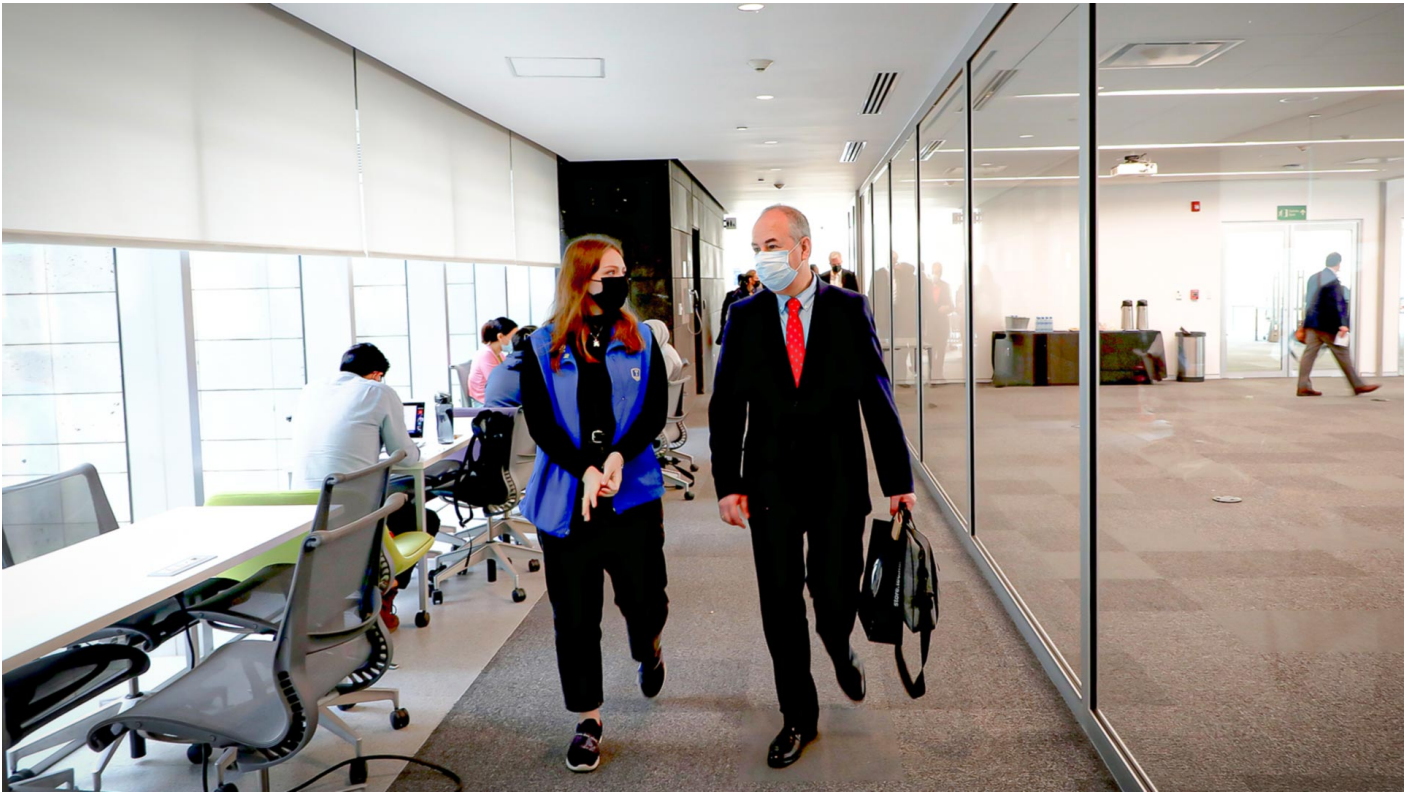


# Israeli Ambassador plans to expand partnerships with the Tec



Israel's Ambassador to Mexico, [Zvi Tal](#), has visited [Tec de Monterrey](#) as part of his efforts to **strengthen** the **partnerships** between the Middle Eastern country and this educational institution.

*"It's part of our work at the embassy in Mexico to **strengthen relations** with **Nuevo León, Monterrey**, making **education** a key factor in these efforts.*

*"There is a special interest in **Tec de Monterrey** because of the importance of this institution and how it **collaborates** with **Israeli universities** and it's refreshing to hear about and find ways to **improve this**," the Ambassador said.*

Also participating in the visit were directors of the institution such as [David Garza](#), executive president of the Tec, and [Juan Pablo Murra](#), rector of undergraduate studies, as well as **Miguel Schwarz**, honorary consul of Israel in Monterrey, among others.



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## Strengthening partnerships between the Tec and Israel

Ambassador **Zvi Tal** held a **meeting** with directors of the Tec in which they went over some of their **projects** and **initiatives**, highlighting the **cooperation** between the **Tec** and **19 Israeli universities**.

This included student exchange partnerships between Israel and the Tec and **research agreements** with [Tel Aviv University](#), [Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center](#), and [Hadassah University Medical Center](#).

*"It's inspiring to see **new technology** being applied here, but also to see the impact on the **quality of teaching** and student feedback.*

*"I'm a great believer in the idea that global challenges and development lie in the **quality of education**,"* said the Ambassador.

Tal highlighted that in recent years, **Israel has had a better understanding** of **student mobility** and **collaboration**, which it has **developed further**, mainly with European universities.

*"I think the **mindset of Israel has evolved** in recent years. I've seen the **results** that these **programs** have had. I think it's now the right time for us to get closer,"* said Zvi Tal.



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### **The Ambassador learned about the Tec 21 Model**

The Tec's directors introduced some of the institution's educational projects such as the **Tec21 Model** to the Israeli ambassador.

This educational model is based on **four pillars: flexibility** in how and when to learn; **inspiring teachers**; **a memorable college experience**; and **challenge-based learning**.

The last one includes **collaboration** between **professors** from **different areas of study**, **governments**, **companies**, and **civil associations**, among others, in the design of real challenges through which students learn and gain experience.

The **Ambassador** expressed a positive opinion of the **Tec21 Model** because it gives students an advantage to tackle changes in the world.

*"It's very **inspiring**. It's about how **to prepare students for technology or jobs** and new **opportunities that don't exist yet**."*

*"What you do is very **impressive**. It's **definitely** an **integration** between the **academic world**, **research**, and **industry**,"* said the Ambassador.

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David Garza invited the ambassador to **increase opportunities for bilateral participation**, not only with **institutional projects and initiatives** but also with **educational activities** based on the **Tec21 Model** and its challenge-based learning.

*“There are **activities** that we offer right now as a university, such as the Tec21 Model. It’s a great **opportunity to work** with the **embassy** and the organizations, companies, and communities that they are partnered with.*

*“**Research** can be transformed into **entrepreneurship** which can create **opportunities for economic development**. We’ll be very happy to continue with the collaboration,” said Garza.*



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### **The Ambassador pointed out the use of technology and social impact initiatives**

During the visit, the Israeli Ambassador learned about some of the **educational innovations** and the use of **technology** in initiatives for the **integrated development of students**.

Some of the initiatives he learned about included the use of **virtual reality** headsets, **holographic projections** for distance learning, the **educational Metaverse**, **Blockchain**, and **artificial intelligence**.

One of the **social impact initiatives** that caught his attention was **Leaders of Tomorrow**, a Tec de Monterrey program that offers **100% scholarships** so that outstanding **young leaders** without access to education can study at the Tec.

*“What I saw and realized is that a campus is not an island, it needs to connect with its surroundings, including young people who may not have access to education for socioeconomic reasons.*

*“The role that **Tec de Monterrey** plays in this regard is very important and so is its **focus on leadership**,” said Zvi Tal.*

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During his tour of the **Monterrey campus**, the Ambassador also learned about the **DistritoTec** urban development initiative, which aims for socioeconomic growth in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

*“When you see the **remarkable people**, the **graduates**, and everything they have done in terms of **social impact** such as creating **NGOs**, **businesses**, and **companies**, it’s proof that this **institution** is on the **right path**.*

*“Look at me as a **partner** that **connects the dots** at an **institutional** and **academic** level. I believe that only by joining forces can we make an impact,” concluded Zvi Tal.*



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