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STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OBAMA ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION



I send my warmest wishes to all those that will celebrate the anniversary of the 1848 Hungarian Revolution tomorrow. That event was a defining moment in Hungary's struggle for freedom, and continues to serve as inspiration for all those that advocate for freedom's cause. Our two nations are bound by our shared values and our solemn obligations to each other through the NATO Article 5 commitment to one another's security. On this occasion, I also wish to pay tribute to those many Americans that can trace their roots to Hungary. They continue to make important contributions to our society, enriching the character and culture of the United States.

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AMERICA DAY programs at Hungarian High Schools

Twelve high schools across Hungary were selected by the U.S. Embassy and the Hungarian Ministry of Education to participate in "America Day" programs. The programs give Hungarian students a chance to learn about the United States, its people, history and culture. The programs also encourage students to travel and to study there.

- On February 25-26, the Bornemisza Péter High School hosted the event in Budapest. [More ►](#)
- On March 22, the Handler Nándor Vocational High School hosted the event in Sopron. [More ►](#)
- On March 30, the Bessenyei György High School hosted the event in Kisvárdá [More ►](#)

World Water Day Exhibit

To commemorate World Water Day (March 22), the American Corner Budapest and the U.S. Embassy organized the "Beauty of Water - East Coast Rain" photo exhibition of the works of Iván Karácsony. [More ►](#)

Bohém Ragtime and Jazz Festival

The Embassy supported the Bohém Ragtime and Jazz Festival that took place between 26-28 March in Kecskemét. With the Embassy's assistance a unique platform was created where jazz musicians and their audiences could come together to continue a tradition that enriches Hungary's cultural scene. [More ►](#)

Embassy Supports Music Against Racism

The *Zene A Rasszizmus Ellen* or ZARE music festival was the climax of a weeklong professional program and one of 13 concerts around Hungary playing under the ZARE banner on the International Day Against Racism. The Embassy provided a grant to help support the event. [More ►](#)



Ambassador Kounalakis in Veszprém

On March 12, Ambassador Eleni Kounalakis traveled to the Veszprém American Corner where she addressed a group of over 90 high school students about the advantages of studying in the United States. **More▶**

Helping Haiti

In the wake of the devastating January 12 earthquake in Haiti, U.S. Embassy Budapest sent two officers, Consul General Jeffrey Lodinsky and Vice Consul Lynette Behnke, to support U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince. **More▶**

Combating Trafficking in Persons

On March 9, U.S. Embassy Political Officer Christina Hernandez presented a summary of U.S. efforts to combat trafficking in persons domestically and around the world as part of a panel of Hungarian and international experts. **More▶**

Embassy Goes Greener in Green Office Competition

The U.S. Embassy applied to participate in the Green Office Competition which is organized by the Hungarian NGO, KÖVET Association (Association for Environment-Conscious Company Management). **More▶**

Hungarian Judge Receives Department of State Award

On March 4, the ambassador awarded Dr. Ágnes Galajda the International Women of Courage Award in front of a packed auditorium at the Central European University. **More▶**

Kati Marton Launches her New Book in Hungary

Visiting Hungary on the occasion of the launching of her new book, "Enemies of the People: My Family's Journey to America", the noted Hungarian-American journalist and author, Kati Marton led a conversation about her latest book at the residence of Ambassador Kounalakis on March 3rd. **More▶**

Award to U.S. Olympic Water Polo Team

Ambassador Kounalakis presented the U.S. Olympic water polo team with a sports diplomacy award before the U.S.- Hungarian game in Hódmezővásárhely. **More▶**

Eurasian Energy Envoy Morningstar Receives Decoration

Prime Minister Bajnai presented Ambassador Morningstar with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary for "the outstanding role Richard L. Morningstar played as Special Envoy in strengthening bilateral relations in the field of energy security." **More▶**

From Washington

OPINION SPACE

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The Department of State has launched this interactive site to foster global conversations on foreign affairs. "Opinion Space will harness the power of connection technologies to provide a unique forum for international dialogue. This is an example of what we call 21st century statecraft and an opportunity to extend our engagement beyond the halls of government directly to the people of the world. I can't wait to be a part of this exciting new conversation," said Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

2009 COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES released▶

GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS: CLIMATE. This program provides incentives for engaged citizens to take actions to mitigate climate change in their community, participate in online global dialogues, and gain a deeper understanding of the complex issues that shape U.S. climate change policies and efforts. Next webchat: April 7 at 8:00 DST - Multilateral and Local Actions: Jonathan Pershing, Deputy Special Envoy, Climate Change. **Check out our Webchats/Webcasts page▶**



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.

NEW application deadline: May 3, 2010

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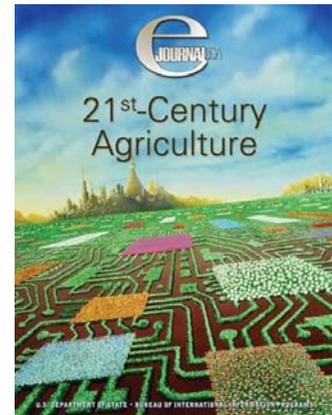
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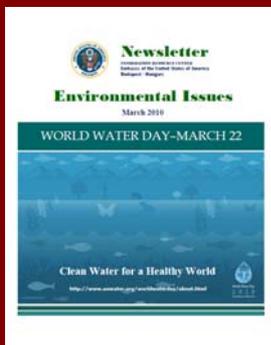
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Humanity's longest struggle has been to feed itself. This *eJournal USA* explores how 21st century technical prowess and agricultural skill hold the key to feeding the growing populations of the future.

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