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CONTENT OUTLINE OF THE UNIVERSAL
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"The Universal Exposition to be held in Seville between April and October 1992 will mark the Fifth Centenary of the Discovery of America.

In commemoration of the role played by Spain on that occasion - a crucial step in the history of geographical discoveries - Spain has taken on the responsibility of organizing a Universal Exposition, the first of its kind to be held in Europe since the Osaka event in 1970, and the first to be held in Europe since the Brussels event in 1958.

The Discovery of America is not simply the theme of the 1992 Universal Exposition but rather the reason behind it. Taking 1492 as the moment where the modern world was conceived, the theme to be developed by the Universal Exposition is "The Age of Discovery", that is the theme of the discovery in the widest sense of the word.

On the threshold on the 21st century, Spain has assumed the challenge to look for a new formula which would enable universal expositions to adapt their objectives to the new times.

The 1992 Universal Exposition chose a way which will give a new life to the tradition of the large World Fairs. As was expressed by the King of Spain, Don Juan Carlos, this Exposition wants to be 'a creative exposition that will channel the collective and universal energy of innovation, that will bring the past five centuries up to date and that will without a doubt reflect the fact that we are only eight years from the second millenium of our era'."

