



# Germany likely to finance preservation of Peruvian Chornancap priestess grave goods

The German government plans to contribute US\$70,000 to the preservation of grave goods found surrounding the remains of the Chornancap priestess, the woman of the greatest hierarchy yet discovered in the Lambayeque culture.

The financing will help conserve the remaining artifacts such as scepters, pottery, necklaces, among others, said Carlos Wester La Torre, director of the Brüning National Archaeological Museum in the Lambayeque region.

Only about 40 to 50 percent of the restoration work has been completed so far on the objects comprising Chornancap's burial paraphernalia.

"This is part of the project we have been working on this year with the support of German consul Armi Bullock, who assured it will be defined between February and March next year. We are awaiting the response" he told Andina news agency.

The archaeologist the contribution will ensure that every artifact -found near the tomb of the said pre-Inca priestess- is fully preserved by 2015.

"Likewise, the Peruvian government has to allocate an amount similar to that announced by Germany," he added.

The 25- to 30-year-old woman was buried at Chotuna-Chornancap, adorned with elaborate jewels, ceramic offerings, and gold and silver ritual objects proclaiming her elite status.

A team from Brüning Archaeological Museum discovered the priestess's burial in the small palace complex of Chotuna-Chornancap in 2012.