

# “I dream of a bolder Tec... focused on a more humane future”



The president of the Board of Directors of the Tec, **José Antonio Fernández**, has urged Tec de Monterrey directors to **redouble their efforts** to **promote the institution** and **social development** both in the country and in the world.

***“I dream of a bold, optimistic Tec focused on a more humane future,”*** he said at the **Tec’s 2020 Board of Directors Meeting**.

***“A Tec where **diversity** is the driver, open to **social mobility, ideas and talent** from around the world. A place where we promote the growth and **wellbeing of our community,**”*** he added.

Fernández explained that **trust** indexes still place **universities** in a privileged position and expressed that this is a great responsibility.

***“What can we do personally to be a positive force for change in our role at the Tec and in our organizations?”***, he asked.

***“There are **great expectations of us, and we have a great deal of responsibility** towards our beloved Mexico. **Let’s fulfill those expectations.**”***



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## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TEC AND RECOGNITION OF SALVADOR ALVA

Fernández recalled some of the **achievements** that the institution has made in recent years, particularly during the last 8 years, when **Salvador Alva** was its **president**, and who leaves office in June.

Fernandez stressed that the Tec's achievements **include**:

- **Greater social inclusion.** He highlighted, for example, the **Leaders of Tomorrow** program, which grants 100% scholarships to highly talented young people from low income socioeconomic levels.
- **Educational Quality.** He mentioned how, according to QS, the institution has **climbed more than 200 places** in world rankings over the past decade, to become today the 158th university in the world and the 29th private university in the world.
- **Educational Innovation.** He emphasized the importance of the new **TEC21 Model** educational model, which is already in full operation and will prepare new generations for the future.
- **Tecmilenio and TecSalud Impact.** He stressed how **Tecmilenio** continues to grow and is now recognized worldwide as the “first positive university in the world” and how **TecSalud** has enabled the Tec has become the only private university functioning as an academic medical center.

He also explained that all Tec institutions will implement actions in accordance with their **2030 vision: “Leadership, innovation and entrepreneurship for human flourishing.”**

**“Salvador, for all these achievements (...) a huge thanks and acknowledgement to you and the management team that accompanied you (...) We have been extremely fortunate to have had your encouragement and visionary leadership,”** he told Alva.



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## CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

José Antonio Fernández explained that the **current rector David Garza**, following a **transition planned** years ago, had been **chosen** to be the new president of the Tec from July.

*“Now the **baton will be carried** in July by a great leader, **David Garza Salazar**, who is **loved, valued and respected** within and without our community, who will continue to strengthen the Tec’s vision.”*

He pointed out that the challenge facing Garza is to continue developing a **Tec that is successful and productive** for society.

*“It’s clear that **what we have been doing will not be sufficient**. Simply doing a little more or doing the same thing better won’t create the solutions we’ll be needing,”* said Fernández.

*“Leaders like those of us here, **are going to have to present our most innovative, conscientious, supportive and courageous sides,**”* he urged.

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