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PRESS RELEASE

<u>Dominican Republic President honors Dr. Liliana Mayo, founder and executive director of CASP, for her successful 35-year education work in favor of people with different abilities</u>

On February 25, Dominican Republic President's Danilo Medina decorated Dr. Liliana Mayo Ortega, founder and executive director of the Ann Sullivan Center of Peru (CASP), into the Heraldic Order of Christopher Columbus, Official Degree, given through Decree 57-14.

The award ceremony took place at the Ambassadors Hall of the National Palace in the presence of the First Lady, Cándida Montilla de Medina, the Minister of the Presidency, Gustavo Montalvo, and representatives of the Central American Country.

It is worth mentioning that Dr. Liliana Mayo was invited by the First Lady of Dominican Republic, Cándida Montilla de Medina, to expound about her experience in the care of children with different abilities and to strengthen ties between the Ann Sullivan Center and the Center of Comprehensive Attention to Disability (CAID).

Dr. Mayo is recognized for her 35-year work through the Ann Sullivan Center of Peru in favor of children with special abilities, as well as her constant support offered to the Dominican Republic in the implementation of methodologies to help in the development of the Center of Comprehensive Attention to Disability (CAID).

CAID is a diagnostic and rehabilitation center for children, age 0-10 years, with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and physical developmental delays (motor ones), which was developed by the office of the First Lady.

"But above all, CAID is going to make the difference in the life of the children, the families, the professionals and all the visitors who come to the Dominican Republic and everyone, because, as the First Lady says, 'It is a little piece of heaven in our Latin America" Dr. Mayo said after giving thanks for the recognition and highlighting the possibilities of CAID, which she defined as an advanced and innovative center.

"You have a First Lady, Mrs. Cándida, who has put passion and persistence into a center that I believe will give much light to children who are waiting for this opportunity to receive an education," the Founder and Executive Director of CASP added.