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## **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Professor Speaks with Peruvian Officials about Quality Control in Higher Education Dr. Canales invited to address governmental agencies by State Department**

Corpus Christi, Texas – Dr. JoAnn Canales, professor and associate dean of Graduate Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, recently addressed Peruvian government officials on methods for implementing quality control assurance and accreditation systems for higher education in Peru.

At the request of the U.S. Department of State, Canales lectured before Peru's National Assembly of University Rectors during a week-long series of events in June that also included conversations with representatives from the U.S. Embassy, the Peruvian government, public and private institutions, newly-organized accrediting entities, non-governmental educational organizations, think tanks, and Peruvian Binational Center educational advisors. The Peruvian government is soliciting the insights of professional educators on the implementation and quality control of accreditation standards, and seeking international cooperation for further research and development.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to learn and understand Peru's system of higher education” said Canales. “They are to be commended for their initiatives to ensure quality in higher education, especially in light of their serious economic struggles.”

While in Peru, Canales visited various public and private institutions and centers. In addition, she addressed the fourth annual Conference for Directors, Coordinators, and CEOs of the International Relations Offices of Peruvian Universities, sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Division of the U.S. Embassy.

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