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Belize and the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico, Hold High-Level Meeting to Strengthen Ties

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High-level delegations representing the Government of Belize and the Mexican State of Quintana Roo met in Belize City on March 26, 2026, to reaffirm their commitment to regional cooperation and strategic partnership. The meeting focused on advancing shared priorities and revising and updating the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Belize and the Mexican State of Quintana Roo.

The discussions centered on several key pillars of the bilateral relationship, most notably investment promotion coordination to attract synchronized factories in Belize and Quintana Roo, and the integration of the Tren Maya infrastructure with Belizean transport networks and the Port of Belize Project.

Key highlights of the meeting included:

1. Updates on the Memorandum of Understanding between Belize and Quintana Roo;
2. Development of synchronized factories and an investment promotion strategy to supply the CARICOM market;
3. Development of logistics and secondary transformation industries between Quintana Roo and Belize;
4. Presentations on beach protection against erosion and best practices on the prevention of gender-based violence in Quintana Roo;
5. Industrial opportunities in energy, agribusiness, and agro-processing;
6. Belize-Mexico Friendship Week; and
7. Best practices for mangrove reforestation.

The collaboration between the Government of Belize and the State of Quintana Roo will facilitate meaningful business collaboration between the private sectors of both parties, promising easier information-sharing and providing greater business opportunities within a short time. These opportunities will range from tourism and cultural exchange to agroindustry, education, customs services, and other important business-related activities that closely link Belize and Quintana Roo.

Present at the meeting were Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Minister of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs; Hon. Marconi Leal Jr., Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade; Mrs. Narda Garcia, Chief Executive Officer in the Office of the Prime Minister, Investment and Civil Aviation; Mrs. Adele Catzim-Sanchez, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs, and H.E. Oscar Arnold, Ambassador of Belize to Mexico.

The Mexican delegation included Ingeniero Artemio Santos Santos, Coordinador General de Asesores, Coordinación General de Asesores del Despacho de la Gobernadora; Maestro Antonio Benitez Dominguez, Subsecretario de Desarrollo Económico, Secretaría de Desarrollo Económico; and Dr. Pedro Citlac Chargoy Loustaunau, Asesor, Coordinación General de Asesores del Despacho de la Gobernadora.

Representatives from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Corozal Free Zone Management Agency, the Ministry of Investment, the Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation, the Ministry of Tourism, Youth, Sport and Diaspora Relations, the Immigration Department, the Government of Belize Press Office, the Economic Development Council (EDC), BELTRAIDE, and NICH were also present.

The meeting concluded with a site visit to the Port of Belize. Both delegations reiterated their dedication to ensuring that the benefits of regional growth are felt by the citizens of both Belize and Mexico.

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