

Argentinean President Cristina Fernandez Receives Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi



Buenos Aires, April 24 (RHC) – Argentinean President Cristina Fernandez and visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held a meeting Wednesday at the Government House in Buenos Aires, where they signed several trade agreements, including one for aerospace infrastructure.

The president was accompanied by Cabinet Chief Jorge Capitanich, Economy Minister Axel Kicillof, Federal Planning Minister Carlos Julio De Vido and Foreign Minister Héctor Timerman, with whom Wang Yi had a previous meeting.

Earlier in the day Wang Yi visited his peer Hector Timerman at the San Martin palace, and the official confirmed the President of the Popular Republic of China, Xi Jinping, will be visiting Argentina during a tour of Latin America, scheduled for July.

“We are working to make the visit a success”, said Timerman during a press conference alongside Wang Yi. “The visit will take our strategic relationship to a higher level”, added the Chinese minister.

Wang Yi is on a tour of several Latin-American countries ahead of the July visit of President Xi Jinping who will be attending the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) summit in Fortaleza, Brazil.

The tour started in Cuba, continued in Venezuela, Argentina and Brazil next stop.

China is particularly interested in close links with Latin America to satisfy its demand for commodities, food, minerals and energy. China is Cuba's second trade partner after Venezuela, and there is an interest in the island's new policy to attract foreign investments. China is Venezuela's main foreign investor.

Likewise with Argentina, China is the most important trade partner behind Brazil with an annual trade of 14.5bn dollars, with a strong surplus for Beijing.

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