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U.S. AND HUNGARY SIGN NEW AGREEMENTS



On February 4, Ambassador Kounalakis and Minister István Varga signed a new science and technology agreement, at the same time the U.S. Ambassador and Minister Oszkó signed a new income tax treaty between the United States and Hungary.

*Minister Oszkó, Ambassador Kounalakis, and Minister Varga
(Embassy photo by Attila Németh)*

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Embassy News



Photo Exhibit in Pécs

U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Counselor Edward Loo spoke at the February 9 inauguration of the *Welcome, Mr. President* photo exhibition organized by the American Corner in Pécs with the help of the Hungarian news agency MTI. The photography exhibit of U.S. presidents visiting Hungary is part of the official program of the Pécs European Capital of Culture year, and is being held at the Művészetek és Irodalom Háza. [More►](#)



Overview of U.S. Foreign Policy

Ambassador Eleni Kounalakis addressed the Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee on February 9. Following a tradition set by her predecessors, the new Ambassador appeared before the members of the committee and provided testimony that touched on all the key points of the Administration's foreign policy. [More►](#)

[Full text of the Ambassador's speech►](#)



International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Ambassador Kounalakis spoke out for tolerance at a ceremony held in the Budapest Holocaust Memorial Center on January 27 the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The ceremony celebrated the launch of a new Hungarian-language book on tolerance entitled *Egy/Másért* (For Each Other). [More►](#)

[Full text of the Ambassador's speech►](#)



FACEBOOK PAGE:

Efforts Continue to Assist in Haiti's Recovery

U.S. Embassy Budapest's Consul General Jeff Lodinsky, on a volunteer assignment to assist in earthquake recovery work in Haiti, provides an update on the situation in Port-au-Prince... [More►](#)

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Washington News



The Future of NATO

On February 22, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered remarks at the NATO Strategic Concept Seminar in Washington, DC.

Transcript and video recording of Secretary Clinton's remarks ►



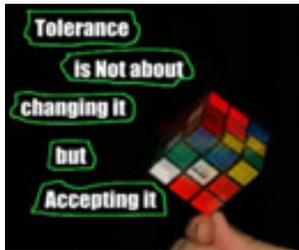
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Each February, we celebrate the work of Americans such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, Sojourner Truth, Marian Anderson and Jackie Robinson. *More* ►

HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS - PRESENTATION SERIES IN DEBRECEN

The American Corner in Debrecen, in cooperation with the Fulbright Alumni Debrecen Chapter and the American Alumni Society, launched a series on Hungarian-American relations to educate Hungarians about the history of and the interactions between the two nations.

The first presentation is already available online, it is open and accessible for anyone for free. Under the account name of AmericanCornerDEB they are going to upload all the talks in the series. You may subscribe to get updates about the new ones. *More in Hungarian* ►



2010 TOLERANCE VIDEO COMPETITION: "CELEBRATE DIVERSITY"

The American Embassy in Budapest is sponsoring the second annual Tolerance Video Competition to highlight the importance of celebrating diversity. High school students in Hungary are invited to submit a short video clip on YouTube that captures the message of celebrating diversity in a creative, imaginative, and thought-provoking way.

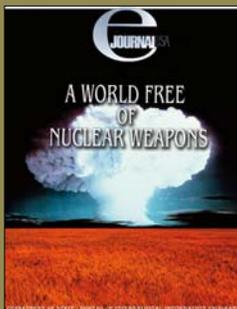
Deadline: March 22, 2010

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New Publications

A WORLD FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS | *EJournal USA* | Vol 15, No.2. | February 2010

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.



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