

Ecuadorian Food Festival
Fourth Edition



Welcoming Speech
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- Dear Excellencies & Colleagues
- Distinguished Guests
- Ecuatorianas y Ecuatorianops
- Ladies and Gentlemen

I am truly delighted to welcome you tonight to the fourth Ecuadorian Food Festival 2017, here in this beautiful place, with this wonderful view, in this magnificent city.

The Ecuadorian Food Festival in Doha, has become a successful annual tradition, where we share with you, part of the Ecuadorian cuisine. It's a suitable moment, renewed every year, where we meet lovely faces,

appreciated friends, wonderful and distinguished people.

The societies around the world have many ways to express their culture, and the cuisine is one of the best ways to do it, especially since the table foods, became a primary part of our daily lives and social relationship.

Getting across Ecuador's culinary and festival culture **is not Easy**, taking into account the biodiverse and multicultural nature of the country, and its great wealth of foodstuffs.

Biodiversity, Fertile land, Endemic species, a singular geographical configuration, a multicultural society and ancestral customs, are some of the

factors that come together to make Ecuador a land with unique culinary wealth.

Each province of Ecuador has a variety of its own dishes and beverages, reflecting the fruit of its soil and the culture of its people. This positions Ecuador as a potential culinary destination, able to offer a whole range of experiences around its traditional food.

The **Diversity and richness** of the Ecuadorian Palettes, stemming from its moderate & pleasant climate; in addition to its generous and fertile soil, give way to this rich culinary experience: It is one thing to eat a

juicy fish on the **Sea shore**, something totally different to savor a thick potato soup (locro de papas) in the **Mountain Region**, and another experience altogether to try out the chontacuro worms in the **Amazonia**. We cannot overlook the Marvellous **Galapagos Island**, where one lives a totally unique experience, a blend of beauty and wonderful Flora & Fauna.

The Ecuadorian table can become a multicolored, multiflavored and multicultural mosaic; it all depends on what kind of culinary voyage you wish to take.

I Would like to invite you to get closer to Ecuador, to know the richness of

our culture, to visit our beautiful country, the country of the four worlds, and the most compact mega-diverse in the world.

Most important of all, **is** to know our wonderful people who will receive you with open arms and genuine affection.

Have no doubt that you will feel at home.

I don't want to miss this opportunity, to extend my heartfelt thanks to **H.E. Ambassador SAAD MOHAMMAD AL-TAMIMI**, and through him to the Diplomatic Club for all the great support that we have received for the success of this festival.

Last but not least, I want to extend a big thanks to the media and a great gratitude for all their support.

Once again, welcome to this Ecuadorian night by excellence, and it is my pleasure to invite you to **Discover** the hidden secrets of the kitchen of my country Ecuador, located in the middle of the world.

Bienvenidas, bienvenidos.

Que Viva Ecuador.