

Towards the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peru's National Day (July 28, 1821) and 25 years of establishing diplomatic relations between Viet Nam and Peru (November 14, 1994 – November 14, 2019), on the morning of May 9, 2019, The Embassy of Peru co-operated with the National Library of Viet Nam (NLV) to organize the opening of the **Exhibition “The beginning of a history”**.

Attending the exhibition were Mr. Tran Nhat Hoang - Deputy Director General of the International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MoCST); H.E.Mr. Augusto Morelli Salgado - Ambassador of the Republic of Peru in Viet Nam; Mrs. Kieu Thuy Nga - Director of the NLV, together with representatives of leaders of Departments and Institutes under the MoCST, Ambassadors, representatives of Embassies in Viet Nam, representatives of central and Ha Noi agencies, international organizations, libraries, press and television agencies, the public and readers.

The exhibition showcases 398 paintings which were illustrated by Felipe Guamán Poma de Ayala for the book *“The New Chronicles and Good Government”*; written by him in 1615 to deliver to King Philip III of Spain in the hope that the Royal Family would have strong reforms to improve the lives of indigenous people in the Vice Kingdom of Peru. This painting collection can be seen as a historical and cultural summary of the Inca civilization before being invaded by

the Spanish Empire, as well as recreate the formation process along with the social situation of the Vice Kingdom of Peru - a colony of the Spanish Empire in the Americas.

Being considered as the “soul” of the book of chronicles with 1,180 pages, the 398 drawings help the Vietnamese public to understand more about culture as well as an important period in the thousands of years of history of Peru - the country known as country of many ancient cultures. Through this meaningful event, Peru – Viet Nam will further strengthen the friendly relationship between the two countries.

The exhibition will open to public from 9 - 15 of May 2019, at the National Library of Viet Nam, 31 Trang Thi, Hoan Kiem, Ha Noi.

***Photos of the event:***



***Panoramic view of the Opening Ceremony***



***Mrs. Kieu Thuy Nga – Director of NLV delivers the welcoming remarks***



*H.E.Mr.Augusto Morelli Salgado, Ambassador of the Republic of Peru in Viet Nam delivers the exhibition's opening speech*





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