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Recently at the Embassy

U.S. Embassy Assists with Flood Relief in Hungary



USAID Regional Director Ray Kirkland helped distribute 100 flood relief packages to the most severely affected flood victims in the village of Csépa (Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County) on May 4. The United Way and the Hungarian Baptist Aid prepared altogether 1,000 flood relief packages containing basic food stuff and hygienic products using USD 50,000 in emergency relief funds provided by the United States. Please visit: http://www.usembassy.hu/flood_relief.html

Thomas Friedman Headlines Globalization Discussion

On May 6, Thomas Friedman, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times columnist, gave a CEU audience insight into his thesis on globalization. <http://www.usembassy.hu/friedman.html>

Delta Re-launches Budapest-New York Direct Service

"The arrival of the Delta flight this morning is yet another bridge between our two nations," said Ambassador Walker at the official ceremony re-launching Delta's direct services between New York and Budapest on May 9 at Budapest's Ferihegy 2 air terminal. <http://www.usembassy.hu/delta.html>



Merce Cunningham Dance Company First Time in Hungary

Merce Cunningham Dance Company, one of the world's greatest contemporary dance troupes, performed in Hungary for the first time May 3-5 with enormous success. <http://www.usembassy.hu/merce.html>



Political Counselor Presents U.S. National Security Policy

On May 2, Political Counselor Bob Patterson gave a presentation on U.S. National Security Policy during the Professional Week organized by the Political Science Faculty of the University of Debrecen.

Ambassador Walker Promotes PSA Screening in Paks

Ambassador George H. Walker visited the city of Paks on April 28 to promote the importance of prostate cancer screening programs. Paks intends to join the Men's Health Week initiative June 4-11, 2006. <http://hub.usembassy.hu/>



ILEA Participates in City Park "Police Day"

International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) staff, as well as students from Romania, the Republic of Serbia and Montenegro, and Hungary, exhibited at the traditional "Police Day" organized by the Budapest Police in the City Park (Városliget) on May 7 for the 125th anniversary of the Budapest Police. <http://www.ilea.hu>

U.S. Air Force Major Receives Hungarian Service Medal

The Hungarian Minister of Defense, Ferenc Juhász, awarded Major Mark Wills, from the Embassy's Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC), with the Hungarian Service Medal, Silver Class for his help in providing Humanitarian Assistance to the Roma community in Gyöngyös.

<http://www.usembassy.hu/odc.html>



Baylor University Delegation Visits Budapest

Ambassador Walker welcomed a 20-member delegation from Baylor University School of Business to Budapest on April 26. The Embassy's U.S. Commercial Service arranged visits for the group with U.S. and Hungarian companies. <http://www.buyusa.gov/hungary/en/>



Looking Ahead

Seminar and Roundtable Discussion on Energy Security

The American Chamber of Commerce in association with the U.S. Embassy, Corvinus University of Budapest, Regional Center for Energy Policy Research, and ERM Hungaria Kft. is hosting a seminar and roundtable discussion on energy security and climate change on May 12.

<http://www.amcham.hu>

The Augsburg Choir in Budapest

The Augsburg Choir from Minneapolis, MN is visiting Budapest May 9-12. They will be performing at St. Stephens Cathedral on May 11 at 7:30 p.m. <http://www.augsburg.edu/music/ensembles.html>



New Publication

IRC Newsletter on Information Technology

A publication by our Information Resource Center (IRC) with U.S. Government documents, think tank publications, and magazine articles.

<http://newsletters.usembassy.hu/infotech/infotechapril06.pdf>

In the News... from Washington

Assistant Secretary Fried on Transatlantic Relations

"Unilateralism is out. Effective multilateralism is in," Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, said May 2 at a national conference of editorial writers in Washington. Fried said the U.S. and Europe are "working to make NATO the centerpiece alliance through which the trans-Atlantic democratic community deals with security challenges around the world." <http://www.state.gov/p/eur/rls/rm/65816.htm>



2005 Country Reports on Terrorism Released

Terrorist organizations are smaller, more sophisticated and more challenging than ever to bring to justice, U.S. Ambassador Henry Crumpton said, announcing the release of the State Department's Country Reports on Terrorism 2005 on April 28. Full text of the remarks:

<http://usinfo.state.gov/is/Archive/2006/Apr/28-135495.html?&id=nl20060503>

Report: <http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/crt/c17689.htm>



Ambassador Crumpton