**MEXICO´S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**LONDON, United Kingdom, 16th September 2015.-** The Ambassador of Mexico to the United Kingdom, Diego Gomez-Pickering led the ceremony to commemorate the CCV Anniversary of the Mexican Independence at the Victoria & Albert Museum ([V&A](http://www.vam.ac.uk/)), where it was also presented the *Fashion & Design* Event.

Last night, before hundreds of people from Mexican community, the diplomatic core, members of Parliament, businessmen, scholars and government representatives, the Mexican diplomat gave the traditional Independence Cry describing the milestone in Mexican history: *Mexicans, long life to the heroes who gave us Homeland and Freedom. Viva Hidalgo. Viva Morelos. Viva Josefa Ortiz de Domínguez. Viva Allende. Viva Aldama. Vivan Matamoros and Galeana. Viva Guerrero. Viva la Independencia Nacional. Viva Mexico. Viva Mexico. Viva Mexico! ".*

Participants responded in unison *Viva Mexico!* and immediately after that, Mexican community sang together the Mexican National Anthem, prior to which, a Mexican Army officer handed on the National Flag to the Ambassador, which was honoured by all Mexicans.

Beforehand, in what constituted a celebration of Mexican creative industries, a fashion show took place to present collections of designers such as Julia and Renata; Juan Acevedo from *East Club*; Carla Fernandez; Vero Diaz; Francisco Cancino from *Yakampot* and Valentina Gonzalez Wholers.

Furthermore, in the area of design, the audience could admire the silver productions of Bodo Sperlein with [TANE](https://www.tane.com.mx/tane-home/), and talented Mexican designer Liliana Ovalle.

In this context, a [VIDEO](http://promexico.blob.core.windows.net/podcasts/CGCI/Industriascreativas.mp4) from *ProMexico* was shared to demonstrate the current quality level that creative arts have achieved in Mexico and [another one](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPdoFyNWkOU) in which the Embassy displayed photographs of more than 80 events which have taken place to celebrate the Year of Mexico in the United Kingdom in 2015.

During the evening, the Mexican community and guests enjoyed Mexican popular music, through the interpretation of classic mariachi songs, as well as authentic Mexican food samples, beer and wine.

They also had the opportunity to visit the John Madejski's garden at the [V&A](http://www.vam.ac.uk/), where interactive design of the Mexican architect Frida Escobedo, entitled *You know you cannot see yourself so well as by reflection,* will remain open to the public –free entrance- until 2nd October.

Escobedo created a pavilion, inspired in Tenochtitlan, the Mexican city that was built on a lake, referencing the multicultural influences that coexist in contemporary Mexico.

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