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Guyana President Jagdeo Will Speak at UNU on 25 June

- Event:** Public Lecture by H.E. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana
Date/Time: 25 June 2007 (noon–13:30)
Venue: Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall (5F), UN House, Tokyo
Organizers: United Nations University and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Supporter: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

United Nations University and the Inter-American Development Bank Office in Japan, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, are organizing a lecture by H.E. President Bharrat Jagdeo of Guyana on the occasion of his official visit to Japan, which commemorates the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Guyana and Japan (established in June 1967).

- The topic of President Jagdeo's lecture will be "The Challenges of Small States in Promoting Development for a Sustainable Future".
- In his lecture, President Jagdeo will focus on development challenges and opportunities of small states, and particularly those in the Caribbean region.
- The lecture session will begin with brief opening remarks by Prof. Hans van Ginkel, Rector, UNU; Midori Matsushima, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Takeo Shikado, Representative, Inter-American Development Bank Office in Japan.
- Following the lecture, there will be a question and answer session, moderated by UNU Rector van Ginkel.
- For those unable to attend, this event will be "webcast" live (and archived) online at <http://c3.unu.edu/unuvideo/?131>.
- English–Japanese interpretation will be provided.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend this public lecture. To confirm your attendance, or to request an interview with President Jagdeo, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

About the speaker

Bharrat Jagdeo has served as President of Guyana since 1999, when then-President Janet Jagan resigned due to ill health. He was elected to a five-year term in 2001, and was re-elected in 2006. He previously worked in the State Planning Secretariat and then in the Ministry of Finance; he was appointed Senior Minister of Finance in 1995. President Jagdeo holds a master's degree in economics from Patrice Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University (Moscow).

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