

### **Phil Wittman visits the Canopy Walkway he designed for Inkaterra**

Dr. Wittman has a major degree in Chemistry and he worked for many years at AT&T Labs, but his true passion is designing and building canopy walkways around the globe. Soon after joining Canopy Access Associates, Wittman started searching for the perfect spot to build his first own design: Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica's Canopy Walkway, in Tambopata (Peru).

The preliminary site survey for this ambitious project started in August 2000. It took three years until finding the proper trees to link the two 90-foot towers, eight platforms and seven cable-bridges that belong to the walkway. On 2004, a group of ten specialists built Dr. Wittman's design in about six weeks. The hard work ended with the construction of the Canopy Tree House, Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica's special suite located 100 feet above the ground.

The Walkway's height could be compared with a 10-storey building, which offers an extraordinary POV of the Amazon rainforest and its wildlife. Dr. Wittman, who led a tour during his last annual maintenance on last October, described the Canopy Walkway as a privileged site for scientific research and outdoors activities such as birdwatching. It is certainly one of the most exhilarating experiences throughout the Peruvian Amazon.

