

The American Center

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Newsletter

MAY/JUNE 2010

JUNE THEME: SUMMER HOLIDAY



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN CENTER

Jun 4: Film Show: The Day the Earth Stood Still

Jun 5: American English Club: Graduation

Jun 9: Speaker Program: "American Ways: Understanding Cultural Traits and Behavior"

Jun 11: Film show: My Life in Ruins

Jun 12: American English Club: Volunteer Work

Jun 16, June 23, June 30: Round Table Discussion

Jun 17: Vietnam Education Foundation: Oral Exam Orientation

Jun 18: Film show: Freedom Writers

Jun 19: American English Club: U.S. - Vietnam Relations

Jun 25: Film show: Nanny Diaries

Jun 26: Book Club: "A Hole in the World"

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

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

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

WHAT'S NEW

Embassy Announces 15th Anniversary Logo and Writing Contests



The U.S. Embassy Hanoi and the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City have announced logo design and English writing contests to celebrate the 15th anniversary of normalization of U.S.-Vietnam relations. The theme for the contests is: "U.S. - Vietnam Friendship and Cooperation: A Shared Future". Deadline for logo contest is June 7, 2010 and deadline for English writing contest is June 14. For more information about the contest: <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/americancenter.html>

ENGLISH TIPS

American Slang Greetings

Hello or Hi or Hey there! or Hi there! or Hey!

How are you? or What's new? or How are you doing? or How's it going?

Goodbye or See you or See you later or Later or on the phone, you can say "Talk to you later"

Yes or Yeah (pronounced ya) or Yup or Sure or You bet

No or Nope or No way or Not a chance or Not in this lifetime!

Let's leave or Let's blow this popstand

I'm leaving or I'm out of here or I'm heading out now

Instead of VERY, you can use so -I'm so hungry! or real -I'm real hungry! or really-I'm really hungry!

Instead of VERY VERY, you can use or totally -The movie was totally awesome!

PHOTO CORNER

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

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



Speaker Program: The Internet and You! May 25, 2010



Speaker Program: Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention of HIV: Fact, Fiction and The Unknown (May 17, 2010)



Speaker Program: Social Networking Overview (May 14, 2010)

USEFUL WEB SITES

Asian-Pacific American Heritage



The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. Learn more about the Asian experience in America at this website.

<http://www.asianpacificheritage.gov/>

Liveplasma



Liveplasmas is the new way to broaden your cultural horizons according to own taste in music and movies.

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

English Teaching Forum - 2010 - Volume 48, Number 1



- Empowering Teachers through Professional Development
- Writing for the World: Wikipedia as an Introduction to Academic Writing
- Reconceptualizing Interactional Groups: Grouping Schemes for Maximizing Language Learning
- Developing Voice by Composing Haiku: A Social-Expressivist Approach for Teaching Haiku Writing in EFL Contexts
- Snowboarding: Wild Rides
- Lesson Plan: Create Your Own Sporting Event
- The Lighter Side: Winter Sports Word Search

<http://exchanges.state.gov/englishteaching/forum/archives/2010/10-48-1.html>

NEW ARRIVALS!

- 10 more Sony portable DVD players for summer film show program
- Free book: Sketchbook USA (Vietnamese version)

TALKING NUMBERS

U.S. Embassy Websites

<http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>

From April 22 to May 19:

114,124 page views and 35,615 visits.

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

From April 22 to May 19:

153,571 page views and 46,524 visits.

Visitors to the American Center

In May, the American Center welcomed **2,057** visitors.

American Center Facebook Fans: 2,393 fans

IN YOUR WORDS (FACEBOOK COMMENTS)

Quynh Pham: “I started to go to AC's library about one year ago. Since then, I often go to AC to attend events for public or just to read something about America.(Last week, I finished Open Sesame-the book about American folktales.) AC's library is really great; it has a lot of good films, many interesting books and update magazines. AC's staff is really helpful & nice. The only thing disappoints me is the fact that AC's events are mainly on the afternoon when I have classes so I miss lots of fun events. But anyway, AC is great.”

Hoang Thanh Nhan: “I asked one of my friend how can I can improve English effectively. She said that Let's come and join AC. AC organizes a lot of interesting public events and programs for young student like me. And AC's library and library staff so great! Many books, good films, newspapers, magazine and other materials. All free for change ;) It's so great if AC open from 8:00 am to 8:00pm every day;)”

AMERICAN ENGLISH CLUB

June 5: Have you ever experienced a graduation ceremony at your school? Was it hard to say goodbye to friends, teachers and your school on graduation day? Come join our American English Club on June 5 to share your feelings about graduation day, your plan for the near future and practice English with friends.

June 12: Have you ever done any volunteer work? Have you ever benefited by someone's volunteering? What types of volunteer work would be suitable for you? You will have a chance to talk about the topic “Volunteer Work” with friends at our American English Club on June 12.

June 19: Join our American English club on June 19 to share your vision for the future of our two countries' relationship on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of normalization of U.S.-Vietnam relations.

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 provide Reference Update Service for Vietnamese officials, teachers, and researchers only)

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/>