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Keio University

## **Keio University to Confer an Honorary Doctorate on Miguel Poiares Maduro Professor and Dean, Católica Global School of Law, Portuguese Catholic University**

Keio University will confer the degree of Honorary Doctor on Miguel Poiares Maduro in recognition of his formidable contributions in the world of academia, to the practice of law, as well as for his work in the field of governmental administration.

The Conferment Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 4, with press coverage of the event welcomed.

### **1. Conferral Ceremony**

Date and time: Friday, November 4, 14:00–14:45 (attendees are requested to enter the hall by 13:50)

Venue: Mita Public Speaking Hall (*Mita Enzetsu-kan*), Mita Campus, Keio University  
(2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

Access to the venue: <https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/maps/mita.html>

Language: English (interpretation not provided)

### **2. Profile of Miguel Poiares Maduro**

Miguel Poiares Maduro graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon before acquiring the qualification of Doctor of Laws at the European University Institute (Florence, Italy). He subsequently held professorships at the Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa (UAL; Autonomous University of Lisbon), Nova School of Law, Nova University of Lisbon, and European University Institute, and is currently Professor and Dean at the Católica Global School of Law, Portuguese Catholic University.

In 2003 he was appointed as the youngest-ever Advocate General (a position of equivalent authority to judge, responsible for assisting the court by drafting opinions on cases that judges consider before giving judgment) serving for 6 years at the European Court of Justice, the highest court in the European Union. In this capacity, he guided judges' rulings with a number of renowned opinions in a wide range of areas, including human rights, taking in the rule of law and freedom of expression, as well as the limits of competence of the EU, and tax evasion.

Meanwhile, he has utilized his academic attainment to make significant contributions in the sphere of governmental administration. After Portugal was plunged into a debt crisis starting in 2013, he was appointed Minister for Regional Development by the Prime Minister of Portugal in recognition of his academic attainments and to aid in the restoration of stability in his country of birth. He aided the Portuguese government in successfully overcoming the debt crisis and restoring economic growth by mid-2014.

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