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José-Luis Cortés Delgado is a distinguished Mexican architect, educator, and international leader, born in Monterrey. He acquired a solid academic education; after graduating from the Faculty of Architecture at the Monterrey Institute of Technology, he completed master's programs in urban planning in Copenhagen (Denmark) and in architecture and design for developing countries at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA.

Cortés has a rich academic career. For decades, he taught and held leadership positions at the Universidad Iberoamericana (Director of the Department of Architecture and the Center for Continuing Education) and the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM), where he coordinated the Territorial Planning degree program.

He has participated as a guest lecturer in Sweden, Kenya, India, and Japan. He is the author of significant works, including "Typology of Housing in Mexico City" and studies on the urban fabric of Mexican cities. In his professional practice, he has directed urban development plans, airport projects, historical center renovations, and urban planning projects for the World Bank.

As a public figure, Cortés Delgado served as President of the UIA (2021–2023) and of the College of Architects of Mexico City. For his contributions, he has been awarded a knighthood by the government of Spain, the Order of the Rising Sun from Japan, and Presidential Medals from the architectural institutes of Canada, South Korea, and the USA.



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