

The American Center

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Newsletter

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WOMEN OF COURAGE

Around the world, women are challenging their societies to uphold freedom and human rights. Many take great risks to accomplish great things. Here are some of the stories of the 2009 honorees of the annual Women of Courage award.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN CENTER

Mar. 12, Film Show: Erin Brokovich

Mar. 17, Speaker Program: Student Life in the United States: Expectations and Realities

Mar. 18, American Conversation Group

Mar. 20, American English Club: Presentation Skills

Mar. 25, American Conversation Group

Mar. 26, Film Show: Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

Mar. 27, Book Club: "Dear America: A Time for Courage"

Mar. 30, Speaker Program: The Continuing Growth of Baseball in Vietnam!

APRIL THEME: JAZZ AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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

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

EMBASSY WEB HIGHLIGHTS

DCM Virginia Palmer Hosts Women in Vietnam Program



On Friday, March 5, U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission, Virginia Palmer hosted Women in Vietnam: Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities, a panel program discussing the lives and challenges of women in Vietnam today. In recognition of International Women's Day, more than 80 participants joined in a lively discussion with Ms. Palmer and panelists, Madeline Felix, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, Luu Hong Anh, Student, Hanoi and Raffles University, Le Hong Tam, Student, Foreign Trade University and Le Hong Diem, Student, Hanoi University. This event also kicked off a program series to be hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi in partnership with the U.S. consulate in HCMC to explore the issues that are impacting the lives of women in modern day Vietnam. As part of the yearlong series, events with students, academics, journalists, business and political leaders, men and women will be held on issues such as health, sexuality, leadership in business and politics, and domestic violence.

EducationUSA Advising Center to join U.S. Embassy



The EducationUSA Advising Center (formerly located at C9 Giang Vo, Ba Dinh) will be consolidated into the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. In its new home, EducationUSA will continue to provide free, unbiased information about study in the U.S. to Vietnamese parents and students.

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>



Mental Health Program at the American Center (Feb. 4, 2010)



Access Students Visit the American Center (Jan. 30, 2010)

USEFUL WEB SITES

Oprah Winfrey Still Loves School

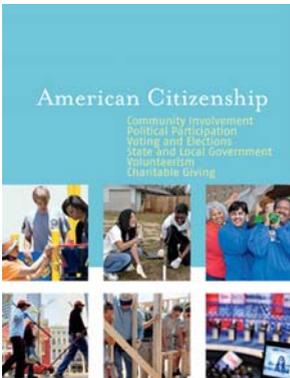


"I believe that education is freedom, that it's the open door to anybody's future," says Oprah Winfrey. Listen to her talk about the power of learning.

http://www.america.gov/oprah_school.html

NEW PUBLICATION

American Citizenship

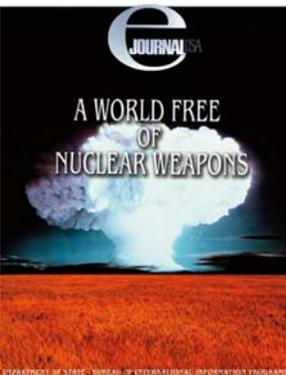


In the United States, government serves the citizens. It protects their constitutional rights, including freedom of speech and religion, and the right to equal protection under the law. This book depicts American citizens exercising the many rights and privileges that empower them to participate fully in the nation's political, economic, and cultural life.

<http://www.america.gov/publications/books-content/american-citizenship.html>

NEW ELECTRONIC JOURNAL

A World Free of Nuclear Weapons



Since the first atomic bombs exploded in 1945, some have tried to rid the world of nuclear weapons. President Obama has embraced this goal with new vigor. This issue of eJournal USA examines the challenges to achieving nuclear disarmament. It conveys the hopes of some thinkers, and explains the doubts of others.

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0210.html>

Farewell PAO Jim Warren!

The American Center would like to say thank you and farewell to departing Public Affairs Officer, Jim Warren who has always had big dreams for the American Center and oversaw its expansion to its current home. Good luck in Pakistan, Jim!

TALKING NUMBERS

U.S. Embassy Websites

<http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>

From January 24 to March 3:

129,019 page views and 40,992 visits.

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

From January 24 to March 3:

134,296 page views and 39,881 visits.

Visitors to the American Center

From mid-January to end of February the American Center welcomed **1,594** visitors.

The American Center Facebook Fans: 1,444 fans

Top Watched Movies at the American Center

1. *The Day the Earth Stood Still*; 2. *Hairspray*; 3. *Step up*; 4. *White Christmas*; 5. *Twilight*;

IN YOUR WORDS

American Center Patrons-

I hope that the Year of the Tiger has been treating you well so far! Did you know that the U.S. and Vietnam celebrate the anniversary of 15 years of official relations this year? Stay tuned for events related to this important milestone. I am writing today because I have now had the pleasure of working in the Public Affairs Section (that oversees the AC) for 6 months and I think it's about time I recognize a few people for their hard work and dedication. Without these people, the American Center would not be nearly so successful or might not exist at all!

+ Our Interns: doing everything from stuffing envelopes, to running American English Clubs to speaking on panels. We are so lucky to have you.

+ Our outstanding American Center staff: incredibly smart and talented professionals dedicated to constantly improving the American Center's programs and services.

+ Our patrons: you make our jobs so enjoyable and meaningful. Help us serve you even better by being vocal about programs that work well, or those that need improving.

With all of us working together, the year of the Tiger will be another roaring success!

Abby Ross, Public Affairs Assistant

AMERICAN ENGLISH CLUB

On February 27, 70 students gathered at the American English Club to celebrate Black History Month and to practice their English speaking. Students learned about African American history in the U.S. and several important black historical figures.

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>

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/achanoi.usembassy>

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)

Help us serve you better! If you register for a program, please attend. If you cannot attend contact us to cancel your registration at <http://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/1/>