

**Remarks by the Director of Peru's Diplomatic Academy, prior to lectures by the Indian Ambassador and by a member of The Indian Council of World Affairs.**

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Good evening. Nemaste.

The Diplomatic Academy Javier Pérez de Cuéllar is very pleased, and honoured, to receive today two distinguished personalities of the sister Republic of India.

We are welcoming, or "re-welcoming", the Ambassador of India, His Excellency Mr. Manpreet Bohra, who has been several times at this institution. He is a very good friend of us, of our Academy.

We are also welcoming His Excellency Mr. Deepak Bhojwani, who has been Ambassador of India in Colombia, Venezuela and Cuba, having been posted in other Latin American nations, such as Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Brazil.

Obviously, Ambassador Bhojwani is a real expert in Latin American matters. This is reflected in the book he has just written about India's relations with Latin America, from a diplomatic perspective. That is precisely the topic of the lecture he has kindly agreed to offer us this evening.

Ambassador Bhojwani is also a bright member of the Indian Council of World Affairs, a very prestigious organization.

The Ambassador of India, His Excellency Ambassador Bohra, will keep us updated about his country's relations with Peru.

Diplomatic relations between Peru and India were formally established in 1963. This means that a few months ago our countries marked 50 years of fruitful exchanges.

Both anniversaries were jubilantly celebrated in India and Peru. I remember that in our Ministry of Foreign Affairs, several poems by Cesar Vallejo, were read in Hindi. Vallejo, Peruvian and universal poet, is our Rabindranath Tagore. Both reshaped Literature, poetry in particular.

We can also remember the very beautiful group of Hindustani classical dances which last year performed at our Grand National Theater.

The Diplomatic Academy is much grateful to His Excellency

the Ambassador of India and to His Excellency Ambassador Bhojwani for making this activity possible.

We also thank the Ambassador of Peru in India, Mr. Javier Paulinich. Ambassador Paulinich played an important role in making it possible for Ambassador's Bhojwani to visit Lima and our Diplomatic Academy. We are good friends and we happen to be classmates of the Diplomatic Academy.

Both lecturers are fluent in Spanish and in other European and Oriental languages. But we have agreed to use English this evening, for the benefit of students. Thus, dear students, you will have the opportunity to increase your knowledge of the English language. The subsequent questions by students will be also made in English.

Thank you very much. Shucria. Muchas gracias.