

## JULY 2008

*Monday 21<sup>st</sup>*

The Peruvian Embassy sponsored the conference on 'Natural Resources and Development in Peru', organized by the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM). The event at Canning House was chaired by Sir Mark Moddy-Stuart, chairman of the Anglo Peruvian plc; keynote speakers were John Groom, chief operating officer of the ICMM; Renato Amorin, director of International Affairs for Vale; Peruvian Ambassador, Ricardo V. Luna.



*Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>*

The British Peruvian Trade and Investment Group (TIG) met for the second time this year. On this occasion, Ambassador Ricardo V. Luna briefed the attendees on the results of the V Latin American and Caribbean - European Union Summit and the II LAC-EU Business Summit, held simultaneously in Lima on 15 and 16 May. Heads of State and Government and high level delegates from 60 countries participated in the summits, as did leaders of multinational enterprises including some major British investors in Peru. The Business Summit focused on how to translate foreign investment in Latin America and the Caribbean, for which the EU is the primary source, into well being, sustainable development and inclusion. At the end of the summit business leaders adopted a declaration to the Heads of State and Government that fully supports the strategic bi-regional association that is being forged and a establishes a commitment of business to promote education and innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

## JUNE 2008

*Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>*



The Peruvian Embassy opened the exhibition 'Growing Pains: the Re-invasion of the Shantytown' as part of the London Festival of Architecture 2008. The Peruvian project was developed by four young Peruvian architects, who live and work in London, and is currently exhibited at 'The Portable Gallery' at the Peruvian Embassy.

**Public showed interest in the Peruvian project presented at the LFA 2008**

## *Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>*

To celebrate 2008 as the UN International Year of the Potato, Dr. Sandy Knapp, botanist at the Natural History Museum, and Jim Godfrey, former Chairman of International Centre of the Potato in Lima, discussed the botanic origin, history and role of the this remarkable tuber in helping to alleviate poverty, improve food security and promote economic development.

The seminar was preceded by a screening of the award-winning short film 'Sawasiray-Pitusiray', directed by Mariana Herrera, and followed by a sampling of Peruvian potato dishes.

## *Monday 16<sup>th</sup>*

The General Consulate of Peru in London and the 'Consejo de Consulta' of the Peruvian Community presented the conference: 'Environment and Society' by Victor Rojas, and 'The challenges for the production of the Potato' by Jim Godfrey, former chairman to the International Centre of the Potato in Lima, to celebrate the UN International Year of the Potato as part of a series of conferences for the Peruvian community.



**Jim Godfrey, former chairman of the International Centre of the Potato, during his conference.**

## *Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>*



**The exhibition comprised informative panels, life-sized displays and colourful photos showing the timeline that tracks the progress of the potato throughout the ages**

The exhibition 'The Odyssey of the Potato' was opened at the Hay's Galleria to commemorate the International Year of the Potato. After Switzerland, Norway and Belgium, the exhibition arrived to the United Kingdom to continue its voyage to Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, France and finally Italy in December.

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>*

British charity "Children of Latin America" (COLA) made a significant contribution to the Hellen Keller Association of Peru, an organization that provides care, education and job opportunities to young persons experiencing simultaneously blindness and deafness.

At a ceremony that took place at the Peruvian Embassy, Children of Latin America's president and founder, Ray Perrin, presented Ambassador Ricardo Luna a check for £2,000 pounds to benefit the Peruvian organization. Ambassador Luna thanked COLA for its generous donation which will help increase the Hellen Keller Association's capacity to provide adequate care for those affected by this unique disability.



**Children from Hellen Keller Association were benefited by donation of COLA**

*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>*



**Peruvian Ambassador Ricardo V. Luna; Michael Bond creator of Paddington Bear; and Mario Santos, from Harper Collins**

The Peruvian Embassy and the Editorial Harper Collins celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Paddington Bear with the launching of the latest book 'Paddington Here and Now' (2008) by Michael Bond, creator of the bear from 'Darkest Peru'. Peruvian Ambassador Ricardo V. Luna handed Mr. Bond a replica of a Peruvian passport for Paddington to help him in his new adventures with the immigration authorities.