboration and understanding throughout the Latin American continent.

In conclusion, the training session aimed at students of International Relations, Business Administration, and Law, under the guidance of distinguished members of the FICAC Board of Directors and the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula, has proven to be an invaluable event for illuminating the roles and responsibilities of Honorary Consuls in the current context. Throughout this training, the importance of adequate preparation, strategic collaboration, and adaptation to contemporary challenges, such as technology and gender diversity, in the work of Honorary Consuls has been reinforced. The shared experience by Honorary Gad Proper has added a practical and concrete dimension to this training, enriching our understanding of the daily work of these Consuls. Finally, FICAC’s steadfast commitment to expand in Latin America underscores its crucial role in strengthening diplomatic relations in a region of growth. To sum up, this training session has solidly prepared future Honorary Consuls to contribute effectively on the international stage and address the challenges and opportunities of 21st century diplomacy.

Open and Close FICAC Meetings

The **Open FICAC Meeting** was structured with a carefully planned agenda that included several significant moments. The event began with a warm welcome from the President of FICAC, the honorable Mr. Nikolaos Margaropoulos, who emphasized the importance of collaboration and dialogue in the diplomatic and consular sphere. During the open session, a FICAC video presentation showcased the organization's history, achievements, and ongoing commitment to diplomacy and international cooperation.

Special acknowledgements were extended to invited observers and members of the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula (ACCS) whose participation enriched the discussions and contributed to the event's success. Furthermore, a special gesture of recognition took place with the presentation of appreciation plaques by the President of FICAC and ACCS to the support team, which played a pivotal role in the flawless organization and execution of the event. These plaques reflect the deep gratitude of the FICAC and ACCS communities to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023 possible. In sum, the development of the Open FICAC Meeting was punctuated by moments of openness, acknowledgements, and gratitude underscoring the importance of collaboration and joint effort in the diplomatic realm.

The **Close FICAC Meeting** was a comprehensive gathering that addressed a wide array of topics and issues related to the World Federation of Consuls (FICAC). It started with welcoming remarks by the organization's president and apologies for any absences. Throughout the meeting, discussions and presentations covered various subjects, including the approval of *Minutes* from previous meetings, and reports from FICAC officials such as the Secretary-General and Treasurer. Furthermore, important matters such as the conference in Latin America, the establishment of the FICAC Foundation, the issuance of identification cards, planning for future webinars and commemorative events like the 60th anniversary of the Vienna Convention were explored. Moreover, topics related to public image and collaboration with other organizations were also addressed, along with initiatives focused on education, membership, and promoting women's involvement in diplomacy. The meeting concluded with final remarks and the scheduling of future board meetings. In summary, the FICAC Closed Meeting served as a comprehensive platform to discuss and plan a variety of key issues for the international consular organization.

Social Activities

Welcome Dinner at Qubain's Residence

The Welcome Dinner for the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023, held at the Qubain Residence, was an event of great distinction and friendship. It commenced with welcoming remarks

by the host, Honorary Consul General of Japan and FICAC Director, Mr. Karim Qubain. Distinguished personalities, including the Mayor of San Pedro Sula, Mr. Roberto Contreras, and the Ambassador of Japan, Jun Nakahara, graced the event. The significance of the conference was emphasized, highlighting the importance of international collaboration. FICAC president, Honorable Mr. Nikolaos Margaropoulos, expressed gratitude to the attendees, strengthening international ties in an atmosphere of cordiality and cooperation. The dinner marked a memorable beginning for the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023, promising to be an enriching and collaborative event.

Dinner Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés

Following the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023 at the Chamber of Commerce, attendees were invited to a reception courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés (CCIC). It was an event that marked the conclusion of a meaningful and collaborative day. This occasion provided honorary consuls, ambassadors, and other guests with an opportunity to socialize, network, and enjoy a friendly atmosphere. The reception began with welcoming remarks from the CCIC and the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula. Additionally, the representation from the Government of Honduras underlined its commitment to diplomatic and trade relations. Together, these events fostered an environment conducive to mutual understanding and the strengthening of cooperation for the benefit of Honduras and the Latin America region.

Trip to Omoa

During the conference, the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula organized two voluntary trips for visiting consuls to explore Honduras and immerse themselves in its culture. One of these trips had Omoa as its destination and saw the participation of 10 consuls. During this experience, participants visited the San Fernando de Omoa Castle, explored Rawacala, and enjoyed lunch at El Paraiso Hotel, where they also witnessed an exciting Garifuna performance. This trip provided consuls with an opportunity to learn more about Honduras, its people, history, cuisine, and beautiful beaches, enriching their experience in the country.

Visit to Altia Business Park

The parallel visit to Altia Smart City, also organized by the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula and at the invitation of the Honorary General Consul of Indonesia, Mr. Yusuf Amdani was an enriching experience. During this visit, Ms. Georgina Barahona, Public Relations

Officer of GK Global, and Mr. Arshad Amdani, presented videos highlighting the development and growth of Altia Smart City and Green Valley in recent years. They shared Mr. Yusuf's vision for Honduras and the Central American region, emphasizing its potential and conveying a powerful message about the vast opportunities in Honduras. Additionally, participants had the opportunity to tour the facilities, where relevant information about the project was shared. This visit offered valuable insight into regional development and investment opportunities.

Gala Dinner Hosted by GK Global

The FICAC Latin America Conference 2023 culminated in a highly significant event. Following the signing of a significant agreement between private universities in Honduras and the World Federation of Consuls during the visit by the Technological University of Honduras (UTH), an elegant gala dinner was held at the Copantl Hotel and Convention Center, hosted by GK Global. The gala dinner aimed to provide a brilliant conclusion to the conference. Furthermore, the gala dinner protocol featured meaningful speeches, including words from ACCS President, Mr. Jose Martin Chicas, who is the Honorary General Consul of the Republic of Korea. Additionally, the Co-Organizer of the conference and Director of FICAC, Mr. Karim Qubain, also addressed the gathering. Finally, FICAC president, Mr. Nikolaos Margaropolus, spoke and extended recognition to GK Global, Mr. Yusuf Amdani, Mr. Karim Qubain, and Mr. Jose Martin Chicas for their dedicated efforts in organizing this event. The gala dinner was the final official event of the FICAC Latin America 2023 Conference, serving as a special and meaningful occasion that provided a fitting closure to an event of great importance and prestige for the country and the Central American region.

Trip to Copan Ruinas

The second trip scheduled by the Consular Corps Association with the assistance of the Honduran Institute of Tourism (IHT) was to Copan Ruinas. During the trip to Copan Ruinas, consuls had the opportunity to explore Honduras' flora and fauna, savor the famous Honduran coffee at Finca Santa Isabel, and immerse themselves in the country's culture. They also enjoyed a dinner hosted by the Honduras Institute of Tourism at the Marina Copan Hotel, where one of the country's deputy ministers presented an overview of the nation.

The highlight of the trip was the second day when they visited the Copan Ruinas Archaeological Park where consuls explored ancient maya ruins and enjoyed lunch in the archaeological park's cafeteria. Also, they visited Macaw Mountain Bird Park Reserve to learn about local wildlife and bird conservation, specifically the Scarlet Macaw, Honduras' national bird. Finally, after a day filled with exploration, they were given free time to relax in the hot springs or explore the charming town of Copan Ruinas, where they could purchase crafts and dine at suggested local restaurants. In summary, the trip offered a comprehensive experience encompassing nature,

culture, cuisine, and history of Honduras, providing consuls with a unique insight into this beautiful country and, in turn, creating future ambassadors for Honduras.

Activities for Spouses

Visit to Hogar Enmanuel

On the first day of the conference, San Pedro Sula's Consular Corps Association organized a special visit to Hogar Enmanuel. During this touching visit, consuls and their spouses were warmly received by the leadership of Hogar Enmanuel, who expressed their gratitude for the extended hospitality. The visit began with welcoming remarks from Mr. Roberto Contreras, Mayor of San Pedro Sula, which highlighted the importance of solidarity and collaboration within the community. Subsequently, attendees embarked on a tour of the home's facilities, providing them with an up-close look at the valuable work being carried out for the benefit of the resident children.

The highlight of the visit occurred when the FICAC Spouses Committee made donations to Hogar Enmanuel. This generous gesture reflects the consular community's commitment to support those in need and strengthen bonds of solidarity in San Pedro Sula. All in all, the visit to Hogar Enmanuel showcased empathy and social commitment by the consuls and their spouses, leaving a significant impression during the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023

Visit to Integrar Foundation for Children with Down Syndrome

Following the heartwarming visit to Hogar Emmanuel, the solidarity and commitment of the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula continued throughout the conference when the consuls' spouses embarked on an equally meaningful visit to the Integrar Foundation for Children with Down Syndrome. During this significant visit, the consuls' spouses had the opportunity to gain firsthand insight into the invaluable work carried out by this foundation. The visit commenced with a warm welcome from the Integrar Foundation's board of directors, who expressed gratitude for their presence and interest in their cause. Similarly, FICAC also extended its appreciation for the warm reception received. Visitors were given a tour of the foundation's facilities, allowing them to better understand the activities and programs that support children with Down Syndrome and their families.

The highlight of the visit occurred when the FICAC Spouses Committee presented donations to the Integrar Foundation. This act of solidarity underscores the consular commitment to support organizations that are tirelessly working towards the inclusion and well-being of children with Down Syndrome. The visit to the Integrar Foundation served as a testament to the spirit of solidarity and empathy exhibited by the consuls' spouses, as well as a demonstration of support for a noble and valuable cause within the San Pedro Sula Community. This experience left a lasting impression and reinforced the consular community's dedication to the well-being of those in need of support and understanding.

Key Points

This report provides a summary of the most noteworthy events and actions that took place during the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023, held in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. These events highlight Honduras' commitment and the diplomatic community represented by the World Federation of Consuls (FICAC) to promote international cooperation, economic development, and peace.

- **Visit to the Chamber of Commerce of Cortés:**
 - During the conference, a visit of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés was conducted, where investment opportunities in Honduras were highlighted. The meeting with the Chamber's president and the Mayor of San Pedro Sula emphasized Honduras' interest in fostering international trade relations. .
- **Signing of DEIK Agreement**
 - The signing agreement between CCIC and DEIK became a significant milestone. This

agreement aims to promote economic and trade cooperation between both countries, demonstrating Honduras' commitment to driving its economic growth.

- **Tree Planting Ceremony for Peace and Prosperity**

- As a symbolic gesture, a ceremony to plant an Olive Tree, symbolizing peace and unity, was conducted. This act emphasized the importance of diplomacy in building a peaceful world.

- **FICAC Latin America Conference 2023**

- The conference included the participation of the President of Honduras and focused on strengthening diplomatic relations and promoting economic development in Latin America. This event reflected Honduras' commitment to the regional sphere.

- **Visit to the Technological University of Honduras (UTH)**

- There were discussions on Oncology and Mindfulness for healthcare professionals and medical students, along with the signing of agreement between private universities in Honduras and FICAC to strengthen higher education in the country. It underscored the importance of collaboration in professional training.

- **Training Session for Honorary Consuls**

- The conference included a training session that emphasized the need for 21st century training for honorary consuls. Contemporary challenges and opportunities in the diplomatic field were discussed, along with the promotion of gender diversity and the expansion of FICAC in Latin America.

In conclusion, the highlighted events and actions during the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023 in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, reflects a focus on promoting international cooperation, economic development and peace. These efforts underscore the commitment of the San Pedro Sula Consular Corps Association and the World Federation of Consuls in addressing current challenges and opportunities in the diplomatic arena. Diplomacy and cooperation remain fundamental pillars in building a more prosperous and united world.

Acknowledgement:

On behalf of the Consular Corps Association of San Pedro Sula and the World Federation of Consuls, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023. This historic event could not have been possible without your support and dedication. We are grateful for the support of the government institutions and the San Pedro Sula Municipality, as their tireless work, meticulous planning, and flawless execution were instrumental in bringing this conference to fruition. Their hospitality and attention to detail ensured that our participants felt welcome and comfortable throughout the entire conference.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our generous donors and

sponsors. Your financial contributions and logistical support played a pivotal role in transforming this conference from a vision into a remarkable reality. Your investment in both the consular movement and the economic development of Honduras is immeasurable, and we deeply value your unwavering commitment.

Our sincere gratitude also goes out to our esteemed speakers and participants. Your wealth of knowledge, diverse experiences, and unique perspectives enriched our discussions and collaboration throughout the conference. Your willingness to share ideas and insights significantly contributed to the resounding success of this event.

We extend our acknowledgements to the President of Honduras, the private universities in Honduras, and all the institutions and entities that rallied behind this initiative with unwavering support. Your dedication to consular diplomacy and regional development is truly commendable .

The FICAC Latin America Conference 2023 transcended its status as a historic event; it served as the cornerstone for future collaborations and endeavors aimed at propelling across the Latin American region. We express our deepest gratitude for your invaluable contributions. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to continue our collective efforts in upcoming projects and conferences.

Annex:



Presentation of the DEIK Agreement with Turkey at the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortes.



CCIC President Mr. Eduardo Facusse and FICAC Director, Mr. Karim Qubain signing the Agreement between CCIC and DEIK of Turkey.



Mayor of San Pedro Sula, Mr. Roberto Contreras; President of ACCS, Mr José Martín Chicas; President of the CCIC, Mr. Eduardo Facusse, President of FICAC, Nikolaos Margaropoulos, and the FICAC Board of Directors during their visit to the CCIC.



President of FICAC, Mr. Nikolaos Margaropoulos, Mrs. Martiza Lara, and Mr. Maurizio Chiovelli at the Peace and Prosperity Tree Planting Ceremony.



President of ACCS, José Martín Chicas and FICAC Board of Directors delivering a few words at the Peace and Prosperity Tree-Planting Ceremony.



President of the Republic of Honduras, Iris Xiomara Castro Sarmiento, as the keynote speaker at the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023



Group photograph of honorary consuls from San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa with members of the Board of Directors of the World Federation of Consuls.



Photograph from the audience POV during the FICAC 2023 Conference at the CCIC.



Signing of the Agreement between FICAC and Private Universities of Honduras.



Photograph of the main table at the FICAC Latin America Conference 2023.

Conference 2023.



Representatives from private universities of Honduras, along with members of the FICAC Board of Directors, following the signing of the agreement between both entities.



Oncology Conference with Dr. Aghazadi Raja for Medical Professionals and Medical Students.



Dr. Raja during the Oncology Conference at UTH.



Visit to the Archaeological Park Ruins of Copan.



Visit to Flor Capan Cigar Factory in Copan Ruinas



Visit to the Macaw Mountain Bird Park in Copan Ruinas

