



## TOUR OF THE EMBLEMATIC FACILITIES

The warming-up pool of the Aquatic Complex at UPRM.

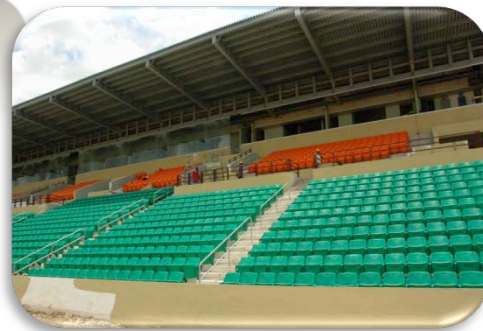
A DELEGATION of members of the Organizing Committee of Mayagüez 2010, the Secretary of Sports and Recreation, Hon Henry Neumann, the Mayor from the Mayagüez city, Hon José Guillermo Rodríguez, the president of the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee (PROC), Dr. David Bernier, the director of the Financing Authority Infrastructure (AFI), Erwin Kiess, the rector of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (UPRM), Dr. Jorge Iván Vélez Arocho, and Senator Antonio Fas Alzamora, recently made a tour of the emblematic facilities of the XXI Central American and Caribbean Games in order to know the progress in construction.

The group visited the Aquatic Complex and Tennis and Racquetball facilities located at UPRM, the Coastal Park (Parque Litoral), the Central American and the Isidoro García Stadiums, located in Guanajibo area at Mayagüez.

"The progress of the facilities is evident. All the structures are taking shape and in some cases, such as the Central American and Isidoro García Stadiums are almost ready," said President of the Board of Directors Mayagüez 2010, Felipe Pérez Grajales. He said he expected that the latter two are ready for early next year.



From left to right, Rector from the UPRM, the Secretary of Sports and Recreation, Director of AFI and Senator Fas Alzamora, Mayaguez's Major, the President of the Mayagüez 2010 Board of Directors, the director of the Technical Division M2010, Héctor Figueroa and the President of PROC.



View of the Central American Stadium's armchairs.

He explained that these are the emblematic facilities because is where most events will be held in addition to opening and closing ceremonies of the Games. "We are very pleased because they will be ready sooner than we thought," said Pérez Grajales.

The Aquatic Complex at UPRM has three pools (warm-up, swimming and diving) that show significant progress in its construction and are a Centre for competition world-wide", assured the executive director of the Organizing Committee, Jorge O. Sosa Ramírez. The events of swimming, synchronized swimming, water polo and diving will take place here.

In UPRM are also located eight tennis courts of which two are major and three racquetball courts.

## Message from the Executive Director



*Lcdo. Jorge O. Sosa Ramírez*

“Mayagüez 2010 somos todos”. That is our new motto because the XXI Central American and Caribbean Games are now a reality in which, in one year, all Puerto Ricans will celebrate an unprecedented sporting event in the island when in July 17<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 we will receive the visit of 32 countries from Central America and the Caribbean.

This month we conducted a tour of the emblematic facilities of the Games. And wait until you'll see them! The Isidoro García, where baseball is going to be played, is a majestic Olympic Park that accommodates 10,500 spectators.

Also, the Aquatic Complex and Tennis and Racquetball courts, located in the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, are spectacular. The warming-

up, diving and swimming pools have nothing to envy compare to the best international swimming facilities around the world.

The Organizing Committee of Mayagüez 2010 is working hard to refine all the details related to the embodiment of the Games. The certification of judges and officials, the test events, the coordination of opening and closing ceremonies, the certification of our medical team, in short, every detail to offer the whole Central American and Caribbean family an outstanding sports festivity.

I cannot fail to mention that this month a new group of sponsors have joined our working team showing their commitment to this extraordinary project. We have received with great enthusiasm, El Nuevo Día and El Mesón Sandwiches.

Welcome!



## Briefs M2010



### Workshops for Physicians

The Mayagüez 2010 Medical Services' director, Dr. Ana Cintrón, recently offered a seminar for doctors who will participate in the Central American and the Caribbean Mayagüez 2010 Games. In the event, held at the Mayagüez 2010 headquarters, the doctors received an orientation as well as documents relating to their participation in the Games.



Dr. Ana Cintrón during the seminar.



Tourism Officials visit the headquarters.

### Tourism visit the Organizing Committee

The director of Tourism's Porta del Sol Region, Roy K. Perez González and Tourism Operations supervisor, George J. Guntín Pagán, both of the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, last month joined the Organizing Committee to offer support in the areas of accommodation, promotion, training of volunteers, among others.

"The idea is that from now on, they participate in our activities and we in theirs," said President of the Board of Directors Mayagüez 2010, Felipe Pérez Grajales during a meeting of directors of the Organizing Committee held at the headquarters.

### Senate approves bill

The governor of Puerto Rico, Luis Fortuño, recently signed the law No. 74 to adopt the law of the Special Fund for the production of the Central American and Caribbean Games Mayagüez 2010 and for the preparation of the delegation of athletes to represent Puerto Rico in this sport event.

Senator Antonio Fas Alzamora and Senate President, Tomas Rivera Schatz introduced the bill.

## Seniors join Mayagüez 2010

THE ADVOCATE of the Elderly, Prof. Rossana López León, announced the availability of any person aged 55 or over to participate as a volunteer at the XXI Central American and Caribbean Games.

So was announced during the 6th Summer Meeting for seniors held last month in Boquerón, the Sailing and Beach Volleyball venues.

"This is an initiative that responds to a plan to eradicate the myths and stereotypes about aging. We do not want to continue seeing them as fragile and unproductive people and the Games are a great opportunity to show how productive they still are," said the Advocate who also assured this will be an enriching experience for all generations.

"That intergenerational relationship will foster a better understanding of what the elderly really represent and what they can still contribute to our country", added.

The initiative is a joint effort between the Office of Advocacy for elderly, the Department of Sports and Recreation, the Puerto Rico American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the Organizing Committee of Mayaguez 2010.

The Secretary for Sports and Recreation, Hon. Henry Neumann, emphasized the commitment of his department to support activities for seniors.

"In fact, in our program we have activities specialists



Advocates Rossana López, addresses those present during the press conference. From left, Nancy Bosh from Association of Retired Employees from the Government of Puerto Rico, the Secretary of Sports and Recreation, Hon Henry Neumann, Lcdo Jorge Sosa, Executive Director of Mayaguez 2010 and Dr. John Fernández of AARP.

for this sector. We also support those who want to volunteer in Mayagüez 2010 Games", said Neumann.

Also, the Executive Director of the Organizing Committee of Mayagüez 2010, Jorge Sosa, stressed the importance of volunteers to ensure the success of the Games.

"Our goal is to ensure the participation of six thousand volunteers and this initiative undoubtedly will help us achieve that goal," he said.

He said that for the Organizing Committee, is important that students, professionals, seniors, workers, finally, the people of Puerto Rico will join this sport's journey event of friendship and cultural exchange that would result in benefits for all Puerto Ricans.

"The Games are all of us and that's why we are very pleased that this important sector of our community is integrated into our team. We are going to give our brothers and sisters from Central America and the Caribbean the best of us," said Sosa.



One of the participants with the mascots Mayi and Magüe. Above, Lillian Ramírez and the team of volunteers from Mayaguez 2010.

## Real time results

THE COMPANY MSL will be responsible for collecting and publicizing the results of all sporting events taking place in the XXI Central American and Caribbean, inform the President of the Board of Directors of Mayagüez 2010, Felipe Pérez Grajales.

The Spanish company is known worldwide for their performance in sports information and results management in the Beijing Olympic Games (2008), Athens (2000) and Barcelona (1992). As part of the services offered for Mayagüez 2010 will be the installation of scoring and timing systems of the various sports.

"We are delighted because we know this are specialist services which required the experience and presige of company as MSL," said Pérez Grajales. He explained that the



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spread of the results would be provided continuously in real time to various news media, radio and television and the Internet.

"It is a mechanized process of continually introducing updated results that will be available on the website of Mayagüez 2010 ([www.mayaguez2010.com](http://www.mayaguez2010.com)). There, the journalists and the general public can access all information of events," added Pérez Grajales.

In addition, MSL will be responsible for the Game Management System that will provide information support regarding competition schedules, training programs, transportation, and food, among others.

During the games, MSL will have the team of 70 people who receive support from specialized volunteers with skills in

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Encendiste la llama de nuestro orgullo. Serás inspiración de nuestros juegos.

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se vive los XXI Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe



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*Mayagüez 2010 welcomed the 2009 World Athletics Silver Medalist, Javier Culson, upon his return from Berlin, Germany. Congratulations!*

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