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Peru's Christian Democratic Party Announces Its Principled Association with the Schiller Institute

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Jan. 29—On the occasion of the celebration of the 66th anniversary of the founding and relaunching of the Christian Democratic Party (PDC) of Peru, a national assembly of the party was held in Lima on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at which the Schiller Institute was the guest of honor. The occasion included the PDC's announcement that it was officially adhering to the international Schiller Institute (see full text below).

The opening speech at the Saturday session was delivered by Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche to an audience of some 160 participants, including the PDC's full Executive Committee, 20 delegated representatives of their 40 District Committees, other leading members, and some 30 youth. Many of those present had traveled to Lima from the interior of the country, notwithstanding the pandemic.

Zepp-LaRouche delivered an in-depth strategic evaluation, concluding with a very hopeful and optimistic view of the future, if this Year of Lyndon LaRouche (the centennial of his birth) becomes the year in which LaRouche's Four Laws are implemented as the pillars of an economic recovery which would bring about the universal common good. Zepp-La-Rouche's speech, delivered as a pre-recorded video, received lengthy applause (see full text in this issue of *EIR*).

On Sunday, Jan. 23, an internal party meeting was

held with the delegates who had come to Lima from around the country. There, Carlos Gallardo, the President of the PDC, addressed Helga Zepp-LaRouche who had been invited to join the meeting by videoconference hook-up—to officially announce the PDC's adherence to the Schiller Institute, in light of their profound epistemological and programmatic coincidence. Gallardo also announced that the PDC would soon hold a series of classes, with the aid of Schiller Institute teachers, on the *Science of Christian Economy* of Lyndon LaRouche, using that book as a guide to develop the party's platform for the development of its economic program.

Zepp-LaRouche warmly welcomed the PDC's collaboration with the Schiller Institute and held a 45-minute Q&A session with those present. She recalled her visit to Lima with her husband in April 1987, noting that Peru has a long history of fighting for sovereignty and development, not only for itself but for all nations. The LaRouches' week-long visit culminated with their participation in a two-day international conference sponsored by the Schiller Institute and Peru's St. Augustine School. Helga Zepp-LaRouche delivered the keynote address on the first day of that 1987 conference on <u>"Christian Morality and the International Debt Question"</u>. Lyndon La-Rouche keynoted the second day with a speech that we print in full in this issue of *EIR*.

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