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ITU ELECTED GENERAL SECRETARY MEETS IFT COMMISSIONERS

- **This is the first visit by Mr. Houlin Zhao after being elected to head the international body**
- **The meeting was attended by the President Commissioner, Gabriel Contreras, and Commissioners Fernando Borjón and Mario Fromow**
- **During the meeting several issues were addressed, like the interest in Mexico to exercise regional leadership that will enrich the ITU work and the promotion of small and medium sized entrepreneurs in the field of information and communications technologies**

Houlin Zhao, elected Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), held this November 18th a courtesy visit to the Federal Telecommunications Institute (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, IFT).

After he has occupied the position of Vice Secretary-General of the ITU, Zhao was elected by a large majority for the Plenipotentiary Conference 2014, held in Busan, Korea, to occupy the highest position of that international organization, departing from January 1st, 2015.

As part of his visit to Mexico, the first in his capacity as elected General Secretary, was received by the President Commissioner, Gabriel Contreras and by the Commissioners Fernando Borjón and Mario Fromow.

Among the topics covered during the meeting the results of the Plenipotentiary Conference 2014, were the interest in Mexico exercising regional leadership that will enrich the work of the ITU and the promotion of small and medium entrepreneurs in the field of technology information and communication underscore, as well as ITU collaboration with academia.

Finally, Mr. Zhao referred to the 150th anniversary of the organization in 2015, and invited the IFT to participate actively in the events that shall be conducted with that purpose.

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