



Dr. R.K Pachauri conferred with Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle

The award is the highest decoration awarded by Mexico to foreigners for their contributions to the Mexican nation or to the humankind, in compliance with the civil awards act and the mandate of the specially appointed council.

June 16th, 2012- Dr.R.K Pachauri, The Director General of Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), has been conferred the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle by President Felipe Calderon during the G20 Summit in Los Cabos.

This award was presented to Dr.Pachauri during the closing ceremony of the seminar “Innovative Thinking for Global Challenges: Constructing the G-20 Agenda for the future”

Expressing his sincere gratitude after receiving the honour, Dr.Pachauri said “I feel deeply honoured at this privilege granted to me by President Calderon, a leader whose statesmanship is an inspiration and powerful; message for leaders across the world. I dedicate this honour to the causes I work for and for the benefit of the world’s poor who are very vulnerable to the impacts of climate change”.

Dr. Pachauri has helped Mexico ensure the link between economic growth and sustainable development. He also advised Mexico as chair of the Cancún Conferences on Climate Change.

Dr. Pachauri was honoured along with Margaret Chan, Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Robert Zoellick, president of the World Bank, and Nicholas Stern, President of Britain’s Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

Earlier, he has been conferred with the “Padma Vibhushan”, second highest civilian award, for his services in the field of science and engineering in January 2008 by the President of India and received the 'Officier De La LégionD'Honneur' from the Government of France in 2006. He has also been conferred with 'The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' by His Majesty Akihito, Emperor of Japan, the 'Commander of the Order of the White Rose of Finland' by the Prime Minister of Finland and the 'Commander of the Order of Leopold II' by the King of the Belgians. In April 2002, Dr Pachauri was elected the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as position to which he was re-elected in September 2008. IPCC along with former Vice President Al Gore was awarded the “Nobel Peace Prize” for the year 2007.

The other recipients of the award, Dr. Margaret Chan, helped Mexico and the world during the emergency caused by the A/H1N1 influenza virus, since she established an exceptional degree of cooperation during the most critical moments of the pandemic. Lord Stern has helped orient Mexico’s strategy for promoting growth with lower levels of greenhouse gas emissions. Dr. Robert Zoellik promoted collective global actions in issues such as climate change, trade, agriculture, food security, energy, water, health, the reinforcement of good government and the fight against corruption, among other issues.

The ceremony was attended by various dignitaries, former and current head of Government, Nobel laureates and other eminent dignitaries.