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Recently at the Embassy

U.S. Donates School and Medical Equipment to Gyöngyös



The United States donated needed school and medical supplies valued at over \$192,000 to the City of Gyöngyös, bringing total overall U.S. assistance to the community to nearly \$300,000 since 2002. Major Mark Wills, Office of Defense Cooperation of the U.S. Embassy, joined Gyöngyös leaders in receiving the first shipment's arrival on March 10.

For more information about the event, please visit our web site at http://www.usembassy.hu/odc_gyongyos.html

Ambassador Walker Inaugurates Coca-Cola Plant

Ambassador Walker, Minister of Environment and Water Dr. Miklós Persányi, and other dignitaries attended the inauguration of the co-generation power plant at Coca-Cola's Dunaharaszti premises on March 2. The new development, constructed on the premises of the Coca-Cola's Hungarian manufacturing facility, is a top energy investment based on highly developed environmental technology.

Please visit: http://www.usembassy.hu/walker_dharaszti.html



On-line Multimedia Program for Lawyers Launched

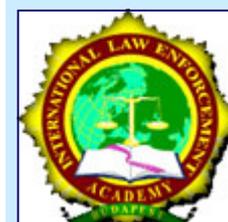
The U.S. Embassy Regional English Language Office organized and sponsored the launch of an innovative, multimedia on-line program designed and produced by the non-profit organization "Language4Law". The March 2 event, opened by Ambassador Walker, drew 40 law school professors and representatives from local and international law firms and schools based in Budapest, Poland, Slovakia, Serbia and Romania. Read more at http://www.usembassy.hu/l4l_launch.html



ILEA Graduates Officers from Central Asia and Hungary

Continuing their core training programs, the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) graduated 46 mid-level law enforcement officers from Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Hungary following an eight-week wide-ranging professional training course. Assistant Director Richard E. Chase of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was a guest speaker at the March 3 graduation ceremony.

More about other ILEA events: http://www.usembassy.hu/ilea_graduation.html



Looking Ahead

Interested in Studying in the United States?

The Fulbright Educational Advising Center invites you to an Information Seminar on Applying for American Universities on March 22. Learn about finding programs, financing your education, and taking admission tests. Attendance is free but advance registration is requested.

More details at http://www.usembassy.hu/fulbright_seminar.html



Environmental Stewards Select Budapest for Congress

On February 21 Ambassador Walker and Larry Morris, President of the Quebec-Labrador/Atlantic Center Foundation (QLF), briefed Minister of Environment and Water Miklós Persányi on the upcoming "First QLF Alumni Congress". Concentrating on land stewardship and conservation projects all over the world for almost 50 years, QLF is bringing over 200 former grantees together in early April in Budapest. To learn more about QLF, please visit: <http://www.qlf.org/>



U.S. Export Control Seminar in Vienna: March 28-29, 2006

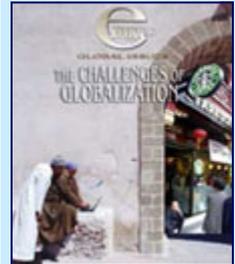
The U.S. Commercial Service and The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Vienna, Austria are jointly organizing a "Seminar on U.S. Export + Re-export Control Regulations + U.S. Embargo Regulations" March 28-29 in Vienna in the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. This seminar is recommended for importers and exporters of U.S. origin goods, software houses, lawyers, business consultants, forwarding agents, logistics organizations, customs consultants and banks. More at http://www.buyusa.gov/hungary/hu/export_control_seminar.html



New Publication

The Challenges of Globalization

In this issue of the U.S. Department of State's Electronic Journal experts present fresh insight into human rights and democracy, crime and terror, trade and developing nations, the changing workplace, health, and culture in a globalized world. Special features include three video excerpts and a downloadable audio file on globalization. Check it out at <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itgic/0206/ijge/ijge0206.htm>



In the News... from Washington

2005 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices Released

"The growing demand for democratic governance reflects a recognition that the best guarantor of human rights is a thriving democracy with transparent, accountable institutions of government, equal rights under the rule of law, a robust civil society, political pluralism and independent media," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in introducing the report.

Read the remarks at <http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2006/62738.htm>

Full text of the report: <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2005/index.htm>

Report on Hungary: <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2005/61652.htm>



The U.S.-European Relationship: Opportunities and Challenges

Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Testimony before the House International Relations Committee Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats (March 8, 2006)

Available at <http://www.state.gov/p/eur/rls/rm/62740.htm>