

PIERRE MARC JOHNSON, HONORARY DOCTOR OF THE UNIVERSITÉ DE LYON

Pierre Marc Johnson, the 24th Prime Minister of Quebec, and who is now *advocatus emeritus* of the Quebec Bar, received an Honorary Doctorate from the Université de Lyon and its President Khaled Bouabdallah on November 12, 2018, during the Jacques Cartier Meetings.

Pierre Marc Johnson is recognized for his experience in international business and environmental law and health rights negotiations.



Khaled Bouabdallah, President of the Université de Lyon, Pierre Marc Johnson and Christelle Goutaudier – Photo credit: Université du Québec

After graduating in law, then in medicine from the Universities of Montreal and Sherbrooke, Pierre Marc Johnson practiced medicine for a few years before beginning his political career. His rich career path in institutional governance in Canada is strengthened by a highly significant experience in international relations. He was the 24th Prime Minister of Quebec, and is now *advocatus emeritus* of the Quebec Bar, and has achieved recognition for his expertise in international business and environmental law and health rights negotiations.

He initiated many studies and articles in the areas of international business, globalization and the environment. His experiences led him to advise governments and institutions, to work on advisory boards and lecture on the principles underlying globalization and its effects.

Since 2009, Pierre Marc Johnson has been chief negotiator for the Quebec government for the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement plan between Canada and the European Union; this new trade agreement, CETA, provisionally entered into force in September 2017 and facilitates the export of

goods and services. This has led to an increase in bilateral trade between Canada and the European Union in many different industries and has proven beneficial to citizens and businesses.

A key player in university relations between the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region and Quebec

Until recently, Pierre Marc Johnson was the President of the Board of Directors of the Jacques Cartier Meetings. During his presidency, he worked **to develop exchanges between Lyon, the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region and Quebec**, using annual performance reviews and bilateral university, institutional and economic operations.

He is already an honorary Doctor of the Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1. Granting Pierre Marc Johnson the title of honorary doctor is a way for the Université de Lyon to honor a visionary key player in its relations with stakeholders in Quebec, both at the University level and throughout the territory. This recognition highlights the priority of the Lyon Saint-Étienne University site to continually strengthen the work it has been undertaking for over 30 years in the areas of education, research and innovation.

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