

QT Slice of the West



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Unique Mexican art display underscores friendship and cooperation between Qatar and Mexico: Mexico envoy

JUST as food brings people together, art has the power to connect hearts and minds, inspire conversations, and build bridges between different cultures and traditions, Ambassador of United Mexican States HE Guillermo Ordorica Robles has said.

The envoy was addressing the gathering on Tuesday and the occasion was the inauguration of two extraordinary works of art at the Viva Mexico restaurant in The Pearl Qatar.

"The unique artwork by talented Mexican artist Rodrigo Solórzano, symbolizes not only Mexico's rich biodiversity but also the strength and resilience that characterize our culture," the Mexican envoy said while adding, "The artwork of the Mexican artist represents two unique beetles that inhabit our beautiful country. These works are not merely artistic representations of Nature; they are, in their essence, a bridge between cultures, a visual dialogue that transcends words and borders."

The envoy noted that during the 2022 World Cup, these sculptures were part of the artistic landscape that Mexico presented to the world. "Today, we are proud to leave these pieces in Doha as a cultural legacy, enduring symbols of friendship and cooperation between Mexico and Qatar."



HE Guillermo Ordorica Robles (Center) seen with Gilberto Hossfeldt (Left) and Juan Ramirez (2nd from right)



HE Guillermo Ordorica Robles (2nd from right) performing ribbon cutting ceremony

Robles said that it was an honour for him on this significant occasion, to inaugurate two art pieces from Mexico to

place these works in a public area outside a Mexican restaurant, "which is no coincidence".

"These sculptures, rather than static objects, are living invitations to reflect on the importance of biodiversity conservation, respect for the environment, and appreciation of the small wonders of our natural world."

"By leaving these works here in Doha, we wish to share a piece of Mexico with Qatar and with all those who visit this place. We want people to look at these sculptures and not only see the beauty and complexity of Nature but also feel the warmth, passion and richness of Mexican culture," he said.

In his closing remarks, Robles said, "Let these sculptures

be a constant reminder of the ties that bind our nations and our shared commitment to a more inclusive, diverse and respectful world. May they also be a symbol of our friendship and cooperation, and of the infinite possibilities that arise when we unite our cultures, talents and dreams."

He added: "May these sculptures inspire us all to continue building a future together, filled with art, understanding and collaboration."

Gilberto Hossfeldt, owner of Viva Mexico at the Qanat Quartier, The Pearl Qatar, paid his gratitude to the Ambassador of Mexico for choosing his venue as a permanent house

for Mexican beetles, a unique artwork by renowned Mexican artist Rodrigo Solórzano.

Talking to Qatar Tribune on the occasion, Juan Ramirez, a Doha-based Mexican architect by profession since 2006 and well known for his magic artistic photography, said that two more sculptures 'Oryx' and 'Humpback Whale' by Rodrigo Solórzano were installed at Katara Cultural Village in December 2022 during FIFA World Cup.

He said that Mexican artist works at Katara Cultural Village and The Pearl Qatar symbolise strong bilateral relations between Qatar and Mexico.



A group of ladies at Viva Mexico on Tuesday



The monthly gatherings foster meaningful connections and collaborations, As the Happy People Doha Business Club approaches its half decade milestone on February 18, 2024



Vibrant 'Happy People Doha Business Club WhatsApp Group' to mark 5th anniversary

IN the current era, social platforms, characterized by significant population mobilization, play a crucial role for lonely expatriates. Such platforms provide the opportunity to meet like-minded people and engage with diverse perspectives from varied cultures, fostering personal growth and spending free time away from dear ones, in a healthy way.

The State of Qatar stands out in numerous ways, holding a prestigious position on regional and international levels. It is the largest exporter of liquefied natural gas (LNG) globally, contributing to energy needs and economic development. Additionally, Qatar plays a crucial role as a mediator, facilitating conflict resolution among countries.

Qatar's support and contributions through dynamic programs like Education Above All (EAA), World Innovation Summit For Education (WISE), and World Innovation Summit For Health (WISH) help uplift societies worldwide. Fostering a healthy sports environment by organising world-class tournaments and Expo 2023 Qatar promoting the importance of protecting of environment and creating a healthier and more sustainable future for the planet Earth.

Within this context, Qatar prioritizes providing an environment for its citizens and residents to engage in healthy activities during their leisure time.

Ann Williams, the president



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of the Swedish Community in Qatar, initiated the establishment of a WhatsApp group under the name

'Happy People Doha' in 2019, marking its fifth anniversary this month. Qatar Tribune interviewed Ann

Williams, delving into the journey of this vibrant business community network social forum. Formerly, the business development director for a media company in Qatar, she founded the Happy People Doha WhatsApp group to bring together individuals she met at networking events.

She said that the group swiftly grew, prompting the members of the monthly gatherings in various hotels across Doha. What began with 30-40 members has now expanded to a thriving community of 250 individuals from 40 nationalities.

She said the group serves as a valuable hub for sharing upcoming events, exchanging experiences, and

facilitating referrals and introductions among members. Comprising esteemed members in senior positions across diverse sectors, including CEOs, directors, founders, and diplomats, the community thrives on the rich tapestry of talents within Qatar's industries.

Talking about the journey of the club so far, she said the monthly gatherings foster meaningful connections and collaborations,

"As the Happy People Doha Business Club approaches, its half decade milestone on February 18, 2024, it reflects on the dynamic synergy that has flourished on WhatsApp platform, uniting professionals from various industries."