

HIS EXCELLENCY SANTIAGO PEÑA PALACIOS, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

Santiago Peña Palacios was inaugurated in August 2023 as the youngest President of the democratic era of his country.



After finishing his undergraduate studies at the Catholic University of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, he gained the title of Bachelor in Economics. Then, he traveled to the United States of America, where he completed his graduate studies for a Master's Degree in Public Administration at Columbia University in New York.

His Excellency worked at the Central Bank of Paraguay between 2000 - 2009 at the Department of Monetary and Financial Studies of

the Monetary Studies Management, and in the Department of Open Market Operations (DOMA, for its acronym in Spanish). Then, he served at the African Department of the International Monetary Fund. Afterwards, he became an Analyst at the Department of the International Monetary Fund.

Before his designation as Minister of Finance of Paraguay, he held the position of Member of the Directory at the Central Bank of Paraguay.



He also taught as an Associate Professor of Financial Theory in 2004 and was a Tenured Professor of Economic Theory in 2005 at the Catholic University of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción.

He published several researches on monetary policy and finance fields. In 2017, he was invited by the Ecuadorian Professor Roberto Izurieta to participate as a visiting professor at the Graduate School of Political Management of the University of George Washington, where he shared his experience on public administration in Paraguay.

He also was the thesis advisor of Geovanny Vicente Romero, CNN Columnist and Professor at Columbia University.

The President has been married for 25 years to Mrs. Leticia Ocampos, Architect. He has two children, Gonzalo and Constanza.

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