On January 18, 2011, the International Relations Office was very honored with the visit of the Honorable Ambassador of Israel to the United States, Dr. Michael B. Oren, who came to our Metro Campus theatre as Lecturer of the conference Relations between Israel and the United States of America from a Historical and Personal Vision.

On that occasion, the distinguished visitor shared with the audience his experiences as a professor in different universities, a briefing of the history of Israel and its political relationship with the United States and other countries; also, the peace efforts both countries are negotiating to the Middle East. Among other issues, the attendants were interested in the political and commercial relationship between Israel and China, Israel and Puerto Rico, regarding investments and economic development.

It is important to mention that the attendants; students, faculty members, and general public, whose questions to the Ambassador were addressed in English and on a respectful way, showed mastery in both languages and appreciation to cultural diversity, which evidence that people of Puerto Rico, specially our students, are acting citizens of a global community. The audience was captivated with his kind, pleasant manner and strong interest the Honorable Ambassador Oren responded to all questions and comments made by the attendants to this successful activity.

*In the above photo from left to right: the Honorable General Consul of Israel to Puerto Rico and Florida Mr. Ofer Bavly, the Metro Campus’ Chancellor Prof. Marilina Wayland, the IAUPR’s President Esq. Manuel J. Fernós, the Honorable Ambassador of Israel to the United States and Lecturer Dr. Michael B. Oren, and the International Relations’ Director Prof. Ramón Ayala Díaz.*