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HONDURAN PRESIDENT TRAVELS TO HOUSTON

TO MEET WITH DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS, MEDICAL EXPERTS



Tegucigalpa M.D.C, (October 16 , 2020) - Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández traveled this week to Houston, Texas to fulfill a broad official work schedule including meetings with members of the consular body and medical scientists who have contributed their knowledge to effectively combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Hernández held face-to-face meetings with members of the Honduran consular body in the State of Texas and, simultaneously, a virtual meeting with the rest of the consular diplomats in the United States. The meeting with the consular body sought to strengthen the efforts to protect the Honduran community in the United States, including those Honduran nationals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Likewise, during the meeting, important migratory issues were addressed, including the validity of the Temporary Protected Status (TPS), the continuity of efforts to achieve permanent immigration status, the important role that the Honduran community plays in the United States and the economic reactivation of Honduras.

During his visit, President Hernández also met with medical scientist Miguel Sierra Hoffman, one of the Honduran doctors behind the CATRACHO treatment that has helped save thousands of lives and whose effectiveness has also been recognized by the scientific community internationally. President Hernández thanked Dr. Sierra Hoffman for his enormous contributions to the fight against COVID-19 and including the development of new strategies to continue confronting it. President Hernández also thanked Dr. Sierra Hoffman for the collaboration and support he offered he was infected with the coronavirus.

In May, via a virtual conference, the President invited the Honduran scientific community to join the Multisectoral Table to take advantage of their experience in the proper management of the pandemic. These early efforts have yielded positive results for the benefit of all Hondurans.

Also during his visit, President Hernández spoke with the rector of the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH), Francisco Herrera, and confirmed that there will be an exchange of internships for United States-Honduras medical residents. This will allow Honduran students to deepen their medical knowledge and American students to learn about endemic diseases in Honduras.

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