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The Dutch Embassy in San José wins 'Best Embassy Prize' for promoting Dutch business abroad (Source: http://www.fenedex.nl/fdx_nieuws_db.html?id=375809&view=item)

Ambassador Matthijs van Bonzel (San José) received the prestigious Embassy VNO-NCW/Fenedex Prize during the "Economic Morning" at the ambassadors conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague. Mr. Hamburg, Chairman of Fenedex handed out the award to Ambassador Matthijs van Bonzel. The prize is awarded based on a survey of members of VNO-NCW (the association of Dutch private enterprise) and Fenedex (the

association of Dutch exporters). It shows that the industry increasingly uses the economic services of embassies. The appreciation of the services of the foreign affairs network increased. Five years ago entrepreneurs gave the embassies a 7.8 overall rating. In 2010 this had risen to 8.9. The Dutch Embassy in San Jose and its Consulate General in Panama (won second place) are very proud of this recognition. We thank the Dutch companies that have nominated our both posts for this prestigious award. We will continue to do our utmost to serve your interests.

Central American region



Taiwan's Central American allies expand their relationships with Beijing (source: Reuters) Friendlier ties between Taiwan and China are allowing Central American nations to deepen economic links with the communist giant, increasing Chinese influence in a region dominated by the United States. Central American businesses say the isthmus has been held back by its long support of Taiwan, a self-ruled island claimed by Beijing as part of China, denying the banana and textile exporting countries free access to the world's second economy. The region has been torn between Taiwan's generous aid and the promise of doing business with Beijing, enviously looking on while



bigger economies like Brazil, Chile and Peru steadily increase their shipments of raw materials to China.

Central America water shortages as a result of climate change (source: Inter-Press Service) According to recent studies, El Salvador will be the most water-stressed country in Central America in the future. Population growth and climate change in the region are driving this dire prediction. Water demand is expected to grow by 300 percent by 2050. To compound the problem, the availability of renewable water could fall from current levels by 63 percent. El Salvador will be most negatively affected followed by Honduras and Nicaragua. El Salvador is also the most deforested country in Latin America.

Climate change could cost Central America up to \$73 billion (source: AFP) Climate change is expected to cost Latin America 1 per cent of its gross domestic product each year. Disasters and extreme weather will take their toll on production, according to a report published by the UN Economic Commission for Latin America released during the world climate negotiations in Mexico. The study indicates that Central America is at particular risk and could lose the equivalent of \$73 billion in gross domestic product by 2100 under the most pessimistic scenario.

European Investment Bank negotiates new package of loans for Central America (Source: Efe) The European Investment Bank is negotiating several loans to the region with the aim to fight climate change and lean up the environment. Magdalena Álvarez, the bank's vice-president, is visiting Panama for talks on a loan for the construction of the Metro to be built in Panama City. Álvarez said that she is also negotiating a credit line with the Central American Bank for Economic Integration with the aim of financing small projects that will contribute to fight climate change.

Businessmen question Integration Secretary (Source: laprensagrafica.com) The Central American Economic Integration Department (SIECA) is currently under fire due to the, according to Costa Rica and Panama, illegitimate appointment of the new Secretary General. The Federation of Private Entities of Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic (FEDEPRICAP), canceled a meeting with the Spanish Organizations Confederation because the meeting was sponsored by the SIECA as part of a project which manages the Department itself. Roberto Ardon Quinonez, Secretary General of FEDEPRICAP said that the: "SIECA is currently under question, since the appointment of the Secretary General was made abnormally" and that "It is not possible to continue activities with the Department until it solves this problem, we want to rectify what has been done.". Meanwhile, the Federation of Chambers of Industry and the Dominican Republic FECAICA indicated in a press release:

1. Its unwavering belief in the Central American integration process, as an ideal and irreversible development for the region, especially to raise the standard of living of its inhabitants.
2. Its rejection for irregularities and lack of observance of due process, transparency and respect for the institutions in appointing the Secretary General of the Central American Economic Integration Department.
3. Its interest in the rectification of proceedings and a return to the institutional framework provided for appointments of the Secretary General of SIECA, in which the industrial sector will keep a close, diligent and objective watch, with respect to legal structures and institutional integration processes.

On the other hand, the alignment of forces around this issue was very clear when PARLACEN sworn in Ernesto Torres Chico as the new Secretary General of SIECA.

Taca, Copa and United create Codeshare Agreements (Source: TACA) The airlines announced the intention of establishing bilateral cooperation agreements on shared codes. As part of the preparation process for the entry into Star Alliance and with the aim of strengthening the portfolio of services for travelers, Copa Airlines, Colombia Copa Airlines, Continental Airlines and United Airlines, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of United Continental Holdings, Inc . and Avianca Taca, announced their intention to establish bilateral cooperation agreements on shared codes, as well as frequent flyer programs and other benefits for customers. These cooperation agreements will be formalized with the respective authorities before coming into effect. The first phase of the code share agreement will begin once approvals are received from the respective aeronautical authorities, including the operation of flights between the U.S. and Colombia, U.S. and Central America and between Central America and Colombia.



Integration of Central American Banking Systems (Source: elperiodico.com.gt) By the end of February the Regional Interconnection Payments System (SIP) will be operational. The new system will allow banking institutions in Central America and the Dominican Republic to receive electronic transactions at a lower cost than through private banks. According to the structure submitted to representatives of the Banking Association of Guatemala by Sergio Recinos, financial manager at Banguat, the cost per transaction using SIP will be \$5 and will be open to all banks operating in the region and with an account at their central bank.

Central America present in Spanish and Dutch Tourism Fairs (Source: sigloxxi.com) The region participated in the International Tourism Fair of Madrid, FITUR 2011 and Dutch Vakantiebeurs 2011 in Utrecht, with a wide range of offerings. Offers from the Central American region are based on natural resources, culture and traditions. Maria Amalia Revelo, marketing director of the Costa Rican Institute of Tourism, said, "The natural beauty of our country and its biodiversity pose a very attractive and fun vacation, with walks through forests, volcanoes and beaches."

The 2011 Index of Economic Freedom (Source: The Heritage Foundation) In Central America, El Salvador leads (39 in the world), followed by Costa Rica (49), Panama (59), Guatemala (79), Nicaragua (98) and Honduras (99). According to the Heritage Foundation, which develops the index in association with The Wall Street Journal, the "economic freedom is the fundamental right of every human to control his or her own labor and property. In an economically free society, individuals are free to work, produce, consume, and invest in any way they please, with that freedom both protected by the state and unconstrained by the state. In economically free societies, governments allow labor, capital and goods to move freely, and refrain from coercion or constraint of liberty beyond the extent necessary to protect and maintain liberty itself".

Ranking of the Central American nations in the 2011 Index of Economic Freedom, compared with other Latin American Countries:

- 11 Chile
- 33 Uruguay
- 39 El Salvador
- 41 Peru
- 45 Colombia
- 48 México
- 49 Costa Rica
- 59 Panamá
- 77 Paraguay
- 79 Guatemala
- 90 Dominican Republic
- 98 Nicaragua
- 99 Honduras
- 113 Brazil
- 138 Argentina
- 147 Bolivia
- 175 Venezuela



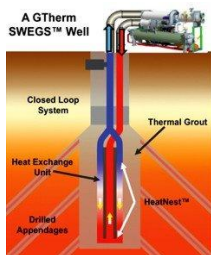
Amega launches second phase of studies for transfer terminal at Moín in Costa Rica (Source: Business News Americas) Americas Gateway Development Corporation (Amega) expects to begin the second phase of studies for a new transfer terminal near Costa Rica's Moín port in the next few weeks. The firm expects to invest some \$14.9 million in completing detailed designs which cover technical, legal, financial and environmental aspects of the project, as well as preparing the tender document drafts. Amega has set up a trust that will launch a private tender for the consultancy, in which the government will select the auditor.



40 companies interested in Moín Terminal Expansion (Source: Nacion.com) The \$ 92 million bid launched last December is to allow docking of ships of up to 80,000 DWT. According to the schedule, the Costa Rican Petroleum Refinery (RECOPE), will award the project later this year and works would start during the first quarter of 2012. The project involves construction of a dock with the ability to provide lateral support and docking of vessels, allowing cargo such as crude oil, gasoline and diesel to be unloaded.

\$320 million for Water Works in Costa Rica (Source: Inter-American Development Bank) Funds from Spain, Japan and the IDB will be used to improve drinkable water and sewer infrastructure. The project comprises \$20 million from Spain, a \$73 million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank, \$150 million provided by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency and \$77 million from the Government of Costa Rica. \$274 million will be used to improve water infrastructure in the metropolitan area of the city of San José, including a water treatment plant, while another \$26 million are earmarked for the northern areas of the country.

Untapped Geothermal Potential (Source: Nacion.com) Costa Rica spent \$ 164 million on oil in 2010 in order to generate electricity, while wasting 1,000 MW of geothermal potential. According to current legal framework and planning, the Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad expects to generate 4,018 megawatts by the year 2016, of which only 35 MW will come from geothermal sources; it represents only 2% of the total. The 35 MW will be contributed by the Pailas Geothermal Power Plant, expected to enter production in 2012. Considering Costa Rica's vast underground geothermal potential, the dogmatic rejection to use the geothermal energy inside national parks, which was established long ago, is an ecological contradiction and an economic madness. ICE insists on their desire and need to exploit geothermal energy, but the legislature has been unable to respond to such urgency by not approving the necessary legal framework. If it had, the country would at least have had 1,000 megawatts of additional power generation to replace fossil fuel burning.



“Dry” Geothermal Energy Exploitation (Source: CentralAmericaData.COM) GTherm, the owner of the patent, is negotiating with Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad (ICE) to develop a 12 MW pilot project. Within ICE's strategy to develop clean electricity sources, since October 2010 it is negotiating a pilot project to generate electricity by harnessing geothermal energy in the subsoil, a rich resource in Costa Rica. The system which U.S. company GTherm owns and that would be the one used in ICE's pilot project, has a great advantage over traditional geothermal plants (EGS - Enhanced Geothermal Systems): they do not need to use large quantities of water. The SWEGS System (Single-Well Engineered Geothermal System) by GTherm is a closed loop system that requires no water reservoir, the infrastructure stays mostly underground having a low visual effect and the system generates no pollution, producing clean, renewable and sustainable energy. Carlos Graffigna, president and partner of the firm in Costa Rica, said that negotiations are at an advanced stage, and there is great enthusiasm at ICE for the development of the pilot project. He stressed that Costa Rica is the starting point for expanding the concept of "dry geothermal power" to other countries in the region.

LPG storage contract awarded to Felguera (Source: Costa Rican Petroleum Refinery) The State refiner ICE awarded the Felguera group the construction of the new infrastructure for storing liquefied gas. I.H.S.A. Felguera Spain won the tender and will be responsible for the design, purchase of materials and construction of six storage facilities of 250 m3 each. The project will cost a total of \$ 10,481,266.00 and will start construction in July of this year for completion in October 2012. Once the project is completed, storage capacity will be increased to 1,500 m3 (9,000 barrels) of liquefied gas at the refinery facilities in Moín.

Hyatt announces hotel in Costa Rica (Source: Business Wire) The Hyatt Hotel chain is planning a 120-room hotel in the city of San Jose. The hotel to be named Hyatt Place San Jose Pinares, will be located at the Momentum Pinares shopping center, east of the city. Developed through an agreement with Hotelera Pinares S.A. and the developer of the shopping center, Desarrolladores 506, the hotel plans to open doors in mid-2012.



\$ 54 million shopping center (Source: Nacion.com) Construction began on the new Lincoln Plaza shopping center, which will occupy an area of 34,000 square meters. Located in Moravia (San Jose), the mall will open its doors in November 2012. According to Silvia Casas, marketing manager of the project developer Portafolio Inmobiliario, the shopping center will have 200 stores, seven restaurants, four cafes and cinemas spread over six levels.

\$ 20 million investment in shopping center (Source: elfinancierocr.com) By early November 2011 the expansion work of the Desamparados Multicenter will be done. The new stage adds 23,500 meters to the current complex along with 60 new shops, department stores and dining areas. Eduardo Feoli of the Raventos Corporation (owner of the development), told there is already an extensive list of companies interested in being present at the new stage of the mall.

Dos Pinos announces new Regional Investment (Source: Nacion.com) The Costa Rican company announced expansion plans in Honduras, the Dominican Republic and Panama. The arrival of firms Lala, Femsa and Casaluque into the regional market influenced the company's decision. Jorge Pattoni, manager of Dos Pinos, preferred not to talk about the type of investments to be made but said the company will not be sold and will further strengthen to compete in the regional market. That's why it was decided to make new investments in addition to the existing ones. They will invest in a distribution center in Guatemala and Nicaragua as well as a joint venture in a manufacturing plant in Panama.

Coriport, of Houston Airport System Development Corporation, in Costa Rica (source: La República) Costa Rica's second leading airport, the Daniel Oduber airport, is being expanded with a \$35 million investment. If all goes well, the work will be concluded by the middle of the year, given a contract that stipulates construction of between six and nine months. The company in charge of the project, Coriport, is related to Houston Airport System Development Corporation, which is also the operator of the Juna Santamaría airport, the nation's leading airport.

Costa Rica's universities fail to keep up with the labor market of the nation (source: La República) Costa Rican companies complain about a shortage of technicians, professionals and post-graduate specialists in several areas. A deficit has emerged in multi-media programming, web development, sales of technical equipment, telecommunications engineering, software development and other areas. However, the private sector is unwilling to contribute to the training required by the universities, said Sandra Leon, rector of the National University.

Outlook for 2011 is positive for Costa Rica's tourism, with 9 percent growth (source: Inside Costa Rica) The outlook for the 2011 tourism season is positive, with a forecast by the Costa Rican Tourism Institute of a 9 percent growth in tourist arrivals. According to the institute, 2010 was a recovery year (9, 4% growth), as tourist arrivals reached the peak of the 2008 season when more than 2 million arrivals were recorded. The regions in greatest demand by tourists are the Central Valley, Central Pacific, the Northern Plains and Guanacaste.

Costa Rica boosts medical tourism plans with visits to companies from United States (Source: La República) A group of 11 business leaders from the United States visited Costa Rican health centers with the aim of checking out the possibilities of offering health insurance for employees. This contact is part of a scheme to attract 100,000 medical tourists a year to Costa Rica in the next three years. So far two such tours have been organized. The companies that have been invited have a minimum of 2,000 employees.



Canada's GoldCorp sold \$1.4 billion in Guatemala (Source: AFP) Canadian miner GoldCorp achieved sales of \$1.4 billion in five years from gold and silver mined in Guatemala. During that time, the company exported 1.2 million ounces of gold for a total of \$1.1 billion, as well as 18.2 million



ounces of silver that provided \$300 million. In five years, GoldCorp has paid \$126 million taxes to the Guatemalan state. In addition, it has invested \$15 million in construction of schools, a medical center and roads, as well as a food program.

The Central America Bottling Corporation predicts surge in 2011 growth (source: Notimex) The Central America Bottling Corporation (Cabcorp), the regional drinks company based in Guatemala, forecasts major growth in the sector next year. A representative said that in 2011, the company will continue to achieve double-digit growth in sales. Cabcorp has more than 5,000 employees. It is the leading Pepsi Cola bottler in the region, with brands such as Squirt, Mirinda, Seven Up, Gatorade, Lipton and Brahma beer.

Nicaragua



Nicaragua earns \$1.9 billion amid rapid export growth (source: El Universal) Preliminary figures show that Nicaragua's exports in 2010 reached some \$1.9 billion, a 31.7 percent increase on 2009. Growth was largely due to the international market prices of products such as coffee, sugar and gold. Nicaragua's leading trade partner continues to be the United States, which buys some 28.7 percent of its exports. The second leading purchaser of Nicaraguan exports is now Venezuela.

Centrales Hidroelectricas de Centroamerica Tumarin project to begin in Nicaragua (source: Hydro World) Work on the 220-megawatt Tumarin hydropower project in Nicaragua could begin in the next couple of months, according to officials from developer Centrales Hidroelectricas de Centroamerica. The start of the construction was delayed due to negotiations with property owners over indemnity payments. In other media, the government of Nicaragua has said it will take four years for the construction of the 250-megawatt Brito hydroelectric plant to be completed, representing an investment of \$600 million.

Nicaragua earns \$360 million from tourism as target visiting number of one million is reached (source: Xinhua) Nicaragua's tourism industry increased its earnings this year by 9.6 percent, said the tourism minister, Mario Salinas. The official said that income from tourism will reach \$360 million this year, making it one of the economy's leading sources of earnings. Salinas said that the country has achieved its target of attracting one million tourists for the first time this year.

El Salvador



El Salvador optimistic about a resurgence of economic recovery in 2011 (source: Inside Costa Rica) The government of El Salvador is confident that the country's production engine will start moving up in 2011 after the national economy crossed from zero to positive signs in 2010. Carlos Caceres, the finance minister of El Salvador, said to be confident of 2.5 percent economic growth in 2011. Official reports indicate that El Salvador was one of the most affected countries in the continent by the 2008 crisis in the United States, its main source of trade and remittances. The impact was so severe that the gross domestic product fell to minus 3.3 percent in 2009, far below the level from where the nation started to get to in 2010, with growth close to 1 percent.

El Salvador's exports increased by 17.8 percent during last year to \$4.5 billion (Source: Efe) El Salvador's exports rose by 17.8 percent last year in comparison with 2009. The 2010 total reached \$4.47 billion. Traditional exports went up by 7.6 percent to \$2.08 billion. Sales of coffee fell by 7.4 percent, but exports of sugar and shrimp rose sharply thanks to international prices.



El Salvador aims to seal trade deals with Canada, Cuba, Europe, Mexico and Peru (source: Inside Costa Rica) The government of El Salvador aims to make the trade agreements with Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Peru, the European Union and the countries of the Pacific Rim concrete in 2011. Deputy Economy Minister Mario Hernandez said that the free trade agreement with Canada will be signed soon, assuming it benefits El Salvador. He added that the ratification of the association agreement with the European Union in 2011 depends on the parliaments of Europe and the Central American nations.

Astaldi faces arbitration threat at the El Salvador dam (source: Diario de Hoy) The geological problems detected in El Salvador's El Chaparral hydroelectric project are likely to be resolved by arbitration. The state-owned Rio Lempa Hydroelectric Executive Commission has called for international exports to apportion responsibility for expenses incurred for a possible redesign or relocation of the dam. The contract establishes that Italy's Astaldi is due to complete the dam by the beginning of 2014 at a cost of \$220 million.



\$2 billion from overseas to promote social projects (source: La Tribuna) William Chong Wong, the Honduran finance minister, reported that the country has \$2 billion in foreign funds to promote social projects in a wide range of areas. Among the projects the country aims to promote e.g. the construction and repair of highways. The funds come from the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the European Union and the governments of Canada, Germany, Spain, Denmark, Kuwait and Taiwan.

Lobo launches \$260 million wind-farm in Honduras with Gamesa and Iberdrola (Source: Efe) The president of Honduras, Porfirio Lobo, launched the construction of a \$260 million wind farm. The farm will be built by two Spanish companies, Gamesa and Iberdrola Ingeniería y Construcción. It will have a 100-megawatt capacity. Lobo emphasized that the wind farm, together with new hydroelectric projects, aims to reduce the country's dependence on oil-based power plants.

Textile industry expects \$120 million investment (source: La Tribuna) Executives of the textile and garment industries in Honduras expect \$120 million investment in the sector in 2011, including 25,000 new jobs. By the end of 2010, the industry's exports had increased by 20 percent to \$2.8 billion, all of it to the United States and mostly of socks, underwear and t-shirts. The industry is looking for further expansion when the association agreement with the European Union comes into force in 2012.

Honduras to improve control, security and customs administration at Puerto Cortés (source: Dredging News Online) Honduras is to receive a \$10 million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank to improve control, security and customs services at Puerto Cortés. Puerto Cortés handles 81 percent of cargo and 76 per cent of vessels entering and leaving Honduras and is the main port in Central America. The project is the first of its kind in Latin America and the Caribbean and aims to improve security and fiscal and parafiscal controls, while facilitating and speeding up the clearance of legitimate trade.

Honduran sells \$50 million of tilapia a year to US (source: FIS) Honduras has received \$50 million in foreign exchange from the sale of 16.5 million pounds of fresh tilapia fillets to the United States during 2010. As a result, it has become the main exporter of this fish to the US market. Orlando Delgado, general manager of the company Aquafinca Saint Peter Fish, which is dedicated to this activity, ensured that both production and exports of tilapia resulted in approximately 1,500 direct and 6,000 indirect jobs.

Honduras revives investment program to attract 500 potential foreign companies (Source: La Tribuna) The foreign ministry of Honduras is reviving its "Honduras is Open for Business" forum on May 5 and 6 in San Pedro Sula. The aim is to attract 500 foreign investors. Some 1,000 companies



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are believed to be interested in six sectors, principally tourism. Honduras wants to create 350,000 jobs over the next five years through \$4.5 billion of investment.

Dominican Republic



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TRADEPLATFORM:

In 2009 the Departments of Commerce of the Dutch Embassies Guatemala-City, Managua and San José developed a trade platform. This Business to Business (B2B) tool helps Central American and Dutch companies to get in touch with the aim of exchanging information and doing business. The

website www.doingtradeincentralamerica.com provides information sources for Dutch companies interested in doing business with Central American companies, and groups them together on this website. On the 1st of November 2009 the Embassy of the Netherlands launched a trade platform, which can be found at www.centralamericab2b.com. This service is provided free of charge. The services of this trade platform include the possibility to promote your company, to publish your trade leads, to search for potential contacts or partners in the different countries and sectors, and to contact the companies that you are interested in. In addition, notifications of events that could be of interest to Dutch or Central American companies will be published on this platform. To maximize the accessibility for all parties, the website is in English. Furthermore, a short manual is provided to make the usage of the website as easy as possible.

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