



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE NEWSLETTER –June 2002

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**Congratulations and Welcome
Mary Collins, Colorado Springs’ new
Assistant City Manager**

From the Global Advisory Council

On June 4, 2002, the **Global Advisory Council** was pleased to present and host a program organized by our **Global Strategic Team** and the Executive Director of the City of Colorado Springs **Office of International Affairs**, Mr. Carmon Stiles. The program was the first ever **“Mayor’s International Forum.”** The Mayor of Colorado Springs, the honorable Mary Lou Makepeace gave the opening remarks, and City Council was represented by Councilman Jim Null and Councilwoman Judy Noyes. Twenty international organizations in Colorado Springs were given the opportunity to describe their programs, including their core missions and recent activities. The 80 or so attendees were truly impressed by the number and diversity of international organizations in the city. The purpose of the forum was threefold: 1) to make these organizations involved in international programs aware of other international activities, 2) to make the general public more aware of international organizations in our city, and 3) to make our city leaders more aware of the many international activities in our city. Mayor Makepeace thanked the presenters and attendees for their enthusiastic volunteerism and noted the importance of international activities and globalization to the future of Colorado Springs and its vision of becoming a “world class city.” In his remarks, Councilman Null noted that this Forum was truly an educational opportunity for him and he would pass this “education” on to the other Council members.

For information on the **Global Advisory Council** and its activities, please contact: Brian James, Chair, e-mail: bdjames@gbonline.com

Young Professionals Meetings

The Young Professionals is sponsored by the **World Affairs Council**. You don’t have to be professional and “young” is not a rigid criteria either. The group hosts luncheons and dinners with exciting speakers. For more information please e-mail Lenore Aragon or Al Lawless at luvshak42@hotmail.com.

From the Office of International Affairs

This event is still in planning, but mark your calendars. The **Global Advisory Council, Global Strategic Team and Colorado Springs Office of International Affairs**, with many partners, are organizing a **MAYOR’S INTERNATIONAL AWARDS LUNCHEON** at the **Broadmoor Hotel** on **Thursday, September 26, 2002**. It is our hope that everyone in the community involved in or interested in international affairs will attend and support international activities in the city. We plan to recognize the most outstanding company in Colorado Springs which has achieved the greatest export growth, and the non-profit organization in the city which has made the greatest contribution to the international growth of the city. Rules and applications will soon be announced.

For reservations or additional information or assistance, please contact Carmon Stiles, Office of International Affairs, phone 575-4314, E-mail: internationalaffairs@cscc.org.

International Small Business Development Center

The fastest growing segment of U.S. exporters is companies with 20 or fewer employees. Of all U.S. exporters, 65% are small businesses which account for more than 30% of all export sales from the U.S. For more information on international trade assistance contact Claus Weidner, e-mail: cweidner@uccs.edu.

For further information on the SBDC, please contact the Director, Luis C. Saldarriaga at 592-1894, e-mail: lsaldarr@uccs.edu, or visit their new offices at 1115 Elkton Drive.

Colorado Springs World Affairs Council

Homeland Defense is the topic of the June 18 **World Affairs Council** Luncheon. The speaker is Dr. David Kuzak. Dr. Kuzak is a friend of Governor Ridge, Director of the Office of Homeland Security and he has interviewed the Governor on several occasions. Dr. Kuzak is the Professor of Public Policy, Gannon University and he has also taught at the Air Force Academy, National War College, and the U.S. Military Academy. Come to this informative presentation at Noon, Tuesday, June 18 at the Broadmoor Hotel, Rocky Mountain Ballroom, Broadmoor West.

For reservations or more information, contact the WAC at 579-8443 or E-mail: cospwac@csworldaffairs.org.
Website: www.csworldaffairs.org

Japan-America Society of Southern Colorado

Update on the Hiroshima Summit. JASSC and the city of Colorado Springs are preparing to host the visit of **Mayor Takekawa of Fujiyoshida** from July 12-15. JASSC is also supporting the **Japan-American Grass Roots Summit in Hiroshima**, Japan from October 7 through 15, with some optional extensions. These are extensions of the program in Shizuoka, Shonai area of Yamagata Prefecture, or the ancient capital, Kyoto. For details on the Summit and these optional tours, please contact Paul Maruyama at 266-5625 or e-mail Paul at pmaruyama@earthlink.net. Details on the Summit in Japan can be found on their website: www.manjiros Summit.org.

Business Opportunities in China

The **Shanghai Office** of the **Hanwha Corporation** is an exporter of defense products, police equipment and commercial explosives. Their e-catalog is at www.hanwhatrade.com/English. You can also post offers to buy or sell on their website as well as set up your own "Offer Page." They also have a considerable product line of labor-intensive products such as military and police equipment. Check out the website www.cxxcs.com,

or contact Mr. Billy Zhang directly at billyzhang0128@yahoo.com.cn.

Friendship Force of Southern Colorado

The Friendship Force of Southern Colorado brings people of the world together through homestay exchanges and creating unforgettable experiences that build lasting bonds of friendship. This non-profit organization is not a travel club, although sightseeing activities are included in many exchanges. Its primary goal is always mutual understanding and friendship. Regular monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at the Senior Center at 1514 Hancock Street, at 6:30 p.m. Drop by to find out about the many local activities and international exchanges. Visit their website at: <http://home.att.net/~goldsmith-ken>. For membership information contact Norm Weber, 719.599.3929 or e-mail Norm at norm_weber@hotmail.com.

Pikes Peak Community College TravelLearn Program

Experience the joy of discovering ancient, modern, and unexpected places on special trips that are unlike conventional tours. The **PPCC TravelLearn** program is a high touch, high quality, educational learning vacation. Features include: faculty escorts, in-country specialists, national and local guides who are chosen especially for TravelLearn; comfortably paced itineraries with small groups (average size is 14 participants the maximum size is usually 20); contact with local people and their life styles through specially arranged small group luncheons and activities; international air, first class accommodations and all local transportation allow you to combine a comfortable vacation with learning. Visit, Kenya, Morocco, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Turkey, China, Spain, and others. Fall and Winter tours are still available. Costs range from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for two to three-week tours. For details, contact the **PPCC Office of International Education**, 719.538.5551 or e-mail Dr. Wally Astor at wally.astor@ppcc.edu.

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Please contact Wally Astor, 538-5551, fax: 538-5559, or wally.astor@ppcc.edu if you are interested in submitting an article, have a suggestion or prefer not to receive this newsletter.

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