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Greetings!

Welcome to the NCWTC's monthly E-newsletter! Learn about upcoming events and catch up on the latest news for the international business community in Sacramento, the Central Valley, and beyond.

New Location for NCWTC



We've moved! The NCWTC and the Sacramento Metro Chamber have relocated to One Capitol Mall, Suite 300, in Old Sacramento. Our general phone and fax numbers stay the same - (916) 447-9827 and (916) 443-2672, respectively. New direct dial numbers are: Michele Gault (916) 319-4276 and Jennifer Younathan (916) 319-4277.

International Business Mixer - January 17



The NCWTC and the U.S. Department of Commerce invite you to attend the International Business Mixer on January 17 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the NCWTC's new offices at One Capitol Mall. Don't miss this special event, featuring a market briefing on Germany by Hamburg-based Commercial Specialist Sebastian Redlin. For more details and to register online, please click on the link below. Event Partners: Sacramento Regional Center for International Trade Development (CITD), California Chamber of Commerce, Golden State SBDC, Inland International Trade Association, Inc., Sacramento Metro Chamber. Members and clients of these organizations, as well as members of all of our area's chambers, are invited to register at the member discounted rate.

SPECIAL OFFER! Join the NCWTC by January 17, 2007 and receive two FREE admissions to the Mixer!

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The California Debates 2007: A Celebration of Mexican Democracy

The Fifth Annual California Debates takes place in Sacramento for the first time in 2007. Help to make this event a success and bring it back to Sacramento each year! Debates will take place in San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Santa Ana and San Diego. Leading Members of the Mexican Congress from the PAN, PRD and PRI parties tackle the critical issues of internal reform and the US-Mexico relationship, including controversial issues such as the border wall, immigration, drugs interdiction, NAFTA and others. The debaters will be questioned by members of the Legislature and will take questions from the audience. Admission to the Debates is \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members and includes a 3-course sit-down dinner and the opportunity to ask questions of the debaters. For more details and to register online for individual tickets, please click on the link below.

Bank of America is the California statewide sponsor. Eligible Members/Clients of Supporting Organizations: Northern California World Trade Center, Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, World Affairs Council of Sacramento, Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento, Opening Doors, California Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento Metro Chamber, Inland International Trade Association, Center for International Trade Development, U.S. Department of Commerce

[Event Details](#)

CeBIT 2007: The Place to be for Technology Firms

It is not too late to sign up for CeBIT 2007! Any company engaged in RFID, Wireless Communication, Internet Telephony, Computers and Peripherals, Enterprise Storage Solutions, and Enterprise Content Management and Storage will find a vibrant business environment at CeBIT -- the world's largest ICT show -- running from March 15-21 in Hannover, Germany. Hannover Fairs, a member of the NCWTC, can help make your visit to CeBIT highly profitable. Please call experts Marsha Winston or Uli Hammer at (609) 987- 1202 or call Carl Williams at (916) 394-9179. They are standing by to assist you. And, for those new to RFID, CeBIT offers a great one- day course that can give you the background you will need to make use of this emerging technology in your own business.

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Bulgaria and Romania Join the European Union

On January 1, 2007, the European Union welcomed two new Member States and 30 million people as Bulgaria and Romania completed the EU's historic fifth round of enlargement and the ongoing peaceful reuniting of Western and Eastern Europe. Also on January 1, the Republic of Slovenia adopted the euro, the EU's single currency, which is now shared by 316.6 million people in 13 European Union countries, including two million Slovenians. Slovenia joined the Union in 2004 along with nine other countries and is the first among those nations to join the euro area.

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Important Changes in International Travel Requirements

Traveler's Alert! Beginning January 23, 2007, in order to enter or re-enter the United States all persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling by air from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will be required to have a passport (unless traveling with a U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document or Air NEXUS card). Lawful permanent residents (LPRs), refugees, and asylees will continue to be able to use their Alien Registration Card (Form I-551 - "Green Card"), or other valid evidence of permanent residence status (or refugee or asylee status). Effective January 1, 2008, a similar requirement will be applied to travelers arriving to the United States by land or sea (including ferries). For more information, please go to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website (link below) and click on "New Documents To Be Required for International Air Travelers Entering or Returning to U.S.," published by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

[CBP Website](#)

Join the NCWTC! Members receive special discounts on our programs and events all year long. For more information on membership, please call (916) 447- 9827 and press 3 to be connected to Gustavo Quan, our membership representative.

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