

The American Center

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Newsletter

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Happy Holidays!
from the
American Center

Important Dates:

English Writing Contest Deadline - November 30
Christmas Day - December 25th (American Center closed)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN CENTER

- Dec 2, 2:00-4:00 Presentation: "U.S. Public Libraries: Past and Present in Pictures and Sound"
- Dec 4, 2:00-4:00 Film Show: *White Christmas*
- Dec 4, 4:00-5:30 Musical Discovery with the Verdehrs
- Dec 5, 9:30-11:30 American English Club: Christmas Day
- Dec 10, 4:00-5:00 American English Conversation Group
- Dec 11, 4:00-5:00 English Writing Contest Award Ceremony
- Dec 14, 3:00-5:00 English Pronunciation Workshop II
- Dec. 18, 2:00-4:00 Film Show: *It's A Wonderful Life*
- Dec. 19, 9:30-11:30 American English Club: New Year Celebration
- Dec. 26, 9:30-11:00 Book club: "A Guidebook to Learning for the Lifelong-Pursuit of Wisdom"

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

Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy - Hanoi

EMBASSY WEB HIGHLIGHTS

President Obama's Speech From Tokyo and Follow-On Discussion



Saturday morning, November 14th at 8:30 am more than 120 people packed the American Center in Hanoi to watch President Obama's speech from Tokyo on CNN. After viewing the speech, a group discussion led by Barbara Britton, Environmental Health and Remediation Officer, USAID and Abby Ross, Public Affairs Assistant was held. Participants discussed such questions as: What were the major themes of the speech? Is U.S. leadership in SE Asia on the correct path? and also What are the major issues fac-

ing Vietnam today?

Dream House School's Visit to the American Center



On November 12, as part of their month-long celebration of American culture, the Dream House School classes grades 1-5 visited the American Center. 150 enthusiastic students learned about the services of the American Center and viewed a 5 minute video showcasing images from all aspects of American life, culture and landscape. The younger group moved to the American Center to explore its resources while the older group took part in a presentation by Public Affairs Assistant, Abby Ross. The presenta-

tion touched on childhood and schools in America. After the presentation, the older group also participated in an activity and played a game. Small prizes were awarded throughout the program to encourage participation.

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

PHOTO CORNER:

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



American Culture Quiz Bowl
(Nov. 16, 2009)



MBA Talk Show (Nov. 18, 2009)



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(Nov. 16, 2009)



Film Show and Discussion: Miss Navajo (Nov. 17, 2009)

USEFUL WEB SITES

Obama Today: <http://blogs.america.gov/obama/>



Obama Today will follow President Obama's initiatives and policy directions. We'll look at new presidential orders, policies on the economy, alternative energy and foreign affairs, and his use of new media. We'll review the new president's progress and governing style, take a look at the challenges of governing the United States, and keep you informed about the fun moments as well. We encourage you

to share your thoughts on the president's job.

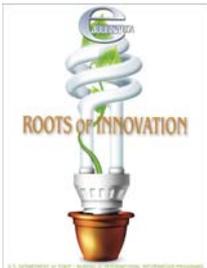
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NEW ELECTRONIC JOURNALS

Roots of Innovation



Economic expansion depends more and more on innovation — not simply producing more goods and services, but producing ever newer goods and services. This issue of eJournal USA seeks to show that innovation needs the right conditions to emerge.

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/1109.html>

TALKING NUMBERS

U.S. Embassy Websites

<http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>

From October 22 to November 18:

89,036 page views and **29,916** visits.

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

From October 22 to November 18:

133,946 page views and **39,271** visits.

Visitors to the American Center

From mid -October to mid-November 2009 the American Center welcomed **2,834** visitors.

Top Watched Movies at the American Center

1. *Twilight*; 2. *High School Musical*; 3. *Another Cinderella Story*; 4. *Barack Obama*; 5. *Gone with the Wind*

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: A SUCCESS

Thanks to all of our presenters and participants who made International Education Week informative and interesting especially Dr. Tran Xuan Thao, Ms. Helen Huntley, Education USA, UGRAD Alumni, Dr. Nguyen T.Thanh Phuong and VEF staff, Ms. Deborah Fairman, and Public Affairs and American Center staff.



Thanks for another successful International Education Week

IN YOUR WORDS

From Mr. Hoang Quang Thai, AC intern:

“The most invaluable experience that I have gained in my student life is the opportunity to work as an intern at the American Center with AC team. I am really impressed by what AC brings to the public, especially for the young generation. AC created a warm welcome, friendly and professional environment, which encouraged me to improve my English skills and gave me American values such as independent thinking, self-exploration, and confidence”

NEW ARRIVALS AT THE AMERICAN CENTER

New arrivals! Hundreds of titles have arrived and will be added to our collection in the next few weeks. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/achanoi> to search by topics, titles or authors you are interested in.

ENGLISH WRITING CONTEST

There are still a few days left to submit an entry for the English Writing Contest. First prize \$50, second prize \$40 - Deadline: November 30th. Go to <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/program.html> for details!

AMERICAN CENTER INTERNET LINKS

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

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

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