

## Physicians praise Ecuador's tourism attractions and scientific development

(Guayaquil, Guayas, 07-01-2016).- Health professionals met in Guayaquil last week to expose and learn about scientific progress for the treatment of gastroenterology problems in the 19<sup>th</sup> National Congress but they also took the time to go on a city tour and learn about Ecuador's tourism attractions.

Roberto Gugig, one of the speakers, said he has visited different places of the country, including the Galapagos Islands. He lives in the United States for 25 years but was born in Venezuela. His family travel agenda includes visiting the Ecuadorian Amazon. "This is a beautiful country because of its nature and has a high-level scientific development".

Sandra Canseco, from Buenos Aires, Argentina, also attended the event, she expressed her solidarity with quake victims and said that when the earthquake occurred: "Latin America was sad," because Ecuador is a neighbor country. She noted that one of the ways to help quake victims is by visiting these places, meeting its people and trying its delicious food.

The work done by authorities for the economic recovery in quake-affected areas was also pointed out by physicians. Guido Panchana Egües, digestive surgeon living in Guayaquil, considers that Ecuador is investing in scientific progress.

Carlos Robles Medranda, gastroenterologist, agreed with Panchana and said that one of the tourism industry potentials is medical tourism. "It's one of the main aspects of the country's productive structure, where we're moving to. We have top-level hospitals (...) I think it is important for governments to evaluate our country's health situation because it is really good".

Meanwhile, Brazilian Elton Vasques praised Ecuadorians' kindness and even pointed out that despite the fact he does not speak Spanish, he could hold conversations and was nicely treated by hosts. "I will come back with my family to visit the Galapagos", he said.