

Biography for Ricardo J. Peláez

Ricardo J. Peláez is a career Foreign Service Officer and, in October 2013, began his assignment as the Senior Commercial Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru.

Prior to Peru, Mr. Peláez served a two year assignment at the U.S. Consulate General in Shanghai, China. In this capacity, Mr. Peláez led a team of industry specialists responsible for China's most dynamic sectors, including energy, environment, construction, and transportation.

Mr. Peláez joined the U.S. Commercial Service in 1997, and for 11 years, Mr. Peláez worked in the Akron and Cleveland, Ohio offices where he gained extensive experience assisting local exporters in the plastics, automotive, metalworking and medical sectors. Mr. Peláez began his Foreign Service career with a three-year assignment as a Commercial Officer at the American Institute in Taiwan covering a range of sectors, including education, environment, publishing, consumer goods, and machinery.

Mr. Peláez earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University with a double major in International Relations and Spanish and a Masters in Business Administration degree from Cleveland State University. He also received Certificates in Management and Sales & Marketing from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management. In 2005, Mr. Peláez was named to the *Cuarenta Cuarenta Club*, which highlights the accomplishments of 40 Hispanic leaders, ages 45 and under, whom are making significant contributions in the Greater Cleveland area and within their organization.