The Shanghai Expo 2010 began May 1 and runs through October 31, 2010. The Expo features national, themed, and corporate pavilions (building-sized exhibitions) over a two-square-mile (5.28-square-kilometer) area on both sides of Shanghai’s Huangpu River. The organizers of Shanghai Expo 2010 expect tens of millions of visitors from all over the world.

The United States of America is an official participant in the Shanghai Expo 2010, joining more than 240 other national, regional, international organization, and corporate exhibitors. The USA Pavilion is made possible through a public/private partnership: the Pavilion’s design, construction, and operation are the result of a partnership with the private sector, and Pavilion funding comes from the private sector and other partners. Several U.S. companies and state and local governments are exhibitors at the Expo. National Days and other special celebrations for exhibitors will occur throughout the 184 days of the Expo. Friday, July 2, has been designated as the USA National Day at the Expo.

## Ensure Your Vote Counts – June, July State Primaries Around The Corner!

The following states will hold Primary Elections during the months of June and July, 2010 on the dates indicated:

- **June 1, 2010:** Alabama, Mississippi, New Mexico
- **June 8, 2010:** California, Iowa, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia
- **June 22, 2010:** Utah
- **July 20, 2010:** Georgia
- **July 27, 2010:** Oklahoma

Register and request your ballot now! Ballot applications and instructions for the above States are available at [www.fvap.gov/FPCA](http://www.fvap.gov/FPCA). Click on your State on the map and follow the instructions.

## Security Situation - Travel Warnings and Alerts

Security reminder: It is prudent for you and your family to review your personal security profile and to be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Since our previous Newsletter, the U.S. Department of State has issued new **Travel Warnings** for the following countries:

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Travel Warnings are issued to describe long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable. A Travel Warning is also issued when the U.S. Government’s ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of its staff. This information is available at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html).

The U.S. Department of State also has issued new **Travel Alerts**:

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Travel Alerts are issued to disseminate information about short-term conditions generally within a particular country or region that pose imminent risks to the security of U.S. citizens. Natural disasters, terrorist attacks, coups, anniversaries of terrorist events, election-related demonstrations or violence, and high-profile events such as international conferences or regional sports events are examples of conditions that might generate a Travel Alert. This information is available at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_1766.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_1766.html).

The most up-to-date information regarding permitted and prohibited items on flights can be viewed online at [http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm).

For additional information, please visit "Americans Traveling Abroad" on the U.S. Department of State website: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/americans/americans_1252.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/americans/americans_1252.html). Students traveling abroad may wish to visit the State Department site designed for them: [http://studentsabroad.state.gov/](http://studentsabroad.state.gov/).

To obtain up-to-date information on security conditions, please call 1-888-407-4747 (toll free in the United States), or +1-202-501-4444 if you are outside the United States.

You may also visit the Consular Affairs twitter page at [http://twitter.com/TravelGov](http://twitter.com/TravelGov).
Global Entry is a program designed by U.S. Customs & Border Protection (DHS-CBP) to expedite international air travel by allowing pre-approved travelers the use of an automated kiosk to clear passport control. This means no more waiting in line upon arrival and no forms to fill out on the plane. Participation in the Global Entry pilot is voluntary. Membership is currently limited to U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals and U.S. Legal Permanent Residents, as well as to citizens of the Netherlands via a joint arrangement as “FLUX.”

A $100 non-refundable application fee is charged at the time of application and membership is valid for 5 years. There are Global Entry automated kiosks at airports such as Washington Dulles (IAD), Los Angeles International (LAX), John F. Kennedy (JFK), Honolulu International (HNL), and many more. Currently, 20 airports are participating in Global Entry.

If you are a frequent traveler and often need additional pages in your passport, Global Entry is for you since stamping the passport is not required. For more details and to sign up for Global Entry, visit the following website: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/trusted_traveler/global_entry/.

Replacing a Lost or Stolen Passport

If your passport is ever lost or stolen, please follow these procedures to apply for a replacement passport:

1) Obtain a lost passport report from the nearest Chinese Entry/Exit Bureau (EEB) office. (In Shanghai, it’s located at 1500 Min Sheng Road, Pudong, Shanghai, Tel: (86-21) 2895-1900, press 2 for the operator). This report is necessary to ensure your smooth departure from China after we issue a new passport.

2) Come to our office to submit a passport application form (DS-11), affidavit (DS-64), proof of your identity (ex: a copy of the lost/stolen US passport, your US drivers license, U.S. state ID and/or Military ID), and two identical 2” X 2” (5 cm X 5 cm) photos. We also need to see your EEB lost/stolen passport report. The fee for a replacement passport is U.S. $100.00 for adults and $85.00 for children (or RMB equivalent), cash or credit card.

3) Take your new passport and the EEB lost/stolen passport report back to the EEB to obtain a new Chinese visa.

**For applicants under age 16, both parents must also come to the Consulate with the applicant. [If one parent cannot come in person (because, for example, s/he is not in China), then the under-16 applicant may apply with the notarized written consent of the other parent.]
McNeil Consumer Healthcare Announces Voluntary Recall of Certain OTC Infants’ and Children’s Products

Fort Washington, PA. McNeil Consumer Healthcare, Division of McNeil-PPC, Inc., in consultation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is voluntarily recalling all lots that have not yet expired of certain over-the-counter (OTC) Children’s and Infants’ liquid products manufactured in the United States and distributed in the United States, Canada, Dominican Republic, Dubai (UAE), Fiji, Guam, Guatemala, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago, and Kuwait.

McNeil Consumer Healthcare is initiating this voluntary recall because some of these products may not meet required quality standards. This recall is not being undertaken on the basis of adverse medical events. However, as a precautionary measure, parents and caregivers should not administer these products to their children. Some of the products included in the recall may contain a higher concentration of active ingredient than is specified; others may contain inactive ingredients that may not meet internal testing requirements; and others may contain tiny particles. While the potential for serious medical events is remote, the company advises consumers who have purchased these recalled products to discontinue use.

The company is conducting a comprehensive quality assessment across its manufacturing operations and has identified corrective actions that will be implemented before new manufacturing is initiated at the plant where the recalled products were made. Consumers can contact the company at 1-888-222-6036 and also at www.mcneilproductrecall.com. Parents and caregivers who are not sure about alternative pediatric health treatment options should talk to their doctor or pharmacist and are reminded to never give drug products to infants and children that are not intended for those age groups as this could result in serious harm.

For additional information, including affected NDC numbers, consumers should visit www.mcneilproductrecall.com or call 1-888-222-6036 (Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Time, and Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time). Any adverse reactions may also be reported to the FDA’s MedWatch Program by fax at 1-800-FDA-0178, by mail at MedWatch, FDA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852-9787, or on the MedWatch website at www.fda.gov/medwatch.

Consulate Will Host The Next FSO Test in June 2010

The next Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) will be offered at the U.S. Consulate in Shanghai in June 2010. However, all test slots are already full. Additional detailed information can be found at http://careers.state.gov/officer/testinfo.html, where you can also register to take the next offering of the test.

If candidates have any technical questions or issues with the registration process, they should contact ACT, Inc. at fsot@act.org, or call (800) 205-6358.

Leaving Shanghai Consular District?

If you are departing the Shanghai consular district after a long stay here and you formally registered your stay with the U.S. Consulate, please do not forget to cancel your registration when you leave.

You can unregister yourself by visiting the https://travelregistration.state.gov site if you previously registered through this site.

If you previously submitted a paper registration form to the U.S. consulate, you may unregister yourself by sending an email request to: ShanghaiACS@state.gov.
Tax Information Available on the Internet

The most comprehensive resource for taxes on the web is the Internal Revenue Service website: www.irs.gov. There is a page on that site that is specifically designed for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad: http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/international/article/0,,id=97324,00.html.

Federal Tax forms can be obtained online at http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html.

Please note that the IRS has just released the latest comprehensive guide for your 2009 taxes called Publication 17. You can read all about it and download it here: http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=216665,00.html.

Also useful is Publication 4732, which contains specific tax information for Americans living abroad and can be downloaded at: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4732.pdf.

For more information on U.S. taxes, please consult the list of websites and telephone numbers below to help find the forms and answers you need.


Electronic payment website: http://www.eftps.gov/

Refund information: http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96596,00.html?portlet=4

Phone Services
Individuals: 1-800-829-1040*
Businesses: 1-800-829-4933*


- Refund Inquiries: 1-800-829-4477 *
- TeleTax: 1-800-829-4477
- ITINs after 6 weeks: 1-800-829-1040 *
- Exempt Organization Help Desk: 1-877-829-5500 *
- Tax Offset Program (TOP) Help Desk: 1-800-304-3107
- E-Services Help Desk: 1-512-416-7750

( * Please note: Toll-free numbers (aka "1-800 numbers" are generally for use only within the U.S., but can be called using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services such as Vonage, Lingo or Skype. If you do not have access to one of these services, a direct dial phone number is listed on the IRS website.)

State Tax Returns: For individual state income tax information, visit http://www.taxadmin.org/. State tax forms are available on http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/link/forms.html. The Consulate does not provide any state tax forms or state tax information.

Overseas Taxpayers Get Automatic 2-Month Filing Extension

U.S. income tax returns were due on April 15th. If you reside overseas, however, you are given an automatic two month extension to file. However, any tax money you owe must be paid by April 15th to avoid paying interest and possibly penalties. **Note:** Payments are not considered received until the date of actual receipt by the IRS, not the postmark date.

Treasury Department Unveils New Design for U.S. $100 Bill

Officials from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the United States Secret Service on April 21 unveiled the new design for the $100 note. Complete with advanced technology to combat counterfeiting, the new design for the $100 note retains the traditional look of U.S. currency. "When the new design $100 note is issued, the approximately 6.5 billion older design $100s already in circulation will remain legal tender," said Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board Ben S. Bernanke. "U.S. currency users should know they will not have to trade in their older design $100 notes when the new ones begin circulating." For more information, including a video, please visit the following webpages:

http://www.newmoney.gov/media/release_04212010.htm
http://www.newmoney.gov/newmoney/Splashpage.aspx
Visitors may receive several services during the same visit to American Citizen Services. Please make a separate appointment for each individual service.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your appointment time, to allow time to clear security.

Scheduled appointments will be automatically canceled for applicants who arrive over 15 minutes after their scheduled time.

No appointments are necessary to:

- Obtain a U.S. passport for minors and adults
- Add visa pages to a U.S. passport
- Apply for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) and first U.S. passport for children
- Submit additional documents for a pending CRBA application
- Obtain notarial services
- Complete a Marriage-ability Affidavit
- Birth Abroad (CRBA) upon notification
- Pick up Social Security checks or ask questions about SSA benefits
- Submit additional documents for a pending passport application
- Register to vote
- Apply for a Travel Letter (applies to Legal Permanent Residents only)
- Pick up re-entry permits (applies to Legal Permanent Residents only)
- Abandon permanent resident status
- Attend Tuesday American Citizens’ Visa Hour at 3-4pm
- Attend Wednesday Education Hour at 3:30-4:30pm

**Does The Service You Need Require An Appointment?**