

International competition awards Mexicans for architecture project



The winning team wants to contribute by creating a social and structured space.

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METEPEC MARKET PROJECT

Alejandro Cárdenas Ramírez and **Amairani Valdez Segura**, both students at [Tec de Monterrey's Toluca campus](#), have won **third place** at the **seventh 'Inspireli Awards,'** an international architecture competition.

Founded by the **Czech Technical University in Prague**, the competition has **global sponsors** and is considered **one of the most important in architecture**. It focuses on supporting undergraduate student projects from around the world.

What's more, the contest is judged by **862 architects, representing 126 different countries**.

Working with their professors **Alejandro Pimentel** and **Víctor Lechuga**, they presented their project entitled **"Metepec Market"** in December 2021. The winners

were announced in September of this year.

In this project, they wanted to contribute to the **creation of a convivial and structured space** for commercial activities at this **popular market**.



According to the winners, this market would **cover the shops and stalls** and create a **structure** allowing for greater **accessibility**. It would also provide **unloading lanes for goods**, as well as improved hygiene conditions through an organized sanitary network.

A competitive attitude

The team shared that they **decided to submit their proposal** as a result of publicity on social networks and their thirst for competition.



*"We realized that the level we were at **was very competitive**," Amairani said.*

"The level we were at was very competitive," she added.



Finally, even though Alejandro didn't have any experience participating in international contests, his knowledge of **technological programs and security** gave him the skills necessary **to be able to compete.**

That's why the Architecture student wanted to share his advice with the community at large on how to get involved in projects like these.

*"Develop **your interest** in what you want to do; **commit to it**; and **look for opportunities for your ideas.** Don't hold back," Alejandro said.*

***"Look for opportunities for your ideas. Don't hold back,"** he concluded*

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