

Inkaterra presents to President of Brazil Dilma Rousseff a native orchid named in her honor

During the 10th Anniversary of Brazil and Peru's strategic alliance, held on November 11th at the Government Palace of Peru, Inkaterra honored President of Brazil Dilma Rousseff by presenting a native orchid named after her. *Epidendrum rousseffiana*, a new species to science described by Benjamín Collantes and Eric Hágsater, was found in the orchid trail at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. With 372 species registered, it is the largest native orchid collection in the world according to the American Orchid Society. Many of these have been photographed for the 2007 book 'Orchids at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel'.



After President of Peru Ollanta Humala and his counterpart signed three bilateral agreements, Inkaterra Chairman and Founder José Koechlin gave Ms. Rousseff the orchid's scientific description, and remarked it as a symbol of the bond between nations. "The Strategic Alliance between Brazil and Peru has arrived at a new threshold and it will lead us to improve the quality of life of the Peruvian and Brazilian peoples," the Brazilian leader declared at the televised press conference in the Government Palace. She also highlighted the "enormous benefits of the Interoceanic Highway, which has brought trade, tourism and development to the states of Acre, Rondonia and Mato Grosso in Brazil, and to Arequipa, Cusco and Madre de Dios in Peru."

According to the President of the Binational Chamber of Commerce and Integration, Mr. Miguel Vega Alvear, the strategic alliance is crucial. "We are 700 million inhabitants in Latin America, we have 1/3 of fresh water in the planet and 25% of cultivable land, and we live in the most biodiverse region throughout the world", Mr. Vega Alvear stated. "We are ready to work together, towards the great adventure for the better world we want to achieve for our people's benefit".