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Thomas Jefferson Information Center re-opens on World Press Freedom Day

The Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC) celebrated World Press Freedom Day on May 3 with an open house to announce its new location at the U.S. Embassy Seafront Compound, 1501 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Former President Fidel V. Ramos was the guest speaker.

U.S. Ambassador Harry K. Thomas Jr., who led the celebration, said: "The Thomas Jefferson Information Center is a great example of the ways we advocate for freedom of the press. In a democracy, the people must have access to reliable information. As we celebrate our new location, we join with you and media workers worldwide to honor World Press Freedom Day."

The theme for this year's World Press Freedom Day is *21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers*. The TJIC, formerly known as the American Library, continues to be the main research venue in the Philippines for U.S.-related information as it offers modern research tools such as online databases, electronic delivery, and digital video-conferencing. It is the 21st-century descendant of the original U.S. Government-sponsored library, which started operating after World War II in September 1945.

TJIC's professional librarians provide reference and outreach services by phone, fax, e-mail and post, including the TJIC Alert Service, subject bibliographies, lectures and trainings, and digital videoconferencing. Modern online databases offered include Ebsco Host, Proquest, Factiva, Foundations Directory, and Lexis/Nexis.

The Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is by appointment by calling 301-2470 or sending an e-mail to mnl tjic@state.gov. For more information, please visit <http://philippines.usembassy.gov/ircmanila.html>.

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