INCAE, November 5, 2014. On October 29, INCAE Business School celebrated its 50th Anniversary as the leading Business School in Latin America on the campus of Harvard Business School in Boston, MA. The celebration honored HBS, received by HBS Dean Nitin Nohria, and founding members who contributed to the development of the school and its impact in Latin America through the years. Individual honorees included HBS Professors Ray Goldberg, George Cabot Lodge and Wick Skinner as well as Harry Strachan, former partner of the Boston based Bain & Company.

INCAE Business School was born out of an idea inspired by President John F. Kennedy's visit to Costa Rica in 1963. During his visit, President Kennedy spoke to Central American Presidents about the importance of strengthening education in the Region. Upon this visit President Kennedy asked George Baker, then Dean of HBS, to evaluate the possibility of establishing a management program in the Region. During its formation, over 50 HBS faculty contributed to the development of INCAE and since its founding, numerous INCAE faculty has been trained at Harvard and returned to lead the school.

INCAE President and HBS graduate Arturo Condo headed the celebration. "Tonight was about honoring our founders, without their tireless dedication INCAE would not be here today, as well as renewing our important ties with Harvard for continued impact in the future" said Condo.

Wick Skinner received the highest distinction of Doctor Honoris Causa from INCAE for his far-reaching influence throughout the institution's history. George Cabot Lodge was recognized as the U.S. architect of INCAE, Harry Strachan for leading INCAE through tough times including the opening of a second campus in Costa Rica during the Sandinista Revolution in Nicaragua and Ray Goldberg for his contribution to the region through agribusiness. "Ray Goldberg graduates have probably done more to feed the world and contributed more to the economic growth and social welfare of emerging societies than entire university systems. Goldberg's INCAE graduates certainly turned Central America on its head and continue to do so today,
more than two generations after his first studies in the region. Talk about impact..." said Roberto Artavia, former Goldberg student and current Chairman of INCAE's Board.

The celebration, chaired by INCAE Professor and HBS graduate Eduardo Montiel, marks the sixth event celebrating the 50th Anniversary of INCAE, having previously held events in Nicaragua, Peru, Panama, Guatemala and El Salvador. Also in attendance were several current HBS faculty, members of INCAE's faculty with doctoral degrees from Harvard and family and friends of the honorees.

INCAE has campuses in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. It has over 14,000 graduates from its Masters and Executive Education programs.

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