



IPN strengthens presence in Hidalgo with agreement and new blockchain technology development center

- **IPN Director General Arturo Reyes Sandoval and Governor Julio Menchaca Salazar take a historic step for the scientific and technological development of this entity.**
- **First Center of Excellence in Blockchain Technology Development in Latin America Inaugurated; IPN and Citnova Sign Agreement**
- **Reyes Sandoval unveils plaque for the 10th Anniversary of CECyT 16 "Hidalgo"; visits Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería, Campus Hidalgo**

The *director general* of the National Polytechnic Institute, Arturo Reyes Sandoval, and the governor of the state of Hidalgo, Julio Ramón Menchaca Salazar, inaugurated the first *Centro de Excelencia en el Desarrollo de Tecnología Blockchain* in Latin America and signed a general collaboration agreement between the IPN and the *Consejo de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación* of that entity (Citnova).

In addition, the Polytechnic and the government of Hidalgo commemorated the 10th anniversary of the *Centro de Estudios Científicos y Tecnológicos No. 16 "Hidalgo"* and witnessed the growth of the *Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería Campus Hidalgo* (UPIIH), where they learned about its infrastructure and equipment projects.

Reyes Sandoval pointed out that it is a great honor for the IPN to participate in the opening of the first *Centro de Excelencia en el Desarrollo de Tecnología Blockchain* in Latin America, developed by EUMex-Connect, which is also a strategic partner of this university.

During the signing of the agreement, Reyes Sandoval emphasized that the triple helix is consolidated, where the government, academic institutions and the business sector collaborate to catapult Hidalgo and promote it on the international



stage. He explained that Blockchain technology has an important potential for the social impact it can have on society and municipalities.

"With centers like Citnova we build bridges between higher education institutions and the business sector. Here is the opportunity to train, not only future technologists, but to create innovation and development projects in Hidalgo."

He said that the Polytechnic has a great wealth to link with society and, although it has an internationalization project, its roots must be very strong in Mexico. In Hidalgo "we have established them with Cecyt 16 and UPIIH".

Through the agreement, the Polytechnic will support Citnova through social service and professional internships; a master's degree in Public Policy will be developed; the Public Innovation and Strategic Foresight Laboratory of the state of Hidalgo will be strengthened; and digitalization policies will be promoted in the different levels of government.

Projects will be promoted to improve the educational, security and health conditions of vulnerable populations such as indigenous peoples, and human capital will be trained in areas such as digital government, public policy, and data science, among others.

Reyes Sandoval highlighted that the *Centro de Investigaciones Económicas, Administrativas y Sociales* (Ciecas) has collaborated with Citnova. One of these actions is the *Laboratorio de Innovación Pública y Prospectiva Estratégica* of the state of Hidalgo, which was carried out with resources from the *Fondo Mixto de Fomento a la Investigación Científica Tecnológica Conacyt-Gobierno del estado de Hidalgo* (Fomix).

The Governor of Hidalgo, Julio Ramón Menchaca, stated that with the inauguration of the *Centro de Excelencia en el Desarrollo de Tecnología Blockchain* and the signing of the agreement, a social demand is met, and an example is given of what



it means to join efforts with the Polytechnic and the productive and social sectors, as well as municipal governments.

"We all have someone in our home who is a graduate of this institution. I am a witness of the academic rigor and the possibility they must be placed in the productive sector," he said.

He assured that without education there is no transformation because it is the lever for development. "It is what will allow us to move forward. Nobody is going to come to solve the problems of the people of Hidalgo, we must do it ourselves and we have to do it with the support of such respectable and prestigious institutions as the Polytechnic".

The state governor stated that poverty is combated by generating opportunities and taking advantage of technology. The new *Centro de Excelencia en el Desarrollo de Tecnología Blockchain* means a substantial advance in many sectors. He thanked EUMex Connect and the Polytechnic, which is an institution linked to the families of Hidalgo.

10th anniversary of Cecyt No. 16

During the unveiling ceremony of the plaque for the 10th anniversary of Cecyt No. 16 "Hidalgo", Reyes Sandoval emphasized that the school was the first foreign Interdisciplinary Unit of the IPN.

He said that Mexico cannot be explained without the participation of the Polytechnic in the different regions, since it is a seedbed of professionals and students who, with knowledge and humanistic level, go to the states of the Republic and form new institutions.

Cecyt 16, from which two thousand young people have graduated, stands out for the talent of its students and year after year they surprise with the contests they win, he emphasized at the event, in which he appointed Clodoaldo Salas Ángeles as



subdirector de Servicios Educativos e Integración Social of the campus, unveiled a bust of Juan O'Gorman and inaugurated a cultural corridor.

The *secretario de Educación* of the State of Hidalgo, Natividad Castrejón Valdez, commented that scientific and technological development improves all areas of life, but it makes sense when it is put into practice in the life of every Mexican.

"Another of the things we value most about the IPN is the link with the community. Congratulations for that essence and that vocation of service to society. "

The director of Cecyt 16 "Hidalgo", Alejandro Escamilla Navarro, recognized the students who have raised the name of the IPN in national and international competitions.

He emphasized that the polytechnic community in Hidalgo has contributed to scientific and technological education, in addition to supporting the academic and technological development of the state.

The events held as part of the working tour of the governor of Hidalgo and the *director general* of the IPN were attended by the *director* of Ciecás-IPN, Alejandra Colón Vallejo; the *director general* of Citnova, Francisco Patiño Cardona; and the municipal president of San Agustín Tlaxiaca, Belén Arturo Hernández Máximo.

Also present were Senator Navor Alberto Rojas Mancera; Marcia Torres González, congresswoman, and president of the *Comisión de Ciencia y Tecnología del Congreso del Estado de Hidalgo*; and David Oliva Uribe, founder, and CEO of EUMex-Connect.

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