MESSAGE

I would like to express my best wishes and appreciation to the organizers of this initiative. I am sure that the Daily Positive (D+) Carnival Europe 2015 will contribute to convey a message of happiness and solidarity. It will also provide a great opportunity to explore the cultural diversity of Europe.

Spain is a country with a unique geostrategic position: member of the EU, bridge between Africa and Europe and key to establishing relations with Latin America for its commercial, cultural, historical and linguistic ties.

Historically, Spanish people have shown the world that we are dynamic, courageous, full of energy, endowed with undeniable values for artistic flair and literary expression and in sports, both individually and collectively. We are creative, innovative and at the same time respectful of our heritage and traditions.

In spite of the recent financial crisis, Spain remains a major economy in Europe -4th in the Eurozone, 5th of the EU- and the 13th in the world. Spain is leader in many sectors with high technological component and in some areas of R+D+i. We have dynamic companies, some of them leaders in their fields of activity: infrastructure, energy, communications, transport, agro-food industry, etc.

Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world in numbers – native speakers, LEP and those who speak it as foreign- language, after Mandarin Chinese, the second language of international communication, the third most used on internet and the second most studied worldwide.

Spain is one of the richest countries in terms of heritage and culture (second in sites inscribed in the list of UNESCO heritage), as well as in environment and biosphere diversity (third in the world in number of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves).

Spain is the world's leading leisure tourism destination, the second largest tourist destination in the world by number of visitors (more than 62 million) and the second largest in revenue (only after the United States).

Finally, Spain is famous for its gastronomy, rich and innovative cuisine. And we are a world power in sport, individually and as a team, at both club and national levels.
I have no doubt that this initiative will contribute to a better understanding between people in Europe and Australia.

I hereby reaffirm my congratulations and best wishes for the success of the Carnival Europe 2015.

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Consul General