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Farewell to Dr. Claude Lara,
Consul General of Ecuador
in Montreal



Left to right: Claude Lara, the new Consul, Veronica Bustamante, Gloria Perez, secretary of the Ecuadorian Consulate and Gustavo Roman.

Many thanks for your generous commentaries on our May Bulletin and we are very grateful for your contribution.

In our cultural panoramic view, we celebrate the creation on the Guayasamin Center in Quebec City, a center that will unite Ecuadorians and Quebecers in their thoughts, experiences, and the means that allows them to interchange the ways of preserving the heritage of our culture. We stand out two new donations made to the Regional Center of Public Libraries of Quebec-Lanaudiere-Maurice and to the Center of Documentation of the Ministry of International Relations of Quebec. The Consulate General of Ecuador in Montreal during the last five years has donated more than 2000 publications to different cultural centers in this province.

At the same time, the music that resonated:

- [XIV International Festival of Flutists in the Middle of the World.](#)
- [11 countries in the International Festival of Flutists.](#)
- [The House of Music in Quito, a dream made reality.](#)

Local literature is been recognized worldwide,

- [The Ecuadorian Edwin Rafael Madrid won the prize “Casa de America de Poesía Americana” in Spain.](#)
- [The poetic book was prized and chosen between 670 books and the editorial Visor will publish it.](#)
- [Edwin Madrid speaks of his success.](#)

New architectonic works in process in Quito:

- [The Historic Downtown celebrates its 3 years of become pedestrian.](#)
- [Quito finalizes the count of 199 works of commemorative and public art.](#)
- [Public and private transports utilize the new interchange of the Americas Avenue and Mariana de Jesus.](#)
- [The Museum of Concepts in Riobamba with its 14 halls and 200 pieces of the Colony has been renovated.](#)
- [The Mayor of Guayaquil has inaugurated new works in the south of the city.](#)
- [The Municipality of Guayaquil counts with more than 70,000 people in renovating and up keeping the city.](#)

Finally, the Black Theater of Prague was well received in various places in the capital and in a scientific level; Ecuador will be the host of the 34th Congress of the International College of Surgeons.

Ecuador, a rich country in biodiversity, and our environment improves:

- [Reforestation in 100 acres in the Ilalo.](#)
- [The Corporation Live for Quito and the improvement of Quito's Environment.](#)
- [Universities Central of Ecuador and Sevilla will mount a laboratory in Galapagos.](#)

In our tourism section, first come the results of the Miss Universe:

- [Jennifer Hawkins, Miss Universe 2004](#)
- [The candidates with their spectacular figures.](#)
- [The Ecuadorian Maria Susana in the 10 finalists.](#)
- [1600 million spectators in 117 countries saw Ecuador.](#)

After this great international event, the tourism in Ecuador is reborn as it shows in:

- [The beaches of Atacames with its 250 hotels.](#)
- [Imagines of the four regions of the country from the English Pete Oxford.](#)
- [The Egyptian Sahar Talaat made a documentary on Ecuador for the channel Al-Jazeera.](#)
- [The Museum of Contemporary Art OF Guayaquil will be the host of the International Fair of Tourism.](#)
- [Popular festivities in Ecuador.](#)

In a summary of economic activities, we see that the confidence in the country keeps getting stronger as the trade balance increases by 16.7% for the year 2003. Here are some positive news:

- [Ecuador maintains a trade surplus with USA since 1999.](#)
- [Russian firm will expand the banana industry.](#)
- [China will invest 50 million dollars US in hydroelectric projects.](#)

- [China Airlines will establish a frequent schedule with a stop in Canada.](#)
- [Ecuador is the most important country for Grunental Laboratories in Latin America.](#)
- [Wartsilla, a company from Finland, will invest 400 million dollars US in an electric project *Termoriente*.](#)

At the national we have these great advances:

- [May's inflation was of 0.48%](#)
- [Tributary collection contributes to the economic growth by collecting 1,411.46 million of dollars US.](#)
- [Investment from companies that are registered in the Superintendent of Companies has increased substantially.](#)
- [Comparing to last month, foreign and national investment has increased.](#)
- [22 private bank in Ecuador show that the deposits have increased by 22%](#)
- [A 16% increase in the sales of shrimps.](#)
- [Oil exports have increased by 12.3%](#)
- [Non-traditional products have incremented their sales in outside the country.](#)

To close this segment on economy, we offer a debate presented by the newspaper *El Comercio* on the dollarization:

- [The dollar in politics and the economy.](#)
- [The dollar is a magnet for workers.](#)

The cooperation between international organizations has been strengthen by local and foreign governments:

- [The World Bank has approved a loan for the development of indigenous and Afro Ecuadorian communities.](#)
- [Japan granted a non-refundable loan for social programs.](#)
- [Japanese empowerment for 80 fashion designers.](#)
- [German measles vaccination will immunize 5.1 million Ecuadorians.](#)

If you have more information, we would appreciate it if you could share it with us. Feel free to share this news bulletin. Have a great day!

[DONATION OF THE BUST OF JUAN MONTALVO FOR THE LATIN AMERICA PARK IN QUEBEC CITY.](#)