

## **ICA Peru update from Shizuyu Sato**

Dear Lisseth,

I am Shizuyo Sato, previous board member of ICAI.

I went to Peru from August 8 to 21, research for revising their training center rebuilding.

Gloria Santos, Rocio del Aguila and Jesusa Aburto were working together with me and we had a wonderful time during the research time for almost two weeks. I met the president of ICA Peru, Julio Cesar Aguirre who is husband of Rocio. Their son Migel took care of me for the transportation.

We visited the Japanese Embassy and JICA with Gloria and Rocio. Gloria also took to me to the Mayor of Azpitia (Mr. Ramon Caycho Yaya) and Ministry of Environment in Mala province.

For research of future project, I could get enough data from local people. For example, there are problems such as small water tanks in this area, water does not reach villagers and schools, or flood damage due to river increase by the environmental destruction of the mountainous area, and there are no septic tanks, so human waste is flowing into the river. The training center of ICA is getting old, roof is falling and toilet and shower is outside of building, not functioning, and will become an abandoned house soon.

We had workshop with 27 people from various places to discuss their future needs and they planned activity. The villagers were thankful for the past work of ICA Peru. Mr. Felix Max Donayre Pachas, the architecture from Lima came to Azpitia and drew a plan of new training center image and gave us draft design of the building. The new drawing looks very nice, and I will continue to work for a proposal as soon as possible.

Ken Hamji took over the ICA house, and he removed the ICA Peru homepage at that time. He may have told many people that ICA Peru no longer exists! But actually, we know that this team is revitalizing ICA Peru! There is no homepage now for Peru ICA that I know of. But Wayne agreed with Jesusa Aburto Arias to help them build a homepage for

Azpitia. As you know that they had hard time to stand by own sustainability of their life after they left ICA Peru house.

But Gloria and her husband seems very happy now when they found jobs and they are busy for ground their own life.

I hope that before the building construction starts, they will be able to come back to the name of ICA Peru, pay ICAI dues, and fully activate the ICA Peru. Their heart of ICA Peru has not disappeared, no-one can remove from them. They love ICA Peru and are revitalizing ICA Peru again.

It was the right time to visit them and we discussed how to help the community people in Azpitia and surrounding towns and villages. I was very happy to be there and met them face to face. They had very difficult time but also they learned a lot how to overcome this difficult time.

I believe ICA Peru will be revitalized again in the near future.

Shizuyo Sato