

The American Center

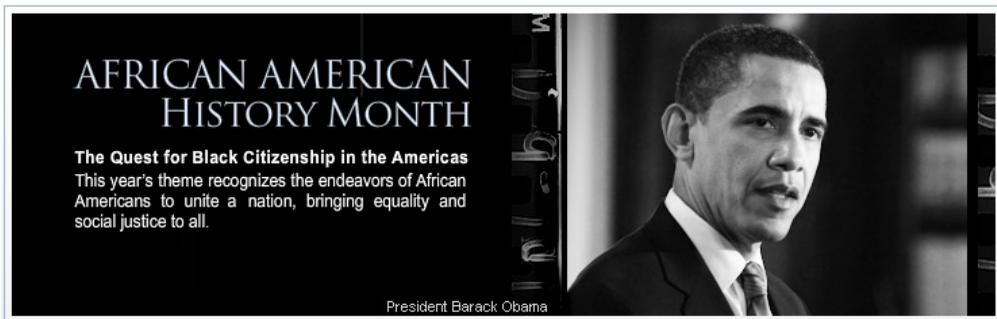
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Newsletter

JANUARY 2010



February is African American History Month

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN CENTER

Feb. 3: Round Discussion: Slanguage (American Slangs)

Feb. 4: Speaker Program: Mental Health

Feb. 5: Film Show: Glory Road

Feb. 6: American English Club: Valentine's Day

Feb. 25: Introduction: Facebook and Its Applications

Feb. 26: Film Show: Legacy

Feb. 26: Speaker Program: African-Americans and Sports

Feb. 27: American English Club: Black History Month

<http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/program.html>

Please register at <http://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/10>

EMBASSY WEB HIGHLIGHTS

Education Conference a Success!



Ambassador Michalak's third Education Conference, Building Partnerships in Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges for the U.S. and Vietnam, drew more than 600 educators from the U.S. and Vietnam for talks on how to reach a variety of educational goals. The Conference, held January 14-15, 2010 in Hanoi, provided a forum for representatives from more than 250 schools and companies with educational programs in Vietnam, to discuss ways to improve Vietnamese universities through more and deeper linkages with American universities, colleges

and companies, ways to increase the number of Vietnamese studying in the U.S., and ways to promote the creation of American-style universities in Vietnam.

Book Discussion: "The Power of Positive Thinking"



On December 26, American Center patrons met to discuss "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peale. Each of the 20 participants presented the chapters that had been assigned to them. Afterwards, the group discussed some of the strategies outlined in the book and ways in which positive thinking can affect one's life. Our newly "positive thinking" patrons expressed their enthusiasm for the book and for the Book Discussion program!

More web highlights please visit <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/highlights.html>

PHOTO CORNER:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/achanoi>

<http://www.facebook.com/achanoi.usembassy?v=photos>

American English Club (Jan. 16, 2010)



American English Club (Dec. 19, 2009)



English Conversation Group (Jan. 21, 2010)

USEFUL WEB SITES

The Power of a Mobile Phone: http://www.america.gov/mobile_phone.html

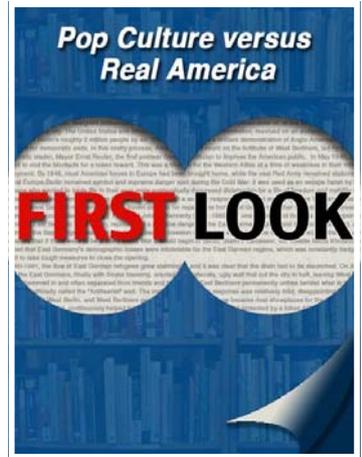


Find out more about the impact of Mobile phones. Global penetration of mobile phones — especially in areas without Internet access — creates new ways for people to connect, make a difference, and motivate peers to take action.

Pop Culture versus Real America

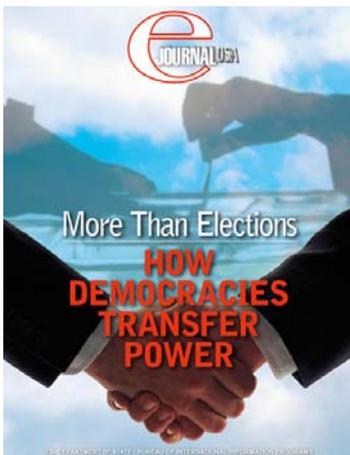
U.S. television and cinema promote images of Americans that are ... well ... wrong! Pop Culture versus Real America will contrast those pop culture images with profiles of real Americans in every walk of life. Coming soon to the AC. For now, this First Look edition includes the introduction and two chapters: Baywatch / Real Lifeguards and Grey's Anatomy / Real Doctor.

<http://www.america.gov/publications/books-content/pop-culture-vs-real-america.html>



NEW ELECTRONIC JOURNALS

More Than Elections: How Democracies Transfer Power



Democracy requires more than holding elections. Healthy democracies are defined by the expectations of citizens and the common rules, understandings, and trust they build. This eJournal USA explores the contours of civil society and political legitimacy within which peaceful transitions of power can occur.

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0110.html>

TALKING NUMBERS

U.S. Embassy Websites

<http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>

From December 24 to January 20:
88,167 page views and 25,987 visits.

<http://vietnamese.vietnam.usembassy.gov/>

From December 24 to January 20:
104,044 page views and 32,293 visits.

Visitors to the American Center

From mid-December 2009 to mid January the American Center welcomed **1,711** visitors.

The American Center Facebook Fans: 1,176 fans

Top Watched Movies at the American Center

1. *Twilight*; 2. *It's a Wonderful Life*; 3. *High School Musical 3*; 4. *Hannah Montana*; 5. *White Christmas*;

IN YOUR WORDS

Thank you party for AC interns:

PAS American Officers and AC team would like to invite all AC interns to join our lunch at 11:30, Monday, February 1, 2010, to celebrate a full year of success and thank you for your contributions to the U.S. Embassy and Vietnamese community.

NEW ARRIVALS AT THE AMERICAN CENTER

New arrivals! Hundreds of titles have arrived and will be added to our collection. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/achanoi> to search by topics, titles or authors that interest you.

AMERICAN ENGLISH CLUB

On January 16 and 30, 152 students attended two meetings of the American English Club on two topics "Martin Luther King Jr. Day" and "English Speaking Skills". Through these events, students had a chance to understand more about the great leader, his devotion to civil rights. In particular, they learned and shared different ways to improve their English speaking skills by taking part in many activities such as singing, story telling, role playing, discussing and debating.

AMERICAN CENTER INTERNET LINKS

Search the American Center's collections online: <http://tinyurl.com/achanoi>

Register to become a member: <http://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/14>

Register for free public events: <http://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/10>

Register to receive our Reference Update Service: <http://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/56>

(We only provide Reference Update Service to Vietnamese officials, teachers, and researchers)

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