

The American Center

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Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN CENTER

- May 4, Speaker Program: Asian/Pacific Islanders in the United States*
- May 6, Speaker Program: The Challenges and Advantages of U.S. Style Federalism*
- May 7, Speaker Program: Public Health*
- May 12, Presentation: Using Vtiger to manage and develop personal relationships*
- May 14, Film Show: The Joy Luck Club (1993)*
- May 15, American English Club: Interviewing Skills*
- May 21, Film Show: Mulan (1998)*
- May 22, American English Club: End of School Year*
- May 28, Speaker Program: American Constitution*
- May 29, Book Club: American Eyes*

MAY THEME: ASIAN-PACIFIC-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

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

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

EMBASSY WEB HIGHLIGHTS

Earth Day Event at the American Center



On April 17, a total of 86 participants attended the American Center's Earth Day Drawing Event. As the theme of this year's Earth Day was Biodiversity, the event commenced with a presentation on biodiversity in Vietnam by U.S. Embassy Hanoi's Environment, Science, Technology and Health Officer (ESTH), Andrew Herrup. After the presentation, patrons choose to either create a drawing or watch a documentary film on the topic of sustainable energy called "The Big Energy Gamble". Those who created drawings received a beautiful 2010 Earth Day poster. Some of the works of art created that day were chosen to be exhibited in the American Center.

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Exploring American Poetry at the American Center



In celebration of National Poetry Month, Andy Engelson, an American writer and blogger living in Hanoi, presented a program on poetry at the American Center. A group of 52 patrons attended the session on April 15 and received an introduction to American poetry and its history. Participants looked at and discussed examples of American poetry and then wrote their own poetry in English. One attendee admitted that it was the first poem that she had ever written

in English. Participants also engaged Mr. Engelson on questions about his own writing and inspiration.

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

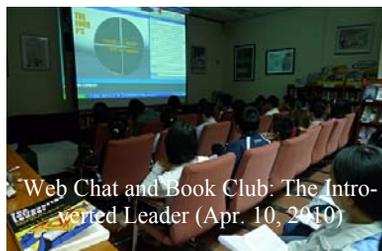
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Drawing Event (April 17, 2010)



Web Chat and Book Club: The Introverted Leader (Apr. 10, 2010)



Baseball Connect 2010: The Continuing Growth of Baseball in Vietnam! (Mar. 30, 2010)

USEFUL WEB SITES

Online Speech Bank



Database of and index to 5000+ full text, audio and video versions of public speeches, sermons, legal proceedings, lectures, debates, interviews, and other recorded media events.

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/>

NEW PUBLICATION

U.S. History Learner English

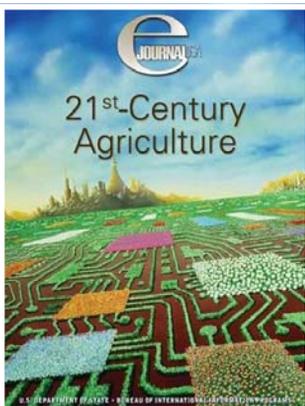


This is the first in a planned series of books to help readers improve their English skills. This book will teach you something about the United States and U.S. history. You can read the text or listen as a native-speaker reads it aloud.

<http://www.america.gov/publications/books-content/us-history-learner-english.html>

NEW ELECTRONIC JOURNAL

21st-Century Agriculture



Humanity's longest struggle has been to feed itself. This eJournal USA explores how 21st century technical prowess and agricultural skill hold the key to feeding the growing populations of the future.

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0310.html>

TALKING NUMBERS

U.S. Embassy Websites

<http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>

From March 4 to April 21:
204,056 page views and 60,237 visits.

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

From March 4 to April 21:
258,367 page views and 77,403 visits.

Visitors to the American Center

In April, the American Center welcomed **1,921** visitors.

The American Center Facebook Fans: **2,060** fans

Top Watched Movies at the American Center

1. 50 first Date; 2. Twilight; 3. May Fair Lady; 4. Nanny Diaries; 5. High School Musical;

IN YOUR WORDS

The American Center is pleased to inform you that we are developing a new service to circulate our fiction collection of about 550 titles. This circulation service provides a fun reading opportunity for Hanoi citizens who are busy at work or school but want to read our English fiction. In order to borrow from our collection, a title at a time for 10 working days, please bring your original ID card (Chứng minh nhân dân) and fill in the registration form at the AC's Reference Desk. If you're a student, please get a copy of an introduction letter from your school/university. We encourage you to take this opportunity to read our collection. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all and wish you have very good exam results -- AC Team

AMERICAN ENGLISH CLUB

AEC: Interviewing Skills (May 15)

Come join our American English club to learn ways to improve your interviewing skills. Through role playing, watching video clips, and discussion you will learn helpful interviewing tips and skills and practice some frequently asked interview questions.

AEC: End of School Year Stress Buster (May 22)

Are you at the end of your school year? Are you tired of so many exams? Come share your thoughts (happy or sad) about the end of the school year and learn how to make these days meaningful and enjoyable. It will be a fun, relaxing time with friends.. and we promise – NO EXAMS!

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>

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