

**CEREMONY AT “LOS PINOS”
WORLD DAY FOR WATER
MARCH 22nd, 2004**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Aim of the meeting: to announce to the international community the formal opening of the organization of the 4th World Water Forum, which will be held in Mexico in March 2006.

Participants: international personalities from the water sector, ambassadors from different countries, Governors from the World Water Council, Governors of different States, representatives of various water related organizations, representatives of the River Basin Councils, representatives from the Water Advisory Council, employees of the National Water Commission and other government ministries and agencies (approximately 250 people).

Requirements: simultaneous translation (English – Spanish, Spanish – English), and simultaneous translation Japanese-Spanish and Japanese-English during Mr. Hashimoto’s speech, pressroom for the international press conference following the ceremony.

Room: Adolfo López Mateos

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| 8:00 – 9:00 | Arrival of guests at Los Pinos (the presidential residence) | |
| 9:00 – 9:10 | Speech by Mr. Cristóbal JAIME, Director General of the National Water Commission, on the subject of the importance of the 4 th World Water Forum for Mexico and description of its components. | |
| 9:10 – 9:15 | Speech by Mr. Gastón LUKEN, President of the Water Advisory Council | |
| 9:15 – 9:25 | Speech by Mr. Ryutaro | Mr. Hashimoto will speak in |

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| | Hashimoto, former Prime Minister of Japan and Co-Chair of the International Organizing Committee of the 3 rd World Water Forum. At the end of his speech Mr. Hashimoto will hand over to President Fox a commemorative gourd that symbolizes the transfer of the organization of the Forum from Japan to Mexico. | Japanese. Two Japanese interpreters accompany Mr. Hashimoto. |
| 9:25-9:30 | Speech by Dr. William COSGROVE, President of the World Water Council, on the subject of the World Water Forums. Dr. COSGROVE will mention the work performed by Dr. ABU-ZEID, to whom an award will be given. | |
| 9:30 – 9:40 | Presentation by President Fox of the award to Dr. Mahmoud ABU-ZEID, Egyptian Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation and former President of the World Water Council | The prize is for the work carried out as President of the World Water Council from 1996 to 2003. |
| 9:40 – 10:00 | Message from President Vicente FOX QUESADA | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | The guests leave the room | |

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| 10:30 – 11:00 | International press conference. Participants: Mr. Cristóbal JAIME, Mr. Ryutaro HASHIMOTO and Dr. William COSGROVE. | Simultaneous translation English-Spanish, Japanese-Spanish and Japanese-English |