

**Message of Greeting by the
Ambassador of the Republic of
Argentina, Guillermo Nielsen**



I am delighted that the Buddy Bears – symbols of Berlin – crossed the Atlantic and travelled a distance of 11,915 kilometres to the southernmost part of the American continent, where they have been presented on the Plaza San Martín, right in the heart of Buenos Aires, since 5th March 2009.

This feeling of joy is reinforced in view of the 15th anniversary of the town twinning between Berlin and Buenos Aires that we celebrate this year. This important exhibition visited by thousands of Argentines and tourists on a daily basis is one form of celebration.

I am also delighted to know that a new bear – painted using the art of *filete* and decorated with an image of the famous tango singer Carlos Gardel – has become part of the circle of United Buddy Bears on its global tour.

I would like to congratulate Dr Klaus Herlitz and his wife Eva Herlitz, both friends of the Republic of Argentina, on the success of the exhibition and to pay tribute to the message of tolerance and international understanding communicated by their activities.

Guillermo Nielsen
Embajador de la República Argentina