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[Charlie Rose Interview with Special Envoy George Mitchell](#)



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Remarks by Secretary Clinton on “Development in the 21st Century”

I want to start today with a story that often goes untold. It’s the story of what can happen around the world when American know-how, American dollars, and American values are put to work to help change people’s lives.

Like many of you, I have seen the transformative power of development. I have seen the passion and commitment of aid workers who devote their careers to this difficult undertaking. I’ve seen American development at work in a village in Indonesia, where new mothers and their infants were receiving nutritional and medical counseling through a family planning program supported by USAID. I’ve seen it in Nicaragua, where poor women started small businesses in their barrio with help from a U.S.-backed microfinance project. I’ve seen it in the West Bank, where students are learning English today and learning more about America through a program that we sponsor. I’ve seen it in South Africa, where our development assistance, thanks to PEPFAR, is helping to bring anti-retrovirals to areas ravaged by HIV and AIDS and neglect.

But I’ve also traveled our country, and I have been in settings of all kinds. I’ve listened to farmers and factory workers and teachers and nurses and students, hardworking mothers and fathers who wonder why is their government spending taxpayer dollars to improve the lives of people in the developing world when there is so much hardship and unmet needs right here at home. That’s a fair question, and it’s one I would like to address today: Why development in other countries matters to the American people and to our nation’s security and prosperity.

The United States seeks a safer, more prosperous, more democratic and more equitable world. We cannot reach that goal when one-third of humankind live in conditions that offer them little chance of building better lives for themselves or their children. We cannot stop terrorism or defeat the ideologies of violent extremism when hundreds of millions of young people see a future with no jobs, no hope, and no way ever to catch up to the developed world.

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In its mission to reach out to all sectors of Palestinian society, U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem visited the Samaritans community in Mount Jerzim, Nablus. The aim of the visit was to introduce the various programs and educational exchange opportunities that the Consulate offers.

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في رسالتها للوصول إلى جميع قطاعات المجتمع الفلسطيني، زار وفد من القنصلية الأميركية العامة في القدس المجتمع السامري في جبل جرزيم في نابلس. والهدف من هذه الزيارة هو التعريف عن البرامج المختلفة وفرص التبادل التعليمي التي تقدمها للقنصلية.

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As part of its monthly Quiz Night series in partnership with the local NGO PAL Vision, Consulate General Jerusalem hosted a lively and competitive Quiz Night in Ramallah. This event highlighted the PD theme of the month "Health Education and Awareness."

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كجزء من السلسلة الشهرية لليلة المسابقات بالشراكة مع منظمة الرؤية الفلسطينية الأهلية، استضافت القنصلية العامة في القدس مسابقة حيوية وتنافسية في رام الله. وقد سلط هذا الحدث الضوء على موضوع الشهر "التربية والتوعية الصحية".

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To continue supporting students of Jericho, and in recognition of the immense importance of English and the power of language to create cultural bridges, the American Corner in Jericho launched two semester-long English language classes. The first class is for 11-12 year olds (25 students). The second class is for senior high school students age 17-18 (33 students).

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استمراراً في دعم الطلاب في أريحا، وإدراكاً منها للأهمية كبرى للغة الإنجليزية وقوة اللغة لخلق جسور ثقافية، أطلقت الزاوية الأمريكية في أريحا فصلين دراسيين جديدين من فصول تعليم اللغة الإنجليزية. الفئة الأولى هي الفئة العمرية 11-12 سنة و يضم (25 طالباً). الفئة الثانية هي للطلاب في المدرسة الثانوية العليا من الفئة العمرية 17-18 سنة وتضم (33 طالباً).

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The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem sponsored a digital video conference on the H1N1 virus to raise public awareness of the efforts being made by the U.S. and Palestinian Governments to combat the spread of the H1N1 virus and to discuss best practices for the prevention and treatment of H1N1 and to encourage cooperation among participants to ensure that Palestinian children and their families have accurate information about the virus.

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نظمت القنصلية الأميركية العامة في القدس أمس جلسة نقاش عبر الفيديو كونفرنس حول فيروس H1N1- بهدف توعية الجمهور حول الجهود التي تبذلها الحكومتين الأمريكية والفلسطينية للحد من إنتشار الفيروس ونقاش الممارسات الفضلى للوقاية منه.

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Video Contest

U.S. Department of State Launches Second Annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest to Amplify U.S. Public Diplomacy: "Change Your Climate, Change Our World"



Change Your Climate, Change Our World.

What do you do to make your community a better place?

Office of the Spokesman
Washington, DC
November 17, 2009

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton today launched the Department of State's second annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest, "Change Your Climate, Change Our World," with a video message on the ExchangesConnect social network at <http://connect.state.gov>.

The contest is a call to action for global citizens around the world to engage in cross-cultural community building and mutual understanding. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State launched ExchangesConnect social network in October 2008 and it has attracted over 14,000 members.

People all over the world, ages 14 and older, are invited to submit their 2-minute videos to ExchangesConnect at <http://connect.state.gov>. Two international and two American winners (one in each of the two age categories: 14-17 and 18 and older) will receive one of four Grand Prizes: an all-expense-paid two-week international exchange program. Last year's contest drew over 8,400 new ExchangesConnect members from 170 countries and the winners were featured at <http://exchanges.state.gov/news/ovc.html>.

Video submissions will be accepted November 17, 2009 through January 12, 2010. The ExchangesConnect community will vote on video entries and an expert panel of judges, all ECA exchange program alumni, will rank the "top 40" videos based on originality, creativity, effectiveness and production quality.

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Explore America

Episode 1: Springville, Utah



Educational Exchanges

Deadlines:

-  The 2010 Study of the United States Institute for Student Leaders on Global Environmental Issues | **Friday, January 22, 2010**

-  The 2010 Study of the United States Institute for Student Leaders on New Media | **Friday, January 22, 2010**

-  The 2010 Study of the United States Institutes Summer Programs for University-Level and Faculty Members | **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

-  The 2010 Study of the United States Institutes Summer Programs for Secondary School Educators | **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

-  The AY 2010 NESAs Undergraduate Student Leader Program | **Friday, January 15, 2010**

-  The AY 2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program | **Friday, January 15, 2010**

Selected E-Docs

-  [The Effect of Regulation on Pharmaceutical Revenues: Experience in Nineteen Countries. \[RAND Corporation\].](#)
-  [Europe, the United States, and Middle Eastern Democracy: Repairing the Breach. \[Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution\].](#)
-  [Opening the Arctic Seas: Envisioning Disasters and Framing Solutions. \[Coastal Response Research Center, University of New Hampshire\]](#)
-  [Healthier Oceans, Healthier Economies. \[Oceana\]](#)
-  [Equally Prepared for Life: How 15-Year-Old Boys and Girls Perform in School. \[Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development\].](#)
-  [EDUCATION AT A GLANCE 2009: OECD INDICATORS. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](#)
-  [THE GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS REPORT 2009-2010. World Economic Forum. Xavier Sala-i-Martin.](#)
-  [ARCTIC REPORT CARD: UPDATE FOR 2009. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#)
-  [THE BOTTOM LINE ON INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS. World Resources Institute.](#)