

SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF AMBASSADOR VITALIANO GALLARDO VALENCIA

Vitaliano Gallardo Valencia was born in Lima, 21 December 1963. Diplomat with 30 years of career in the Diplomatic Service of the Republic. Ambassador Gallardo has completed his university studies at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Faculty of Law) and his postgraduate studies at the University of Paris I - Pantheon Sorbonne and a Diploma in International Affairs at New York University (NYU).

He began his career at the Embassy of Peru in Ecuador between 1996 and 2001, the Permanent Representation of Peru to the United Nations in New York (UN) between 2004 and 2009 and at the Permanent Representation of Peru to the Organization of American States in Washington (OAS) from 2012 to 2014. He has been Consul General of Peru in Paterson, with jurisdiction over the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania from 2014 to 2017.

In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he has been an official and Director of Security and Defence, official and Director of Limits and Director General of Peruvian Communities Overseas and Consular Affairs. He has also served as Director General of International Relations in the Ministry of Defence.

He is the son of Vitaliano Gallardo Cuadra, professor, lawyer and university professor from Cora Cora, Pullo district, province of Parinacochas, Ayacucho, and Yolanda Valencia Lara, native of Huancavelica, professor of History and Geography, teacher of the Primary Educational Institution of the Balconcillo Suburb of the district of La Victoria, and Head of the Victor Andres Belaunde School of Santa Catalina, La Victoria.

Ambassador Vitaliano Gallardo is married to Mrs. Ljubinka Petkovich Portocarrero, who is a High School teacher specialising in Chemistry and Biology and has worked as a teacher at the Manuel Polo Jimenez and José Abelardo Quiñones schools of the Peruvian Air Force and the Abraham Lincoln Peruvian-North American School, and has been principal of Innova School in San Miguel.

They have two daughters.