

PRESS BULLETIN

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MEXICAN CHILDREN OBTAIN PRIZE FOR SCIENTIFIC INNOVATION WITHIN CLIMATE CHANGE TOURNAMENT IN DENMARK

Last 4th of May a group of eight talented Mexican students from San Ignacio de Loyola School from Mexico City obtained the Prize **Actions in Defense of the Climate** in the category “Against all the Obstacles”, as the result of their participation in children’s international robot tournament and scientific innovation contest (Children’s Climate Call) in Copenhagen, in the eve of the UN Climate Summit (COP15) that will take place at the end of this year.

The Mexican students who traveled to Denmark to participate in the tournament, obtained this important recognition by the presentation of the project “Green Roof”, by which they propose to revitalize the green areas of Mexico City through the conversion of 50 percent of the roofs of houses and public buildings in gardens and growing areas, for ornamental plants and for vegetables, which may in turn improve the family economy of the inhabitants of the Mexican capital city.

Their project, which has been widely supported by botanical statistical information, proposes massive seeding in Mexico City’s roofs with native plants such as the “Sedun dendrideun” (*siempre viva*), an easy to grow plant d with a high consumption of CO₂, and cactus and xerophytes of short roots and easy to adapt to Mexico City’s weather.

During the presentation of their project, the children received the visit of Crown Prince Frederik, who came to the event to see the participants’ works.

A team of five young students from different secondary schools of Estado de México came also to this contest. Under the name of CIBEROTS they competed in a robot tournament, where the teams from technological institutes from Brazil and China came out as winners.

The contest, sponsored mainly by the Danish international toy company, Lego, with the support of the Danish Royal House and of various private companies and international organisms, has been celebrated since 2000. Some of the hosts have been Holland, Norway and Japan. Thirty five teams were presented in the Copenhagen edition.

For this reason the Mexican Ambassador, Martha Bárcena Coqui, gave a courtesy reception for the delegates from Mexico at the Mexican Residence and a special visit to the exhibition “Colores” from the children’s painting workshop of the Lacandona community Nahá, in Chiapas. This exhibition was recently presented at the Mexican Institute of Culture in Copenhagen.

The prize received by the students of San Ignacio de Loyola School is a first order recognition to both Mexican children and the education system; furthermore, it reflects the effort that the Mexican society makes to contribute to the protection of the global environment.

For further information consult the official webpage of the contest: www.childrensclimatecall.org

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