

SPANISH PAVILION'S AGENDA

2nd-8th MAY 2005

"NAVARRE"

During next week, from the 2nd until the 8th of April, the Spanish Pavilion will celebrate the NAVARRE region week. On the 6th of April Navarre will be celebrating its official day. For this special occasion the Spanish Pavilion is honoured to receive the Official Delegation from this autonomous region headed by the President of The Government of Navarre, Mr. Miguel Sanz.

Spain is divided into seventeen autonomous regions, each of them with its own government. During EXPO Aichi 2005 the Spanish Pavilion will have the participation of its regional governments and autonomous cities to show Spain's natural diversity and cultural pluralism. Each Spanish autonomic region will have the use of the Pavilion for an entire week in order to display its cultural roots as well as the most outstanding features of its land and peoples, through dance, musicians, theater, exhibitions, and an audiovisual projection in the Plaza.

Spain's regions will use this opportunity to show typical products and objects of their cuisine, customs, and craft traditions. The flag of each region will fly alongside the Spanish, Japanese and European flags over the main gate for a week. During its featured week, each region will have a special day.

Navarre, with a population of more than 531.000, is located at the north central part of Spain. The history of the ancient kingdom of Navarre has always been marked by its border situation with France, Castile, Aragon and Baskland, and the fact that it is crossed by the pilgrim way Camino de Santiago (Way of Saint James) is an additional reason for its extraordinary monumental richness. Its beautiful towns and villages, some still with medieval remains, are always worth a visit.

The region's capital, Pamplona, a quiet and pleasant city, is world-famous for the running of bulls which form part of its most famous festival, San Fermín, in July. Another very peculiar folkloristic attraction are the Navarrese Carnivals with their typical Zanzantzarrak. Nowadays, Pamplona has a park (Yamaguchi Park) raised after the twinning between the cities of Yamaguchi and Pamplona in November of 2003 in memory of the evangelization of Saint Francis Javier.

SCHEDULE FOR THE NAVARRRE WEEK

"WIND OF NAVARRRE" JAZZ SHOW

All throughout the week, the jazz band "Josetxo Goia-Arribere Ensemble" will be playing their show "Wind of Navarra" at the Spanish Pavilion. This band is formed by Josetxo Goia-Arribere, Juan Cebeiro, Marc Buronfosse y Arantxa Díaz and their music is inspired by the landscapes and the traditional customs of Navarra. During the show, the Japanese student in Navarra Hiroyasu Osoya will recite some texts related to this autonomous region.

DATES: From the 2nd until the 8th of May
TIMES: 10.30h, 12h, 14.30h, 16h and 17.30h.
PLACE: The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

6th May: "NAVARRRE DAY"

During the celebration of the Navarra Day at the Spanish Pavilion, the autonomous region will introduce the programme "**Javier 2006, a universal meeting place of cultures**". This programme is related to the celebration of Saint Francis Javier's 500th birthday in Navarra.

DATE: 6th May
TIME: 12.30h
PLACE: Multipurpose room – 2nd Floor

Who is Francis Javier?

Francis Javier was born in the Javier Castle in Navarra in 1506. At the age of 19 and during his stay in Paris, he started to participate in the founding of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) a vanguard group of spiritual renewal, and to spread the Catholic faith to the furthest corners of the Earth. In 1549 Francis Javier reached the coasts of Japan, a country unknown to the West until a few years earlier. **He was the first westerner to enter Japanese territory**; he visited its cities, formed friendships with its inhabitants, wore their dress, ate their food and learnt and admired their customs. His letters provided the West with the first real proof of the existence of the New World. Francis gained considerable popularity amongst the inhabitants of Yamaguchi and became a prototype for western civilization, until then ignored in Japan. The widespread respect and devotion inspired by the memory of Francis Javier is today clear sign of universal culture.

At the entrance of the Spanish Pavilion visitors will be able to watch a cartoon video showing Saint Francis Javier's arrival to Japan.

A wide-ranging programme of activities and events like concerts, plays, exhibitions, and recitals will start at the end of this year and all through out 2006 in Navarra to commemorate the saints 5th centenary.

7th May: DRAWING CONTEST AWARDS

The President of Navarra will receive the children from the Nagoya Konan Yochien Aichi-Ken Primary School who have won the drawing contest about Francis Javier´s Castle and the figure of this world known saint.

DATE: 7th May

TIME: 11.30h

PLACE: Multipurpose room – 2nd Floor

7th May: The Garrigues Chair in Global Law/ Spanish-Japanese, Japanese-Spanish Dictionary

Presentation of the Garrigues Chair in Global Law from the Navarra University as well as the Japanese – Spanish, Spanish – Japanese Legal dictionary developed by Garrigues.

The Garrigues Chair in Global Law

In order to research global law and train global lawyers, the University of Navarra, established in 2003, the Garrigues Chair in Global Law by agreement with the Garrigues Foundation. The mission of the Garrigues Chair is to promote the formation of a global law culture through the study and research of different areas of law and contribute to the creation of a global legal order.

Japanese – Spanish, Spanish – Japanese Legal Dictionary

The Japanese-Spanish, Spanish-Japanese dictionary covers different legal areas such as civil, criminal, international, commercial law etc. The dictionary has been written by a Spanish lawyer, Francisco Barberán, specialized in Japanese Law; the dictionary will be a inestimable instrument for the legal professionals that use to work with both languages.

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ARTISTIC REPLICAS EXHIBITION

During the Navarre Week, all the visitors to the Spanish Pavilion will be able to admire in the Plaza some samples of the Navarre art through out the four main ages of history. The exhibited pieces will be the replicas of the originals but will allow the public to know about the millennial history in this region.

Ancient Age

Domestic container for water found at a roman town in Liédena, Navarra (1st century).

Medieval Age

Set of four waxen seals of the Kings of Navarre: Sancho VII the Fort, Teobaldo I and Carlos III the Nobleman.

Modern Age

Japanese kakemono representing Saint Francis Javier´s arrival to Kagoshima in the 16th century. The original is at the Castillo de Javier in Navarre.

Contemporary Age

Sculpture of bronze that represents Francisco Javier, created by the sculptor Faustino Aizcorbe. A similar piece, but of great dimension, is exhibited in the church of San Francisco Javier in Yamagouchi.

MAP OF NAVARRA



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