

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD TRADE CENTER MAY DELEGATION RE-CAP

May 1, 2010- Twenty-two delegates representing 18 different countries visited California's Yosemite National Park. Designed for environmentalists, this Multi-Regional program focused on conservation efforts on biodiversity. Visitors met with representatives from the U.S. department of the interior and were educated on the structure and organization of the National Park Service and discussed current issues facing Yosemite. The group also had the opportunity to meet with the Branch Chief for Education to converse about the Sierra Nevada Research Institute and other educational programs utilized to promote conservation. The NorCalWTC enabled participants to examine U.S. habitat and species protection efforts and observe watershed and wetlands management via various meetings with Yosemite Park officials.

May 4, 2010- The NorCalWTC hosted 9 delegates from Malaysia to explore private and state level efforts at combating human trafficking. Local Sacramento groups like My Sister's House and Opening Doors Inc. met with our visitors to share their mission of supporting human trafficking victims via shelters, job placement and psychological care. Californians Against Slavery is another organization that works to educate the public and lobby for immigrant rights or shelter victims of human trafficking including sex and labor trafficking. UC Davis Professor Davis Kyle, who specializes in human trafficking as well as transnational migration and criminology also met with the delegation to provide insight on the issue of trafficking here in the United States. In addition to the meetings with these experts, the visiting group also got to tour our state capitol and meet with different consultants, Senators and Assembly members that work on issues regarding public safety and justice.

May 5, 2010- Dr. Francesca Arena of the European Union was visiting Sacramento to gain an overview of the U.S. decision-making process with particular attention to trade and regulation of the pesticide and chemicals sector. She was given the opportunity to exchange views with U.S. experts from the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and the speaker for agricultural policy. Dr. Arena was also able to observe U.S. agricultural production through visits to farms, both traditional and organic – a highlight being the Eatwell Farm in Dixon. To further her experience here, Dr. Arena sat in on an agricultural representatives panel meeting with directors and experts from the Almond Board of California, the California Citrus Quality Council and the California Strawberry Commission who discussed global, technical and regulatory affairs.

May 9, 2010- The head political cartoonist from the largest English newspaper in India, The Times of India, made a stop in Sacramento to gain insight on American illustrative journalism. He is responsible for the overall direction of the look of the daily and *Sunday Times of India*. He also drew "Dubiyah Man," the longest running cartoon based on American politics outside of the U.S. Throughout his visit in Sacramento, he met with Steve Magagnini, a reporter from the Sacramento Bee and other local organizations to learn how journalists and cartoonists portray our local and national news to readers. Mr. Banerjee was also able to sit down with democratic candidate Dr. Amerish Bera, an Indian native campaigning here in California for Congress. To add a cultural element to his visit, our guest was also given a tour of the state capitol where he

was able to meet with a government press officer and was hosted by Doug Morrow and Shannon Shellenberg for lunch.

May 11, 2010- Mr. Alessio Scarcella, a Magistrate of the Italian Supreme court visited the State Capital here in Sacramento to enhance his understanding of the U.S. legal system. Focusing on the U.S. judicial system, he met with experts to explore the trial process, case management, and mediation. He had the chance to sit down with Saskia Kim, the Chief Counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee to discuss environmental criminal laws and regulations. The Business Environmental Resource Center's Supervisor, Duane O'Donnell met with our guest to discuss how BEREC assists Sacramento businesses with understanding and complying with federal, state and local environmental regulations. Toward the end of his visit during a meeting with the EPA, Mr. Scarcella was able to learn about U.S. strategies and operational technologies used to investigate and combat environmental crimes.

May 12, 2010- The former Deputy Secretary and Director for Economic Trade and Development at the Permanent mission of Pakistan to the World Trade Organization, Mrs. Aisha Moriani visited Sacramento to learn about U.S. trade policy. Meeting with Nick Matteis, the assistant director of California Grown, she focused especially on agriculture, the food and safety inspections and regulations of the U.S. and the importance of promoting local California products. She gained insight on U.S. export promotion as related to agriculture by discussing U.S. programs with the USEAC director George Tastard from the U.S. Commercial Services office here in Sacramento. Ms Moriani also requested to meet with the Sacramento Bee's Steve Maganini to discuss cultural views of Pakistani and American culture.

May 13, 2010- Ms. Capucine Chamoux, a lawyer specialized in environmental issues came all the way from France to gain a better insight on California water rights and usage in the Farm and agriculture sector. Her first meeting was with the Water Resources board of the California Farm Bureau, where they specifically discussing how Sacramento handles water distribution in a state where water scarcity is an issue. Through meetings with several policy makers and environmentalists like Alan Gordon of the Senate Select Committee on Delta Conservation and Alf Brandt, the principal consultant on the Committee on Approaches to Addressing the State's Water Crisis, the delegate learned about water resources, wetlands protection and wildlife habitat. At the end of her stay, Mr. Chamoux enjoyed a visit to the famous Napa Valley, orchestrated by Douglas Morrow, Assistant to the Speaker, where she met with several wineries and was given private tours and tastings.

May 18, 2010- A delegation from Japan visited Sacramento to focus on ecology and energy policies within the U.S. Through meetings with the California Energy Commission, the group was able to examine different measures taken to promote clean energy as well as learn about some of California's energy conservation techniques. The NorCalWTC organized meetings with specific energy providers like Chevron, where the delegates discussed the investment in renewable energy and the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas. Our local SMUD, nationally recognized for its leadership and innovation in energy efficiency also met with the group and talked about solutions and options for the public to conserve energy and protect the environment. These meetings provided the delegates an observation of critical policies and measures taken to promote clean and efficient energy production and use.

May 19, 2010- 19 different delegates representing 16 different countries travelled to Sacramento to meet with several local policy makers, industry leaders, researchers, and citizen activist groups to review U.S. national energy policies and examine the foreign policy implications of security threats to global energy markets. In a meeting with the Chief Senate Energy Consultant, Kellie Smith, visitors were educated about U.S. strategies to expand and diversify energy supplies and reduce consumption. Juan Contreras of the California Fuel Cell Partnership also met with this Multi-Regional delegation to discuss fuel cell power as a renewable energy source and their marketing strategies to increase investment in research and technology. The delegates were united with common goals to strengthen international cooperation in energy trade.

May 25, 2010- The NorCalWTC hosted a USEU individual project for Ms. Zuzana Vavrova, the Administrator at the European Parliament for Economic and Monetary Affairs. During this program, the participant was given the opportunity to examine critical capital market issues with CA state assemblyman Mark Farouk. Ms. Vavrova also developed a deeper understanding of US banking regulations and how policy is formulated on these and other financial matters. Our visitor had a chance to meet with Kathy Banuelos, a counsel member on the Senate Judiciary Committee to discuss immigration in California and its impact on our economy and trade sector., which was of great interest to her.

May 27, 2010- 17 delegates from Africa travelled to Sacramento for a day long program targeted at agriculture and sustainability. The program gave the delegates a chance to examine U.S.-Africa initiatives on food security including infrastructure development and technological advancement. The participants met with Arcadia Biosciences to discuss the partnership with the African Agricultural Technology Foundation and their work developing new rice varieties for African nations. The delegates also had the opportunity to observe how good governance, including fair and transparent policies and the rule of law stimulate growth, investment and trade while promoting sustainable development. The program concluded with a presentation by Corky Lovin at the International Programs Office, focused on how partnerships between the private and public sectors help lead to increased agricultural production at a lower cost to the environment, both in the U.S. and around the world.