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## **President Correa of Ecuador to Deliver U Thant Distinguished Lecture at UNU on 7 Sept.**

**Event:** Seventeenth U Thant Distinguished Lecture  
**Speaker:** President Rafael Correa Delgado of Ecuador  
**Lecture Title:** “The Challenges of Ecuador and the Latin American Region in the Twenty-First Century”  
**Date:** 7 September 2010 (Tues.), 10:40 – 11:30 AM  
**Venue:** United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo (U Thant International Conference Hall)  
**Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU) and Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

- The United Nations University’s U Thant Distinguished Lecture series provides a forum for eminent thinkers and world leaders to speak on the challenges and opportunities facing the world’s peoples and nations in the twenty-first century. Additional information about the series and previous lectures is available online at [http://www.unu.edu/uthant\\_lectures/](http://www.unu.edu/uthant_lectures/).
- On 7 September, President Rafael Correa Delgado of the Republic of Ecuador will deliver the 17<sup>th</sup> U Thant Distinguished Lecture. His presentation, entitled “The Challenges of Ecuador and the Latin American Region in the Twenty-First Century”, will address critical issues facing his country and the region from environmental, financial and socio-political perspectives.
- President Correa’s lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer session.
- Simultaneous Japanese–English–Spanish interpretation will be provided.
- For those who are unable to attend, President Correa’s U Thant Distinguished Lecture will be webcast live (and archived) at <http://videoportal.unu.edu/event/127>.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. To reserve your seat, please register at <http://www.unu.edu/reg/correa/>.

If you have a question or would like further information, please e-mail the UNU Office of Communications ([media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)).

### ***About the Lecturer***

Rafael Vicente Correa Delgado has served as President of the Republic of Ecuador since January 2007.

He previously was Ecuador’s Minister of Economy and Finance (2005) and worked as an independent consultant. From 1993 to 2005, he was a tenured professor in the Department of Economics at Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ); in addition to teaching courses in a variety of economics fields, he served as director of the Department of Economics and director of SUR (the Social and Economic Research Centre of USFQ). From 1992 to 1993, he was administrative–financial director of education projects funded by the Inter-American Development Bank, Quito.

He has authored numerous publications, including a 2004 book on “The Vulnerability of the Ecuadorian Economy” published by UNDP. President Correa holds a Ph.D. in Economics (2001) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.