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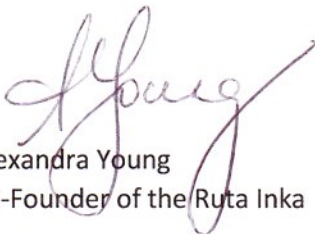
I am very pleased to congratulate you on the long and prosperous history of the Inca Route, a wonderful initiative of cultural exchange for young people of the Americas in which I proudly participated in, in its very beginnings, in 2000/01. I fondly recall the inception of the Ruta Inka, when I accompanied you on your visits to the municipal and regional authorities of the Sacred Valley of the Incas in Peru.

After this initial cooperation with you I had to return to Canada to continue my professional activities, but by chance today, through our social media networks, I have recently discovered that the Inca Route has thrived in the last 20 years, even expanding into Mexico where you founded the Mayan Route.

I congratulate you for your perseverance which has allowed the project to succeed, offering this fabulous opportunity to so many youth over the years. I am unfortunately not in a position to be able to travel at this moment to attend either the Inca Route 2021 or the Mayan Route 2021 given my personal and professional obligations. However, I am offering my congratulations to you and your team and will ensure that I transmit the information regarding this project to some of my contacts here in Canada. It would be such an accomplishment to once again be able to help you expand this project by welcoming a delegation of young indigenous Canadians to take part of this intercultural exchange.

I wish you much success in this new edition of the Ruta Inka/Ruta Maya, so necessary in these current times, during which human encounters are all the more necessary.

Yours very truly,



Alexandra Young  
Co-Founder of the Ruta Inka