

Mrs Cecilia Roxana TAIT VILLACORTA PER

BORN

5 MARCH 1962

MRS CECILIA ROXANA TAIT VILLACORTA

EDUCATION

Diploma in Business Administration from IPAE, Lima, Peru (2005)

CAREER

Congresswoman, Republic of Peru, representing Lima and advocating for sports promotion and youth development through policy initiatives (2001-2006); Played a key role in the creation of the "Youth and Sports" commission, focusing on legislative efforts for youth development and sports promotion, twice elected President; re-elected as a Congresswoman, furthering her commitment to public service and policy advocacy (2011-2016); served as Vice-President of the "Health and Labour" Committee.

SPORTS PRACTISED

Volleyball

SPORTS CAREER

Olympic Games Moscow 1980; Olympic Games Los Angeles 1984; Olympic Games Seoul 1988, Team Captain (Silver Medal); Pan-American Games 1979 (Silver Medal), 1987 (Silver Medal), 1983 (Bronze Medal); FIVB World Championships 1982 (Silver Medal); South American Championships 1979 (Gold Medal), 1983 (Gold Medal), 1985 (Gold Medal), 1987 (Gold Medal), 1981 (Silver Medal)

Played for several international clubs: ISA INFISSIFANO – Italy, Braglia Reggio Emilia – Italy, Sadia Esporte Clube – Brazil, VF Bayern Lohhof – Germany, and Ito-Yokado – Japan.

SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

Established the non-profit "Cecilia Tait – Talent Seeker" organisation dedicated to nurturing volleyball talent among underprivileged young girls; founded Orthopedic Rehabilitation Clinic "Vesalius" in Germany; founded and managed the rehabilitation centre "Tait, Estoy Bien," Sports & Health.

MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Inducted into prestigious Volleyball Hall of Fame in the United States (2005); Member of the Administrative Board of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB), supporting talent search in the discipline of volleyball in Peru, reaching out to various municipalities; Member of the Board of Directors of the Lima Foundation.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Sports commentator on TV Show "Zona de Ataque," sharing her insights and passion for sports; drove campaigns to empower women's involvement in sports and championed talent nurturing.

IOC HISTORY

Awarded IOC "Women and Sport" Trophy (2003); awarded Pierre de Coubertin Medal (2003)

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Nicknamed "La Zurda de Oro" ("The Golden Lefty"); elected to the Volleyball Hall of Fame's Class of 2005, solidifying her legacy as an iconic figure in the sport; named World's Best Player after Seoul 1988 (MVP); chosen as one of the 25 most important women in Peru for the celebration of Peru's Bicentennial; chosen athlete for lighting the Cauldron at the Lighting Ceremony of the Pan-American Games, Lima 2019; named Best Player in prestigious tournaments like South American Championships.