

## Luis Ernesto Derbez Bautista

Since April 1st. 2008, Dr. Derbez is President of Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP). His academic trajectory includes being Academic Vice-President of UDLAP; Director of the Econometrics Unit, Head of the Economics Department and President of the Center for Globalization, Competitiveness and Democracy at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM); and adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Derbez was Secretary of Economy from 2000 to 2002 and Secretary of Foreign Relations from 2003 to 2006 for the Government of Mexico. From January 2007 to March 2008 he was Secretary of International Relations for his political party, Partido Acción Nacional (PAN).

While working for the public sector, he was Chairman of the Board of Exportadora de Sal, S.A., and Transportadora de Sal, S.A., joint ventures of the Mexican Government and Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan. He was also a member of the Boards of Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX), Banco Mexicano de Comercio Exterior (BANCOMEXT), and Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT).

In his professional capacity as an Economist, he worked for the World Bank from 1983 to 1997; and from 1998 to 2000 he was an international consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Since January 2007 he is a member of the Consultative Board of Bombardier, a private Canadian aircraft company; and since April 2007 he has been an international consultant for Ford Motor Co., Grupo Financiero Banorte and Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF).

In 1972 Dr. Derbez won a Fulbright – Juárez scholarship to pursue graduate studies in the US. Since 1974 he is a member of the academic honor societies Sigma–Xi and Phi–Kappa–Phi. In 2006 he was honored by Iowa State University with the *Distinguished Achievement Alumni Award* – an honor bestowed for the first time on a non-citizen. The University of Oregon also honored him with the *Distinguished Alumni Award* in 2007. In May of the same year he was admitted as a full member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences of the Vatican.

Dr. Derbez is fluent in Spanish, French and English. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí in 1970; a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Oregon in 1974; and a Ph. D. in Economics from Iowa State University of Science and Technology in 1980. He is married and has two daughters.