



## MAYOLA FOUNDATION ENRICHES IPN'S HISTORICAL ARCHIVE IPN

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The Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN) enhances its historical collection through the donation of three pieces by the MaYola Foundation, chaired by Flavio César Romo Rojas, a graduate of the Centro de Investigación en Ciencia Aplicada y Tecnología Avanzada (CICATA), Unidad Legaria.

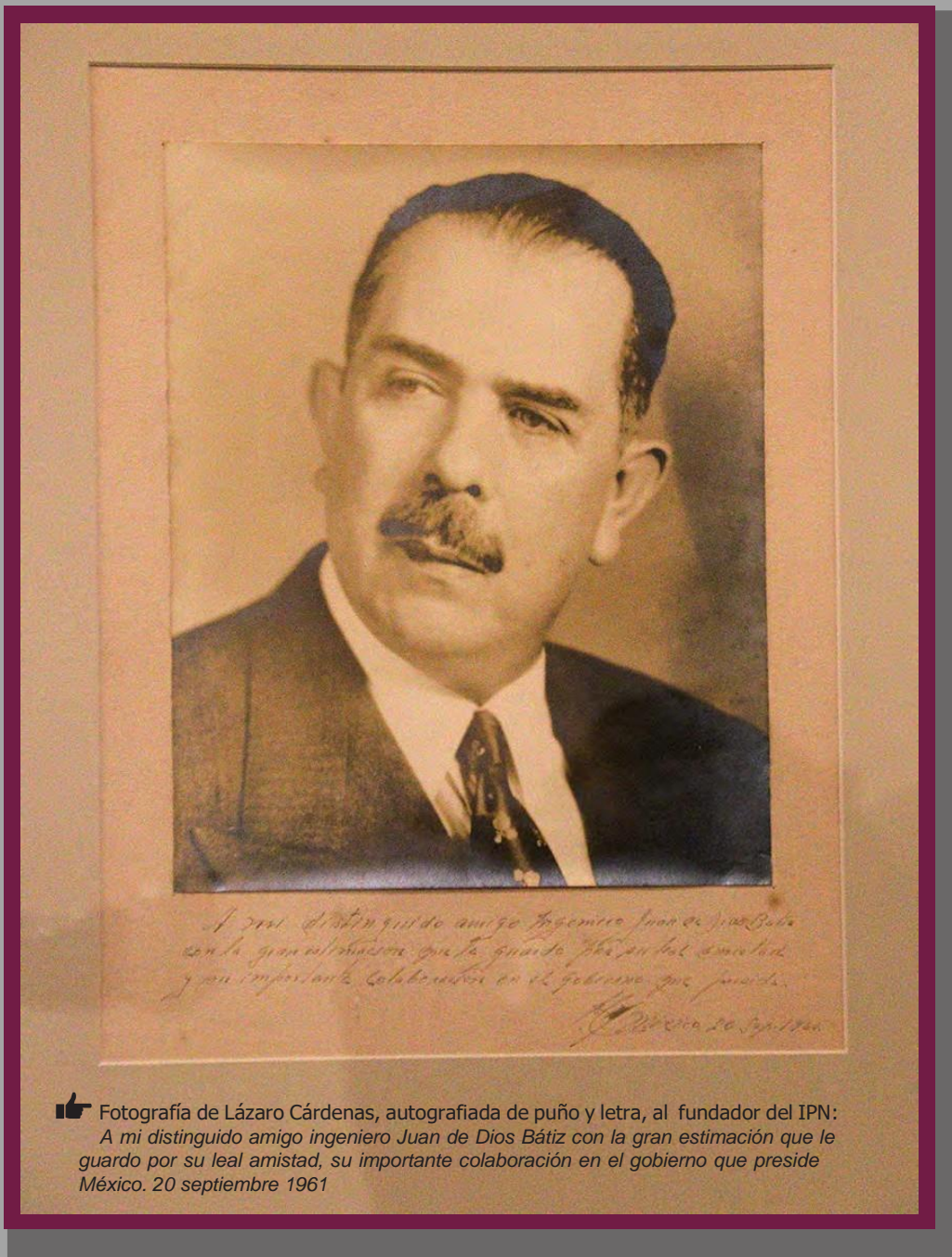
This is a photograph of General Lázaro Cárdenas, autographed in his own handwriting, with which he thanks Engineer Juan de Dios Bátiz for his loyal friendship and important collaboration during his government.

This document is dated September 20, 1961. In addition, the Politécnico received the photosculptures of Juan de Dios Bátiz and his wife, Mrs. Laura Pérez, dated 1932.

During the first ordinary session of the XLI General Consultative Council (CGC), the General Director of the IPN, Arturo Reyes Sandoval, welcomed the donation on behalf of this house of studies and thanked the altruism and sense of belonging that distinguishes the Politécnico, particularly the family of our Ph.D. in Educational Physics graduate.

The initiative arose when Flavio César Romo's father, José Manuel Romo Villalobos, acquired the pieces at an auction with the idea of donating them to the Politécnico in retribution for the academic training his son received.

The CICATA Legaria graduate regretted that his father could not make the delivery personally because he passed away in 2020,



👍 Fotografía de Lázaro Cárdenas, autografiada de puño y letra, al fundador del IPN:  
*A mi distinguido amigo ingeniero Juan de Dios Bátiz con la gran estimación que le guardo por su leal amistad, su importante colaboración en el gobierno que preside México. 20 septiembre 1961*

"Today I fulfill his wish with great pride and gratitude to my alma mater, knowing that there is no better place where these pieces acquired with love can be stored in this noble institution," said Flavio César Romo.

The MaYola Foundation was born with the idea of exhibiting the works and pieces acquired during several generations of the Romo family. It has two open-air galleries and 10 sculptural spaces in the city of Aguascalientes.

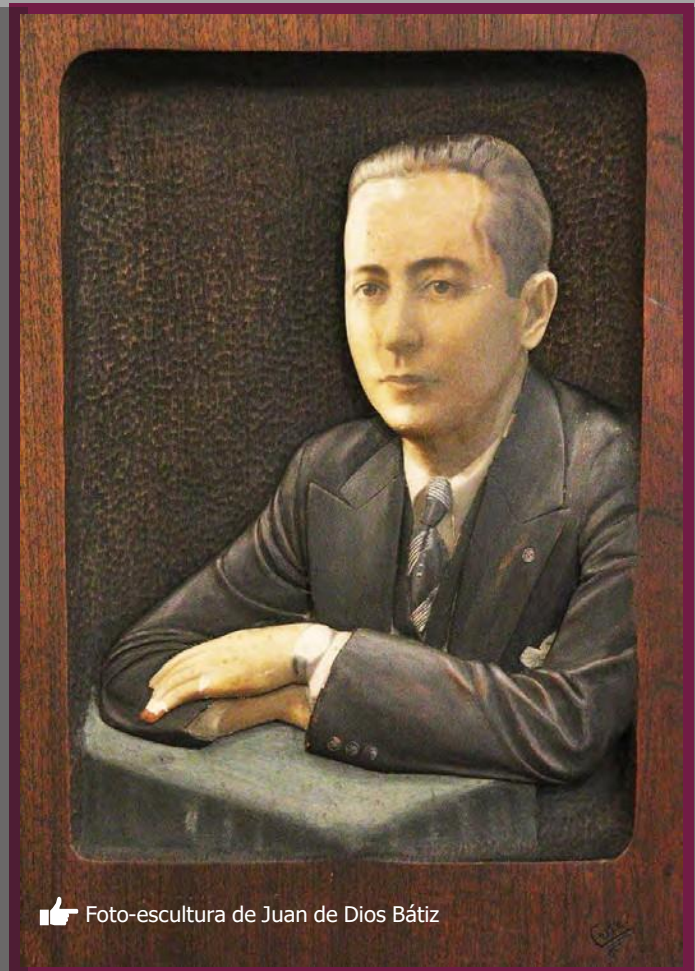
"We have a photo library with a collection of approximately 3,500 old photographs, in a historical arc from 1850 to 1930 and other pieces with which we contribute to the cultural and artistic promotion of the Museum of Aguascalientes through various exhibitions," said Romo Rojas.

The IPN graduate expressed his interest in establishing collaboration agreements with the Institute to exhibit part of the MaYola Foundation's collection, which includes 36 original pieces by José Guadalupe Posadas, as well as artistic and cultural works related to science and technology, such as a major exhibition of the solar system.

Accompanied by his thesis director, Dr. César Eduardo Mora Ley, who was a key element in donating and possibly establishing the contacts to materialize the delivery of such important historical pieces, Romo Rojas highlighted his support, not only academic but also emotional and emotional.



👍 Foto-escultura de la señora Laura Pérez, esposa del Ingeniero Juan de Dios Bátiz



👍 Foto-escultura de Juan de Dios Bátiz



👍 Flavio César Romo Rojas, egresado del CICATA Legaria (a la derecha) donó al IPN, las tres piezas por parte de la Fundación MaYola