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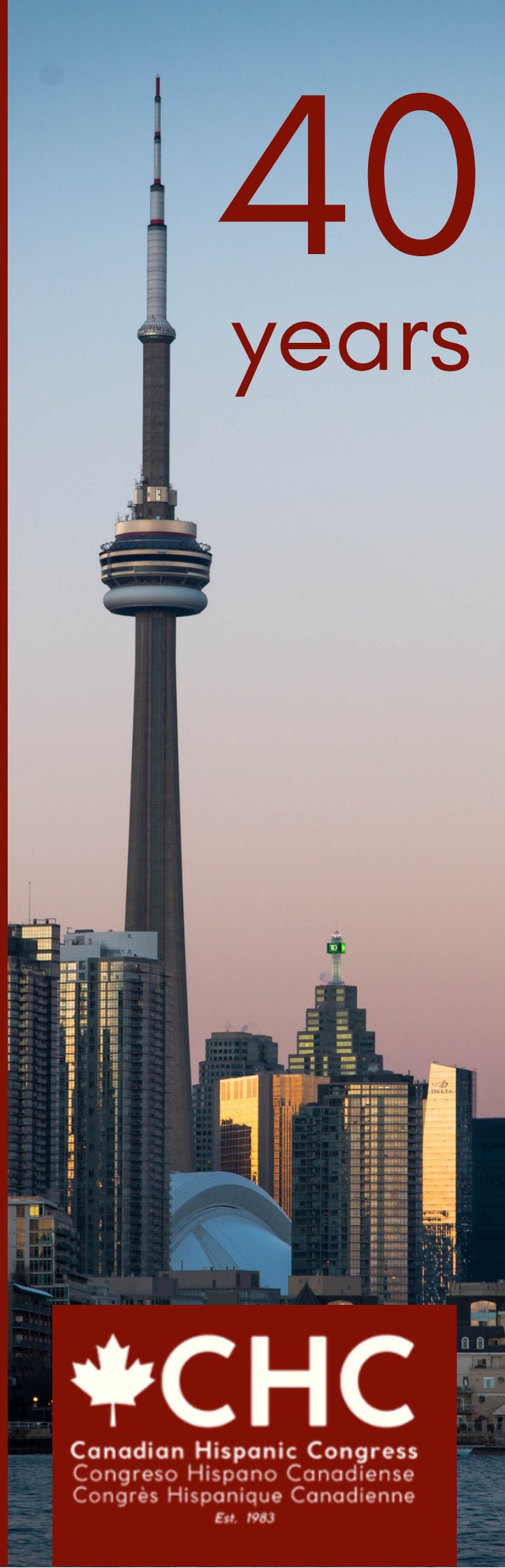
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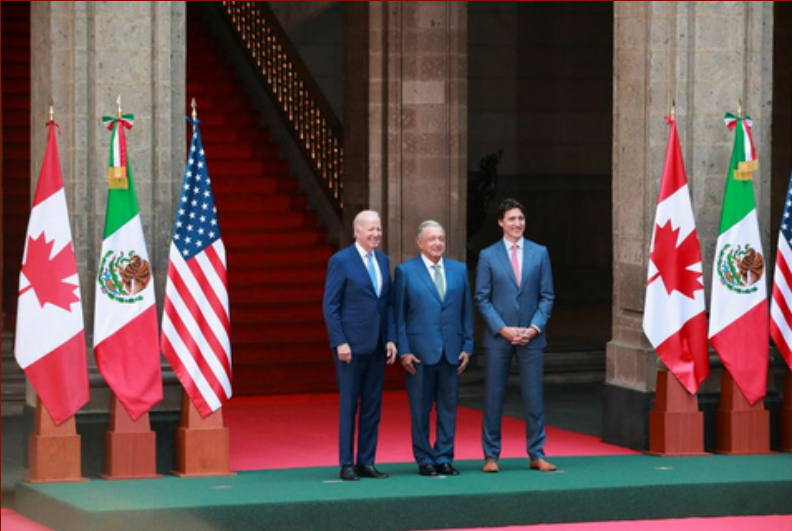
***Celebrating the 40th  
anniversary of the  
Canadian Hispanic  
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# 40 years



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# Justin Trudeau visits Mexico for the 10th Summit of North American Leaders



From January 9 to 11, 2023, Joe Biden and Justin Trudeau met with Mexican president Andrés Manuel López Obrador in Mexico City to hold the 10th North American Leaders' Summit.

The main issues addressed at the meeting between the three countries were diversity, equity and inclusion; climate change and the environment; immigration and development; competitiveness, health and security.

Trudeau and Lopez Obrador discussed strategies that favour indigenous peoples and historically marginalized communities in the two countries. They also discussed the promotion of labour and investment, proposing new areas of collaboration to enrich strategic relations between Canada and Mexico.

On January 11, at the conclusion of the Summit, the two leaders discussed the importance of the immigration program for temporary visas in Canada for Mexican workers.

During his speech, Trudeau spoke about the foundations that sustain the continental economy and how collaboration between the three countries is fundamental to its stabilization. Collaboration, trade, clean economy, investment, and inclusion were at the heart of the speech.

He also spoke about the meeting that took place in Montreal where an agreement was reached to care for the environment, with targets to be met by 2030.



# Purchase of F-35 fighter jets (Ottawa, Canada)



On January 10, 2023, it was confirmed that Canada purchased 88 F-35 fighter jets to begin to replace the current fleet of CF-18 fighter jets. The new fleet of jets is expected to arrive in Canada in the next three years, with delivery ending in early 2032, as confirmed by the government.

The current decision to replace and purchase the new fleet will cost Canadians \$19 billion.

"This project is of greater importance at a time when our world is darkening, with Russia's illegal and unjustifiable invasion of Ukraine and China's increasingly dominant attitude in the Indo-Pacific region," Defense Minister Anita Anand told in a news conference.

Based on a conversation cited by The Globe and Mail with University of Calgary political science professor Robert Huebert, the purchase of the F-35s will give Canada the advanced technology it needs to be able to defend itself against any international threat.

Canada previously purchased military equipment from the United States, has allowed Canada to be in tune with its NATO allies and NORAD, a North American defense organization.

## Immigration to Canada in 2022

2022 was a historic year for the Canadian immigration department, as 431,645 people registered and immigrated to Canada, surpassing the 2021 figure of around 405,000 people.

This is partly due to Canada's successful Express Entry program, launched in 2015, which aims to meet Canada's labor market needs while maintaining long-term economic growth.

The program is responsible for selecting candidates for immigration to Canada through various federal economic immigration programs.

Because of the updated Canadian visa processing times, the backlog of applications dropped significantly, as the IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) processed more than 4.8 million applications in 2022 alone. This figure is in line with the goal set by the Canadian government to accept more than 500,000 immigrants by the end of 2023.

# Collaboration in the North American Drug Dialogue



During the 10th Summit of North American Leaders, the U.S., Canada, and Mexico held talks and reaffirmed their commitment to work together to create an anti-drug strategy.

To combat arms and drug trafficking, the U.S. government stressed that there will be continued collaboration as part of the North American Drug Dialogue, with a more up-to-date strategy to better address illegal drug threats and strengthen public health approaches to limit substance use.



The Summit touched on issues important to the security and well-being of the people of North America, such as the commitment to work together to achieve safe, orderly, and humane migration between countries. Advocating for the expansion of legal avenues and other humanitarian measures to address illegal migration to the region. There was also talk of a virtual platform, through the Los Angeles Declaration website, where migrants have simplified access to legal channels.



"This will give potential immigrants the information they need to come to Mexico, the United States, and Canada legally, making them less likely to rely on smugglers who lie about border restrictions in place and put their lives at risk."

# Message from the president



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Dear Friends of the Canadian Hispanic Congress,

Wishing you and yours a good start to this new year.

We, in our daily lives, have to deal with many events and yet there are some that touch our lives in a different way, and we feel the need to talk about them. In January 2023, we said a sad farewell to former Lieutenant Governor David Onley and long-time Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion. Prior to his appointment as Ontario's 28th Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Onley was a television journalist and news anchor. Afflicted with polio since early childhood, he worked to raise awareness of the importance of ensuring accessibility for Canadians with visible disabilities. Mr. Onley was a member of the Order of Canada and received numerous honorary academic awards from various universities.

The citizens of Ontario and across Canada fondly remember Hazel McCallion and her 36 years of service as Mayor of Mississauga, Ontario. Ms. McCallion entered politics at a time when women were not welcome in Canadian politics and has since served as an inspiration to other women eager to enter municipal, provincial and federal politics. An energetic professional hockey player and great leader, Ms. McCallion dedicated her efforts to the work of transforming the city of Mississauga into the thriving metropolis of today. Known affectionately as "Hurricane Hazel", she was greatly admired by all, including those of us who only had the honour of spending a brief time with her.

Wishing to end on a positive note, we are pleased to share with you that we are working on many exciting events in preparation for our celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Hispanic Canadian Congress. As always, we count on your support and welcome the opportunity to share these events with you. Please watch for our upcoming announcements with more details.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Monique Forster

President, Canadian Hispanic Congress.



**40 years of promoting  
Hispanic culture and  
community in Canada.**