

# *Ecuadorian President to Begin 2015 with State Visit to China*

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Quito, December 22 (RHC-PL) -- Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa announced Sunday that he will make a State visit to China on January 6th and 7th, at the invitation of his counterpart in the Asian giant, Xi Jinping.

According to the Ecuadorian Executive in his usual work report, his stay in Beijing was previously set for January 8th, to attend the summit between China and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), but Chinese authorities invited him to travel for a bilateral meeting.

The Chinese president has had the enormous courtesy of inviting us on a state visit, said Correa, who assured the relations between both their countries are so successful that other countries are asking for counseling on the issue.

The amount of Chinese investments in Ecuador are about seven billion dollars and concentrates primarily in the hydroelectric, mining and oil sectors.

In his radio and TV speech Saturday, Correa recalled that Ecuador will assume the pro-tempore presidency of CELEAC next January and said he will travel to Beijing from Belgium, where he will spend his Christmas and New Year's holidays with his Belgian spouse and his children.

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