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PRESS RELEASE

DIVERSITY VISA 2012 RESULTS

DHAKA, APRIL 28 – The Congressionally-mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program makes 50,000 permanent resident visas available each year to nationals of countries with historically low rates of immigration to the United States. Diversity Visa recipients are drawn from a random selection among all entries worldwide. The results of the 2012 Diversity Visa lottery will be available on or after May 1, 2011 online at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov>.

Once online at the Entry Status Check for Diversity Visa 2012 webpage, applicants will be required to enter information that can be found on the printed confirmation page from their online DV entry. This confirmation page must have been printed at the time the online submission was made, and retained by the applicant. If the applicant did not keep the printed confirmation page, there is no way to recapture that information. Neither the U.S. Embassy nor the Department of State will be able to replicate this confirmation page and the applicant will not be able to check their status online nor process their visa case further.

Receiving a “winning” notification through the online status check does not in itself qualify an entrant for a visa. There are two criteria that all entrants must meet in order to qualify for a Diversity Visa. First, entrants must accurately complete the online entry form and submit a recent photograph. Second, entrants must show that they have either the required education or work experience. We strongly encourage prospective entrants to evaluate their educational and occupational qualifications against the DV program requirements before entering the lottery.

Those who see on the Entry Status Check webpage that they have won the Diversity Visa lottery will receive instructions on the website for the next steps in the visa process. All communications regarding the Diversity Visa program will be done via the Entry Status Check on the Department of State’s website. Eventually, those “winners” will have to appear at the U.S. Embassy for an interview to show they are qualified for the Diversity Visa by meeting the above mentioned criteria.

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Diversity Visa notifications are NOT sent via e-mail. Any e-mails that state you have won the lottery or a green card are not legitimate. No other organization or private company is authorized to notify Diversity Visa lottery applicants of their winning entry, or the next steps in the process of applying for their visa. Again, ALL communications regarding the Diversity Visa program will be done via the Entry Status Check on the Department of State's website, <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov>.

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