

Press Release

The Spanish Pavilion celebrates the IV Centenary of El Quijote

- The Spanish Pavilion at EXPO Aichi 2005 will honour this universally known novel from the 19th until the 21st of September
- A special menu from the region of Castilla la Mancha will be served at the Tapas Bar

In 1605, the first edition of *El Ingenioso Hidalgo don Quijote de la Mancha*, the best known piece in Spanish literature, was published. This is the reason why Spain is celebrating all throughout this year, the 4th Centenary of its publication with encouraging cultural activities and events related to the novel.

The Spanish Pavilion at EXPO Aichi 2005 not only has a room dedicated to this character but also has decided to commemorate its 4th Century offering the visitors traditional food tastings from Castilla la Mancha (region of Spain where most of the novel takes place) and a special menu based on lentils, cod and fried milk, which will be served at the Tapas Bar.

On the other hand, the route where Don Quijote's adventures took place, will be screened at the Pavilion and the information about this fabulous places will be distributed to the public.

The novel of *Don Quijote de la Mancha* was written by Miguel de Cervantes and has been translated into nearly every major language and inspired some 40 motion pictures. *Don Quijote de la Mancha* has always been a symbol of Spain's literature.