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U.S. Consulate General to Donate Baseball Equipment, Co-Sponsor Visit of Kingdom Baseball Manager Jim Stoeckel

The United States Consulate General Curacao is proud to co-sponsor the visit of Kingdom of The Netherlands National Baseball Team Manager James Stoeckel, February 25-27, 2010.

Mr. Stoeckel, a U.S. citizen, is a longtime baseball coach and scout. From 1989-1991, Stoeckel managed the Dutch Kingdom national team. He led them to their first World Port Tournament title in 1989 and to the 1989 European Championship and 1991 European Championship. From 1990-1998, he was international scouting coordinator of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Stoeckel was the bullpen coach of the Dutch Kingdom team during the 2009 World Baseball Classic, after which he succeeded Bert Blyleven as their pitching coach. He was named the Kingdom of the Netherlands team's manager for the 2010 Haarlem Baseball Week and 2010 European Championship. Also, he is director of International Operations for the Cincinnati Reds.

Mr. Stoeckel will participate in a baseball training clinic and a showcase organized by renowned local baseball icons Ben Thijssen, Payo Faneyte, and Fermin Coronel. The baseball clinics and showcase, for players upon invitation only, will be held in Curacao at the Tio Daou Ballpark on Thursday, February 25, between 3-7pm.

Mr. Stoeckel participated in similar workouts with Aruban youth and professional players on Monday and Tuesday this week. Also, Seattle Mariners scout Geno Grimaldi will visit Curacao to attend the events.

In addition to providing baseball clinic, Mr. Stoeckel will, on behalf of the U.S. Consulate General, donate baseball bats, gloves, balls, and other baseball equipment to the Buena Vista Little League Baseball organization. The donation event and a separate clinic will take place at the Buena Vista ballpark on Friday, February 26, 2010, at 3pm.

We are pleased to cooperate with various local organizations in these wonderful events that benefit the youth of Curacao.

Media is cordially invited to cover the events.

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