

# WELCOME TO DIPOS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

In September, we supported our tenants and business partners by numerous activities. It was our great pleasure to visit the Embassy of Palestine and the Embassy of Mexico in order to discuss further cooperation. In this regard, we would hereby like to thank H.E. Mohammed Nabhan, Ambassador of the State of Palestine and Mr. Juan Roberto González Ramírez, chargé d'affaires a.i., Embassy of Mexico, who shared with us their views on the relations of their homelands with the Republic of Serbia, but also personal impressions of their life and work in Belgrade.

Further to the greetings we addressed to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Brazil on our Instagram and LinkedIn profiles on the occasion of the Independence Day, we herein present the history of Brazil`s bilateral relations with Serbia, and remind of two Serbian-born sports champions who are very popular in Brazil today.

> We will present you a part of our portfolio - the house of merchant Dusan Lazic, and introduce you to our Technical Services Department.

> > Enjoy the reading!



### Visiting H.E. Mohammed Nabhan, Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Belgrade

# EVERYTHING I WISH FOR MY COUNTRY, I WISH FOR SERBIA TOO

Friendly bilateral relations between Serbia and Palestine have lasted for more than 30 years, as well as the successful cooperation between the Embassy of Palestine and Dipos. On that occasion, H.E. Mohammed Nabhan, the Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Belgrade, hosted our representatives in August.

"Mr. Krivokapic managed to make the Diplomatic Colony in Dedinje a real paradise in Belgrade. This is the most beautiful and safest place to live in the city, which I regard, after 15 years, as my own", the ambassador praised the work of the Company's management at the very beginning of the conversation.



Director of property management and rental company Dipos d.o.o. Belgrade, Mr. Djoko Krivokapic (left) and H.E. Mohammed Nabhan, Ambassador of the State of Palestine in the Republic of Serbia (right)

Ambassador Nabhan says that it was not difficult for him when he started working in Belgrade, because he was met with openness and without any prejudice.

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Eager to understand Serbian mentality and reasoning, he learned the Serbian language and history, and read the most important Serbian authors such as Selimovic, Andric, Cosic and others.

Returning to the very beginnings of the relations between Serbia and Palestine, he reminded that even Saint Sava spent a number of years in this country. The people accepted him there as a prince and a spiritual leader. The oldest monastery in Palestine was named after him - the Monastery of The Holy Lavra of St. Savas, or Mar Saba.



Monastery of The Holy Lavra of St. Savas in the State of Palestine

One of the topics was the education of Palestinian students in Serbia, who are studying to be engineers, doctors and economists. Due to the quality of education they receive here, they are highly esteemed as experts upon the return to their country. Today, there are about 50 of them in Belgrade and they play a very active role in the promotion of Palestinian culture in Serbia.

"I consider myself a friend of this country. Everything I wish for my country, I wish for Serbia too," concluded the Ambassador. Considering his attitude and his achievements so far, he is certain to have justified such a statement.

More details on the other issues we discussed with H.E. Mohammed Nabhan are available at our BLOG.

## BOTH SERBIA AND MEXICO HAD TO WIN THEIR PLACES IN HISTORY

The battle for the independence of Mexico began in a small town in front of a church in the city of Dolores on September 16, 1810, when the priest Miguel Hidalgo called on the Mexican people to overthrow the Spanish colonizers after three centuries of rule. Today, this date is celebrated as the Independence Day of the United Mexican States, and meanwhile it has grown into a traditional institution called El Grito de Independencia, when Mexican citizens go out in the streets and celebrate.

Mexico established diplomatic relations with the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on May 24, 1946. From the very beginning, they are characterized by the expression of mutual respect and cordiality, as well as the great affection of Mexico towards the Serbian people.

The former SFR Yugoslavia, as one of the founders of the Non-Aligned Movement, was very committed to defending and protecting the interests of developing countries. Due to the common interpretation of various problems at the international level, the ties between the two countries have become more comprehensive and stronger over time.

Dipos is one of the companies founded by the Government of the Republic of Serbia, which is actively working on improving relations with this country. The Embassy of Mexico is housed in a building managed by our Company, while the appearance and functionality of the property used by the Embassy has been improved recently.

On that occasion and regarding the future plans to continue the cooperation, Mr. Juan Roberto González Ramírez, chargé d'affaires a.i. exchanged his impressions with the representatives of Dipos.



Mr. Juan Roberto González Ramírez, chargé d'affaires a.i., Embassy of the United Mexican States

"Historically, neither Serbia nor Mexico have ever received any presents. We had to struggle on our own to win everything we have today and to gain our place in history. We had very powerful neighbours who defined our course in history. When two nations have such a definition which they carry in their blood, they can very easily build prosperous relations", he commented on the development of statehood and friendship between the two countries. He added that he was especially proud of the contemporary character of the Mexican people, which has been shaped by the historical events, but also earthquakes and hurricanes, emphasizing its collective power and solidarity.

As the main common topics facing both countries, Mr. Ramírez pointed out tourism, but also migration, environmental protection, and the protection of human rights, which are becoming increasingly endangered. He emphasized that both Mexico and Serbia should continue to attract foreign investors, and that it is necessary for both countries to identify each other in the modern environment and to find common ground which will help them in the development of trade and exchange of goods.



Details from the Embassy of Mexico

Talking on the cooperation with Dipos, Mr. Ramírez emphasized that based on his and his colleagues' experience, and also taking into account the price, quality and attitude towards the tenant, the embassy is lucky to cooperate with our Company.

Please visit our BLOG for more information about other topics related to the long-standing cooperation between Mexico and Serbia and the possibilities for their further development.

### Bilateral relations between the Republic of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Brazil

## SUPPORTCROWNED BY SPORTS SUCCESS



The green colour of the wooded landscapes, mineral wealth represented by the yellow rhombus, and blue circle and stars reflecting the sky above Rio are the three national symbols which have found their place on the Brazilian flag. Diversified culture, world-famous samba rhythms, authentic gastronomic offer and unique national temperament are woven into it with invisible threads.

In 2019, the eightieth anniversary of diplomatic relations between Serbia and Brazil was marked. The decades-long friendship was built first through Yugoslav-Brazilian, and then Serbian-Brazilian understanding and support. The two countries have always been engaged in international activities to eliminate the sources of global crises and inequality and advocated for the equal prosperity of all parts of the world.



Nastas Ilic, Consul General of the Kingdom of SCS/Yugoslavia in Sao Paulo, June 12, 1929 - June 5, 1930 (source: Archives of Yugoslavia)

Brazil opened its first consulate in Belgrade in 1918, and on June 3, 1939, the first Brazilian ambassador to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia started his mission. The first diplomat to be officially appointed by the Kingdom was Consul General Nastas Ilic. During World War II, Brazil sent its charge d'affaires to London to liaise with the Yugoslav government in exile. A historical example of advocating the same interests is the Non-Aligned Movement, where Brazil was an observer.

From the economic point of view, during the boom of industrial production in Yugoslavia, Brazil was one of the countries to which various types of ships, tractors, equipment and means of transport, wagons, equipment for hydro and thermal power plants, all types of engines, pumps and complete railway material were exported. On the other hand, coffee, cocoa, leather, tea and cotton were mainly imported from Brazil.

In recent history, a large number of high-level state visits have been recorded, with governments interested in improving cooperation in more areas. During the 1999 bombing, the Brazilian embassy remained open. Brazil's respect and support for Serbia is reflected in the fact that it has refused to recognize the independence of the self-proclaimed state of Kosovo and continuously insists on observing the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Serbia.

In addition to all the diplomats who represented our country in Brazil, two ambassadors of sport made Serbia famous: Dejan Petkovic Rambo and Dusica Duda Jankovic.





Details Dejan Petkovic Rambo

Dusica Duda Jankovic (source: Instagram)

Former football player Dejan Petkovic Rambo has been named the best player in Brazil three times and is the winner of the Rio Branco Order of the President of Brazil da Silva for his contribution to Brazilian football and the support he provided to Rio de Janeiro to host the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Popular throughout South America as Diamond, Dusica Duda Jankovic was a multiple champion for the Brazilian team, first in kickboxing, and then in professional boxing.

More about their success, but also the relations between Serbia and Brazil, can be found on our BLOG.

# **DIPOS IMPROVES THE CONDITION OF PROPERTY**

Property management and rental company Dipos d.o.o. Belgrade continuously undertakes various activities for the purpose of improvement, functionalization and modernization of the portfolio it manages, owned by the Republic of Serbia. In this way, our Company is unique in the market compared to other domestic and foreign entities offering real estate services in the city of Belgrade.

All the works are performed in accordance with the Company's Business Plan, which is reviewed and approved by the Government of the Republic of Serbia. In addition to emergency interventions, the works also include large-scale activities. All the works are intended to provide our tenants with pleasant, comfortable and safe conditions for life and work in our buildings.



Dipos Technical Services Department



These activities are carried out by the Technical Services Department, which consists of professionals of various knowledge and skills, run by B.Sc. Eng. architect Mihajlo Rakic.

"It is a pleasure to lead a team of people who take care of the real estate we daily manage," states director Rakic.

## OUR HIDDEN GEMS -MERCHANT HOUSE DUSAN LAZIC



The Merchant House Dusan Lazic was built in 1932 according to the design of the prominent architect Dragisa Brasovan, pioneer of Serbian modern architecture.

It is designed in the early modern style as a detached structure surrounded by a sizeable garden and set frontally in relation to the broad boulevard. Compact and nearly symmetrical in plan and form, it demonstrates Brasovan's creative interpretation of modern architectural expression.

Brasovan's most famous works include the buildings of the Executive Council of Vojvodina in Novi Sad (Banovina), Aviation Command in Zemun, State Printing Office, Metropol Hotel in Belgrade...

Among the many honours he was awarded, there is one which is unprecedented in Serbian architecture: he was elected an honorary member of RIBA - the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Part of his legacy is exhibited today at the Matica Srpska Gallery.



#### **OUR SERVICE - CLEANING**



Professional maintenance of hygiene at the highest level is one of the services which Dipos provides to its clients.

We cooperate with state institutions and private companies in order to make their offices a pleasant and clean environment for work.



## Impressions and recommendations:

"For years Dipos has been efficiently and effectively delivering the highest quality maintenance and reparation services to the Embassy of Cuba"

**H.E. Gustavo Trista del Todo** Embassy of the Republic of Cuba in the Republic of Serbia



### Did you know?

In the period from August 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019, the total amount of funds which Dipos paid the budget of the Republic of Serbia is

#### RSD 750,443,765.77 / EUR 6,386,756

For more information on the Company's operations, please visit our website at www.dipos.rs

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