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FSLN mayoral candidates ratify continuity of welfare projects

MONDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2022

The candidates for mayor and deputy-mayor of Managua, Ticuantepe and San Rafael del Sur affirmed their commitment to continue promoting policies and working to develop (new) programs and projects to foster well-being for more families over the next 5 years.

The formula of the Alliance Nicaragua United Triumphs for the Mayor's Office of Managua, Reyna Rueda and Enrique Armas, stated that they are currently holding town meetings to present the municipal budget and hear peoples' needs.

"The practice of direct democracy in each of these town meetings is a demonstration of the confidence of the families and of resounding support in the upcoming elections for continuity in (government) programs to further well-being. So, we feel more committed, more enthusiastic than ever to continue accompanying our people. I remind you that everything we do is linked to the political leadership of our government, wisely led by Comandante Daniel and our Vice President, Compañera Rosario. Without these policies, without these strategies, without these projects and programs, Nicaragua would not have attained the level of well-being that

we enjoy today", said Managua's Mayor Reyna Rueda.

Rueda added that "we as a municipality do not develop a project or implement a strategy to further well-being unless it is first harmonized with our central government. We should remember that it was through the municipal funding we received that were able to undertake this year's 'Streets for the People' program. The pilot started with 833 (city) blocks, and we are ending with 972, because we received an increase in resources through our *Buen Gobierno* (Good Governance) for this 'Streets for the People' program".

The mayoral candidate recalled that "We currently have completed 152 projects. We are talking about 90 thousand families that are improving their well-being through these projects and programs".

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133939-candidatos-del-fsln-a-las-alcaldias-ratifican-continuidad-de-los-proyectos-de-bienestar>



Economic Commission begins discussion of the 2023 General Budget of the Republic

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2022

This Tuesday, with the presence of representatives from the Ministry of Education (MINED), the National Institute of Technology and the National Council of Universities, the Production, Economy and Budget Committee of the National Assembly began consideration of the 2023 General Budget of the Republic. The highest percentage of the budget, some 56.4 percent, is allocated to combatting poverty and extreme poverty.

Each of the representatives of these institutions came to present the implementation projections for each of their assigned budget amounts, so that the members of the Production, Economy and Budget Committee could prepare their opinion [or report] to be presented to the plenary for (final) approval before the closing of this year's parliamentary session.

The Vice President of the Economic Commission, Representative José Figueroa explained that this 2023 budget has a revenue structure in the order of 109 thousand 989.5 million córdobas and the Expenditure Budget is of 105 thousand 263.1 million córdobas.

""These three institutions have presented us their 2022 performance and their projections for 2023. [Together] these three institutions account for 23.47 percent of the total expenditures in the Republic's (annual) budget and 22.5 percent of total budget revenues. In other words, these [figures] are a clear reflection of the priority that the Government of Reconciliation places on educating 1.8 million Nicaraguan students in universities, in technical education programs, in pre-school, primary, secondary and special education programs, and education in the countryside", said Figueroa referring to the Ministry of Education, National Institute of Technology and the National Council of Universities.

He indicated that MINED has been allocated 15,868 million córdobas, the CNU entire system has been allocated 6,701 million córdobas and the National Institute of Technology has been allocated 2,148 million córdobas; the three institutions combined have been allocated 24,713 million córdobas.

Each one of these institutions has a Public Investment Program, with MINED's amounting to 984.2 million córdobas to execute 68 investment projects, including the construction and maintenance of primary and secondary education centers. The National Institute of Technology will have 78.9 million córdobas approved within the PIP for the construction of five technical centers and the CNU will have a PIP of 472 million córdobas. The total PIP of these three entities will be 1,535.12 million córdobas.

"We are just beginning our work, but here we are going to review the entire water and sanitation program, the entire road infrastructure program, we are going to review the electric energy investments and also the works that have to do with development of the North and South Caribbean, and we are going to review the entire social spending components that are still pending", said Figueroa.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134002-comision-economica-inicia-consulta-del-presupuesto-general-de-la-republica-2023>





CABEI earmarks funds for medical assistance to children with cancer

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2022

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) donated US\$5,000.00 to the Nicaraguan Commission for Aid to Children with Cancer and Leukemia (CONANCA) to guarantee timely medical treatment for 600 children receiving treatment at the Oncology Department of the Manuel de Jesús Rivera "La Mascota" National Children's Hospital.

According to a press release by CABEI, with these funds authorities will be able to purchase 2,000 blood biometry tests, used for the diagnosis of diseases such as leukemia, anemia, infections, among others.

"We are very pleased to be able to support children who fight tirelessly against this disease, so they can receive comprehensive and quality medical services. We will continue to support noble causes such as these that allow us to improve the quality of life of children, the future of our region," stated CABEI Executive President, Dr. Dante Mossi.

CABEI has been supporting non-profit organizations and vulnerable groups at risk. The donation, on this occasion, was delivered by the Directorate of Nicaragua to CABEI, as part of its efforts to contribute to child welfare throughout the country.

CONANCA is a civic association that has been providing comprehensive care to children referred to the Manuel de Jesús Rivera "La Mascota" National Children's Hospital since 1995.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/bcie-apoya-asistencia-medica-de-600-ninos-con-cancer/>



CSE: We are ready for the 2022 Sovereign Municipal Elections!

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2022

The Nicaraguan Army is providing 500 vehicles, including heavy, light, and special vehicles for these 2022 Sovereign Municipal Elections, informed the President of the Supreme Electoral Council (CSE), Justice Brenda Rocha.

In addition, the Army has made available 80 naval vessels, 7 aircraft, 400 communication devices and will provide protection of 300 critical targets.

For its part, the National Police will deploy 116 thousand 125 police officers, 6 thousand 742 motor vehicles to guarantee the custody of electoral material and security and protection in the 3 thousand 106 voting centers in 153 municipalities.

Approaching the eve of the Municipal Elections of this 6 November, the President of the Supreme Electoral Council (CSE), Judge Brenda Rocha appeared on the TV talk show En Vivo with Alberto Mora of Channel 4.

“With just two days to go before voting, in keeping with the electoral calendar, it is important we be aware at what stage the electoral process is (right) now and take into account that electoral materials have already been sent to all the municipalities throughout the country.”

Brenda Rocha reminded viewers that there are 153 municipalities with different choices, one for each municipality.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134059-cse-ya-estamos-listos-para-las-elecciones-soberanas-municipales-2022>



UN: Nicaragua condemns inhuman blockade against Cuba

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2022

The permanent representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations, Jaime Hermida Castillo, categorically condemned the inhuman blockade imposed by the United States on Cuba.

In this manner Nicaragua endorsed the statements made by the Group of 77 + China, the Non-Aligned Movement, CELAC, SICA and the Group of Friends in Defense of the UN Charter.

"We stand in solidarity with the people of Cuba and condemn (the fact) that, in violation of the UN Charter, there are countries that continue to impose unilateral sanctions against developing States", said the Nicaraguan representative.

"The blockade violates the UN Charter and the will of the international community, which every year expresses the majority's rejection of the [U.S.] blockade against Cuba. Cuba has been under an inhuman blockade for 60 years. But the resilience of the Cuban people is admirable. Even under a blockade during the pandemic, they were able to produce their own vaccines against Covid-19 and share them with the world, together with their medical brigades"; he added.

"Nicaragua, like all developing countries, rejects the unilateral measures imposed against Cuba. The blockade constitutes a crime against humanity," he said. Furthermore, he denounced the financial persecution of companies and ships, which also constitutes a crime, and that prevents the country from obtaining food and fuel.

The Nicaraguan representative rejected the unjust inclusion of the Caribbean country in the list of 'State sponsors of terrorism' and reaffirmed Nicaragua's support for the Cuban resolution.

"It is an irrational attitude that demonstrates the supremacy and exceptionalism of U.S. power elites", said the Nicaraguan representative.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.tn8.tv/nacionales/nicaragua-condena-en-la-onu-el-inhumano-bloqueo-a-cuba/> /



26,700 University scholarships to be offered to Nicaraguan youth

FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2022

The Ministry of Youth (MINJUVE) in alliance with 20 private universities in Nicaragua, launched the Sixth Edition of the National University Scholarship Fair.

The fair will take place on 11 February 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Olof Palme Convention Center.

There will be 50 university degrees, 26 master's degrees and 20 postgraduate degrees on offer at 20 universities.

Lucien Guevara, Minister of Youth, stated that the academic offer for Nicaraguans consists of 26,700 scholarships, including 100% for academic excellence, 50% and 80%.

"There will also be 3 thousand scholarships for masters and postgraduate degrees", added Guevara.

"We invite our young people and all Nicaraguans to participate in this initiative of our Buen Gobierno (Good Governance), where they will be taken care of with the high quality

and warmth, so that they can become the protagonists of these scholarships," he said.

Marvin Jiménez Ruíz, Vice Rector General of the UCC, emphasized the importance of all the universities coming together.

"If we are betting on quality education and we have all gone through a process of verification of minimum standards of quality, then efforts like these confirm the importance of all universities to work together. For UCC to participate in this scholarship fair is an opportunity to give talented young people with limited economic resources the opportunity to pursue undergraduate, graduate or specialized degrees," he said.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://diariobarricada.com/2022/11/04/26-mil-700-becas-universitarias-seran-ofertadas-para-jovenes-nicaraguenses/>

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