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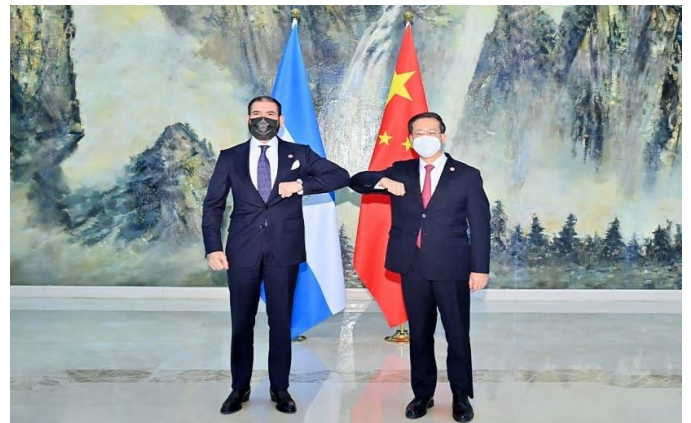
The Early Harvest Agreement will allow Nicaragua and China to increase trade flows through the export and import of different products, generating important income for both economies.

Jesús Bermúdez, Minister of Development, Industry and Commerce (MIFIC), said that the agreement will be signed by authorities from both countries next Monday, 14 July.

He explained that Nicaragua will be able to export to the Asian giant with zero tariffs on products such as beef and bovine offal, seafood, vegetables, beans, raw peanuts, rum, textiles, clothing and automotive harnesses. While China will send to the land of lakes and volcanoes tires for buses, toys, insecticides, fish food, plants and flowers.

In addition, the head of MIFIC said that Nicaragua will sign an agreement that will bring significant benefits to the coffee growing sector, and those involved in the coffee industry in general.

"This agreement gives an instruction to all of its members to work on obtaining financial resources at the international level, which can be targeted to combat pests, diseases, and the effects of climate change. Members are expected to make a greater effort, so that coffee becomes a truly important product for the [country's] entire economy," said the official.



FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/nicaragua-y-china-firmaran-acuerdo-para-exportar-productos-sin-aranceles/>



Nicaragua will be the first Central American country with intelligent maternal-fetal operating room

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The construction of the new intelligent maternal-fetal surgical block at the Bertha Calderón Hospital* will require an investment of 103 million 800 thousand córdobas and it is estimated that the work will be completed in 8 months.

Dr. Carolina Dávila, Minister Advisor for the Local System of Integral Health Care (known by its acronym in Spanish, SILAIS) of Managua, indicated that with this maternal-fetal operating room it will be possible to perform surgeries inside the mother's uterus and at the time of delivery of the babies.

"The operating room will have 4 screens enabling physicians to visualize from different angles where they are operating, how they are performing the surgeries, and in this way many doctors will benefit from seeing the entire surgical process in real time in an educational manner," added Dávila.

"The construction of the operating room will also have an intervention in the neonatal area, because this operating room will communicate directly with the neonatal area, but it will also communicate with the labor and delivery area and with the rest of the surgical block in this hospital," he said.

This new operating room will have all the necessary equipment to perform surgeries such as surgical tables, anesthesia machines, thermal cribs, ventilators, sky lamps, among others.

"In this operating room there are 15 intrauterine surgeries, this includes; alterations at the level of the head, which are known as hydrocephalus, tumors in the skull, spinal column alterations, lung level alterations, water in the lung, tumors at the placental level, and the most frequent, placental separation in twin pregnancies," said Dr. Néstor Pavon, Fetal Surgeon at Bertha Calderon Hospital.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://diariobarricada.com/2022/07/05/nicaragua-sera-el-primer-pais-centroamericano-con-quirofano-inteligente-materno-fetal/>

NOTE: The Bertha Calderón Roque Women's Hospital is the premier women's and prenatal care facility in Nicaragua. It has been remodeled and modernized, including a large new wing for outpatient treatment in 2019.



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Wednesday, 6 July 2022

With the unanimous endorsement of the Assembly convened for the election of the Rectorship, Ms. Ramona Rodríguez Pérez and Dr. Luis Alfredo Lobato Blanco were reelected to continue managing the UNAN university for the next four years.

The election took place on Wednesday, 5 July, in keeping with the prescribed calendar, was carried out in compliance with the provisions of Law 89, Law of Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education, the Statutes of the UNAN-Managua and the Regulations governing the Election of University Authorities.

The Electoral Assembly was made up of the proprietary members of each of the Faculty Councils, the student president and the General Secretary of the union of non-teaching workers based on Article 27 of the Regulations for Elections of University Authorities, which is based on Article 39 of Law 89.

Likewise, in compliance with Chapter III, Article 31 of the Elections Regulations, the candidates registered their formula on 13 June before the Electoral Committee and submitted the required documentation: work plan, curriculum vitae, name of the notary, copy of identity card and titles of the candidates.

The work plan of the elected formula: "Monchita and Lobato to continue advancing in unity and for the benefit of our people" is based on the National Plan to Combat Poverty and for Human

Development 2022-2026, Laws 89 and 1114, Law 582 Reform Law, General Education Law and Reform and addition to Law 89, as well as the University's regulations. [The Monchita and Lobato formula] proposes the consolidation of strategic and operative planning processes synchronized with risk management; promoting culture; and strengthening the links between training, research and extension processes.

In addition, they contemplate expanding and improving infrastructure, as well as undergraduate and graduate academic offerings; continuing and strengthening the program University in the Countryside (known by its Spanish acronym UNICAM), healthy University and scholarships; monitoring the Competency-Based Curricular Model; taking advantage of national and international agreements and academic networks; promoting applied research, innovation and entrepreneurship, as well as scientific publications, and strengthening inter-institutional coordination to respond to the [country's] growing social needs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.unan.edu.ni/index.php/relevantes/unan-managua-elige-rectora-y-vice-rector-general-periodo-2022-2026.odp>



Nicaragua carries out II National Preparedness Exercise to Protect Lives

Thursday, 7 July 2022

This July 7th, Nicaragua held the second National Preparedness Exercise to Protect Lives in Multi-Hazard Situations in the event of meteorological phenomena, earthquakes and/or volcanic activity.

This second exercise of the year involved families throughout the country, from their homes, workplaces, shopping centers, churches and sports fields.

The National Preparedness Exercise to Protect Lives in Multi-Hazard Situations involves: 6 thousand brigades at the national level; 41 thousand brigadistas; 350 churches of different denominations; 120 marketplaces; 268 private sector companies; government institutions at the departmental and municipal levels; and more than 7,900 schools nationwide.

The exercise, coordinated by the National System for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Response (known by its Spanish acronym SINAPRED), began at 10 am.

From SINAPRED's facilities, institutions such as the National Police, United Firefighters, Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies-INETER, monitored the development of the exercise, and emphasized the massive participation of families from the communities.

The families of the Sector 17 neighborhood, in District V of Managua, demonstrated strong organizational strengths during their participation in the II National Preparedness Exercise to Protect Lives in multi-hazard situations.

Javier Espinoza, delegate from the Mayor's Office in District V, mentioned that the principal strength in his area is the organization of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN).

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:129979-nicaragua-realiza-ii-ejercicio-nacional-de-preparacion-para-proteger-la-vida->



Nicaraguan exports reach 19.3% in I Semester of 2022

Friday, 8 July 2022

The Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Iván Acosta, reported that Nicaragua's exports have grown in the first half of 2022, according to preliminary data from the System of Production, Consumption and Commerce.

In addition, Costa stated that the closing of the semester reflects 3,841 million dollars, which is 19.3% higher than in the same period of 2021.

"The general regime is contributing 1,868 million, or 21.3 percent higher than in 2021 and the free trade zone regime is contributing 1,704 million, or 21.2 percent higher than in 2021. In other words, we have reached almost 20 percent of all exports, 19.3 percent more than in 2021", said Acosta [...]. He added that if we continue at this pace, Nicaraguan exports will reach 8 billion dollars by the end of 31 December 2022.

Fishing sector continues to grow

Similarly, Minister Acosta said that the production figures for the fishing sector during this first semester reached 98 percent of its goal, totaling 84.6 million pounds against the goal of 86.7.

"Exports have reached 54.1 against 56.8 million pounds, or 95 percent of the exportable goal", he indicated [...]

Progress in vegetable production

The Minister of Finance and Credit also announced that vegetable yields in the 2022/2023 cycle are advancing and the climatic phenomenon that has just passed had no major impact [...] While cabbage has an advance of 848 thousand quintals out of a projected 1,618 pounds, i.e. more than 50% of the goal has been met and a growth of 2.3% is expected [...].

"The monitoring shows that the 22/23 cycle will be greater across the board than the 21/22 cycle, and this comes together with the good news that, to date, there has been no significant impact from the excess rainfall," said Acosta.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:130032-exportaciones-de-nicaragua-alcanzan-193-en-i-semester-del-2022>

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