

President Calderón thanks Roberto González Barrera for supporting the Universal Culture Forum Monterrey 2007

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Monterrey, N.L., September 21, 2007.- Mexican President, Felipe Calderón Hinojosa thanked Roberto González Barrera, Grupo Financiero Banorte Chairman of the Board, for the support given to the grand "America Migration" exposition displayed at the Universal Culture Forum Monterrey 2007.

The visitors included the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), José Miguel Insulza, as well as the architect Pedro Ramírez Vázquez, Director of the "America Migration" project.

The exhibit, made up of 890 pieces in 11 halls, presents the long and complex cultural process resulting from migrations in and out of the American continent.

"Like all the peoples of America, we Mexicans are the offspring of migration, of the productive contact between different ways of thinking and viewing the world," said President Calderón.

Visitors can see the different origins of the inhabitants of the continent in priceless pieces that invite you to consider the cultural diversity and intermingling that characterizes today's world that will continue to create civilization, science, wisdom and culture.

"For Banorte, it is very important to promote culture through historically relevant topics that have a clear and decisive impact on the future of mankind," said González Barrera.

The exposition was created with the collaboration of the National Board of Culture and Arts, the National Institute of Anthropology and History and 30 museums and collections from all over the continent.

José Miguel Insulza pointed out the Mexico was the best country to "hold a universal culture festival and Monterrey was the most appropriate city for this event as it is the symbol of the modern and thriving Mexico of today."