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Newsletter

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**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY AND
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY U.S.-VIETNAM RELATIONS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN CENTER
JULY THEME: INDEPENDENCE DAY**

- 3-Jul: American English Club: July 4th Celebration*
- 7, 14, 21, 28-Jul: Debate Club*
- 9-Jul: Speaker program: U.S.-Vietnam relations*
- 10-Jul: American English Club: Sports in America*
- 12-Jul: Anniversary Open House and Game day at the AC*
- 16-Jul: Film show: 1776*
- 17-Jul: American English Club: Traveling in summer*
- 23-Jul: Film show: Parenthood*
- 24-Jul: American English Club: Job Hunting*
- 30-Jul: Film show: Lake House*
- 31-Jul: Book Discussion Club*

<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

15th Anniversary Logo Contest Winner Ceremony



On Tuesday, June 29 the U.S. Embassy unveiled the winning logos from the 15th Anniversary Logo Contest. Winners received their prizes at the American Center and told us a bit about their designs and inspiration. Mr. Nguyen Tran Duong was the grand prize winner with his Kite - inspired logo. Mr. Tran Van Hoang Dung was the 1st Runner up and Mr. Tran Duy Thang was the 2nd Runner up.

ENGLISH TIPS

American English Idioms

All-out: Complete. Very strong. “They did an all-out search for the missing boy and they found him.”

All set: Ready (to go). “All set?”

All thumbs: Awkward. Clumsy

A little bird told me: When someone says “a little bird told me” it means they don’t want you to know who told them.

All in a day’s work: Typical. Normal. Expected. ex. “Talking to famous celebrities is all in a day’s work for some Hollywood reporters.”

(From) all walks of life: (From) all social, economic, and ethnic groups. ex. “People from all walks of life voted for him, but he still lost the presidential election.”

PHOTO CORNER

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

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



Speaker Program: “American Ways: Understanding Cultural Traits and Behavior” (Jun 9, 2010)



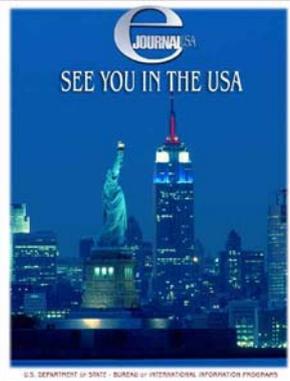
Debate at the American Center (June 16, 2010)



American English Club: Graduation (Jun 5, 2010)

USEFUL WEB SITES

See You in the U.S.A.



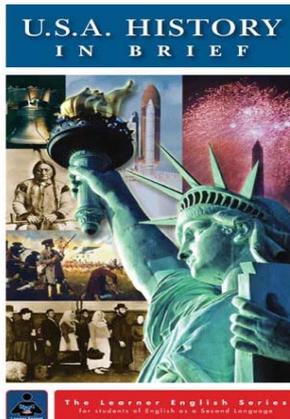
Every year tens of millions of people visit the United States. They come to study, or for business, or for fun. But the best reason of all is to meet Americans.

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

Vietnamese version:

http://vietnamese.vietnam.usembassy.gov/translated_docs5.html

US History Learner English

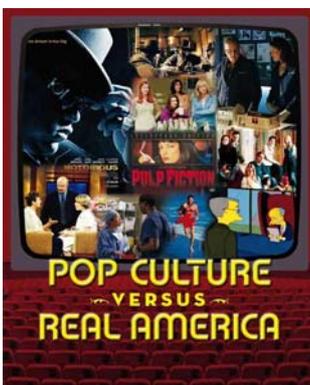


This is the first in a planned series of books to help readers improve their English skills. Each book will teach you something about the United States. This book is about U.S. history.

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>

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.

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

TALKING NUMBERS

U.S. Embassy Websites

<http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>

From May 20 to June 23:

135,117 page views and 44,600 visits.

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

From May 20 to June 22:

167,923 page views and 44,961 visits.

Visitors to the American Center

In June, the American Center welcomed **2,919** visitors.

American Center Facebook Fans: 2,587 fans

ANNOUNCEMENT

EducationUSA Office in Hanoi Now Open!

The U.S. Embassy Hanoi is pleased to announce that the Hanoi EducationUSA Advising Center opened on June 7, 2010 at the Embassy's Rose Garden Tower location, First Floor, 170 Ngoc Khanh, Ba Dinh, Hanoi. The EducationUSA Advising Center, located inside the American Center, provides free, comprehensive and unbiased information about study in the U.S. and guidance to qualified individuals on how to best access those opportunities. Our EducationUSA advisor will help you find the educational institution in the U.S. that will meet your personal and academic goals. Website: <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/educationusa.html>

AMERICAN ENGLISH CLUB

Book Discussion Club:

Come join our event on Saturday, July 31 to share your book review and learn how to deal with change in your work and in your life through the book "Who Moved My Cheese?"

American English Club

* 2010 is the celebration of America's 234th birthday. Join our American English Club on July 3 to learn more about the U.S. history and learn how the July 4th is celebrated in the U.S. This is also a good chance for you to improve your English speaking skills.

* Do you like playing games and sports? What kind of games/sports do you play in this summer holiday? Come share with friends your hobbies and practice your English speaking skills on July 10 at the American English Club.

* Come share your traveling plan with friends and learn how to safe trips in this summer at our American English Club, July 17.

* Are you graduated or going to graduate? Are you finding a good job? Come learn from friends on how to have a good strategy to have a good job at the American English Club, July 24.

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)

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