

## Queen Talks About UK's Increasing Appetite for All Things Brazilian

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The first day of the state visit Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is paying to the United Kingdom ended with a state dinner in his honor, offered by Queen Elizabeth II, at Buckingham Palace, official residence of the British royal family.

In her speech, the Queen referred to Brazil as a world "key emerging power". "There is no doubt that during the past few years Brazil's development has caught the world's attention and admiration."

Elizabeth II praised the work of Brazilian soldiers at the United Nations peace mission in Haiti.

"It is no surprise therefore that the United Kingdom and Brazil are working increasingly closely on the international stage, including at the United Nations, in areas such as tackling poverty and combating climate change, to the benefit of all of our citizens," said the Queen.

She also mentioned the interest of Brazilian youth to study and work in the UK. "There is no doubt that Brazilian culture is playing an increasingly lively role in Britain.

"There is growing interest and appreciation, not just in your music and literature, but also your cinema, fashion and food."

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