



Google Street View to include Machu Picchu, Caral and Chan Chan

A group of Google operators has arrived in Peru to register 91 immovable properties declared Cultural Heritage of Peru, including Machu Picchu Historic Sanctuary (Cusco), the Sacred City of Caral (Lima) and the Citadel of Chan Chan (La Libertad).

Under the framework of the Inter-institutional Cooperation Agreement between the Ministry of Culture and Google, archaeologists of the General Directorate of Intangible Archaeological Heritage have joined operators of the said company in their field visits to archaeological sites in Lima.

The Google Street View Project is a feature of Google Maps and Google Earth that enables users to view and navigate through 360 degree horizontal and 290 degree vertical panoramic street level images of selected cities and their surrounding metropolitan areas around the world.

This technology, launched in the United States in 2007, has documented sites across 59 countries so far.

The equipment used by Google operators, known as "Trekker", is a roughly 44-pound backpack with a portable camera system that enables the wearer to capture panoramic images, which assures the integrity of archaeological monuments during the visit.

The Ministry of Culture has issued recommendations and guidelines required to execute the project, which will enable

to promote the country's archaeological heritage through virtual tours thanks to the Google Street View system.