

NEWSLETTER ... 2008

# Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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*A good leader inspires others with confidence in him. A great leader inspires them with confidence in themselves.*

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*Praise opens the door to accomplishment, and encouragement keeps it open. A pat on the back*

## NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY, January 10 , 2008

11:00 – 12:30  
Ann Lacy Bldg.  
Oklahoma City University  
Corner of N.W. 24 & Blackwelder  
2501 N. Blackwelder

297-8973 or 341-3169

## Focus on Asia

Our speaker on January 10 will be Dr. K.W. Min who will share the history and current activities of the Asia Society of Oklahoma. Dr. Min, originally from Seoul, Korea is a Pathologist at Deaconess Hospital.

The Asia Society of Oklahoma (ASO) was organized in the Spring of 1985. It is a non-profit organization with a membership composed of the following country associations: China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Laos, Philippines, Vietnam, and Taiwan. Each country has up to four representatives on the Board of Directors of ASO.

ASO contributes greatly to the metro community.

## Ron Paddack will chair IVC for 2008 – 2009.

From July 1, 1976 to July 1, 2006, Dr. Ronald Paddack was the Founder and Director of the International Office at the University of Central Oklahoma. Going from a small bathroom size office to a nice suite and from a staff of one to a staff of 15 gave Dr. Paddack much satisfaction. At the high point of his career the University had students from 106 countries and they numbered over 1900. Dr. Paddack's background includes a B.Ed. and a M.Ed from East Central Oklahoma University and the Ed.D. from Baylor University. Teaching experience includes a year in Deer Lodge, Montana, 4 years in Hawaii, a year in Korea, 2 years in Germany and a year each in Turkey and Japan. After Baylor he taught two years each at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and the the University of Guam.

Dr. Paddack currently serves as an advisor of the Asia Society of Oklahoma, a board member for the Community Literacy Center and the Edmond Kiwanis Club. He works with the Friendship Force and Global Fusion. He has a love for all things international and has visited 158 countries. His wife of 40 plus years is a Korean whom he met in Germany and his children were born in Turkey and Japan. The light of his life is three year old grandson, Grant.

## State Department Visitor from Japan to visit OKC in January

Dr. Mitsuru FUKUDA, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Nihon University" will be in the U.S. from January 13 – February 2, 2008. He will be in OKC January 24 – 29. His program requests are as follows.

**Washington, DC** -- Overview of Emergency Management and Counterterrorism Efforts in the U.S.

**Oklahoma City, OK** -- Reflecting on Domestic Terrorism including Planning and Responding to Crisis Situations at the Local Level and Services for Disaster Victims.

He would also welcome home hospitality.

## Conversations with ELS

Two times each month volunteers spend an hour talking with ELS students about life in the U.S., life in Oklahoma and life in general. Lois Crooks is looking for additional people who would be able to help. These conversations are an important step with these international student as they try to begin their college careers in Oklahoma City. Call Lois at 721-3345 for more information.

## Afghans arrive at the FAA for 2 months study

12 international participants from Afghanistan arrived in OKC on December 12 for Air Traffic Control training. They will be here until February 22. During December, there were also students from Brazil, Canada, Korea, and Taiwan.

## 2008 National Summit on Citizen Diplomacy

### WHAT:

#### **The Power of Citizen Diplomacy in a Turbulent World**

Citizen diplomacy is the concept that, in a vibrant democracy, the individual citizen has the right- even the responsibility- to help shape foreign relations.

### WHEN:

**February 12 – 13, 2008**

**WHERE: Renaissance Hotel 999 9th Street NW, Wash.**

**WHY: To gain recognition for and build awareness of the work currently underway. To recruit, engage, and educate more Americans to serve as citizen diplomats. To increase resources, both public and private, for all citizen diplomacy efforts**

**WHO: The Coalition for Citizen Diplomacy  
The U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy**

## 2008 NCIV National Meeting *Citizen Diplomacy – Democracy in Action*

**February 13-16, 2008**

The 2008 NCIV National Meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 13, to Saturday, February 16**, at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel. The theme for the National Meeting is

### ***"Citizen Diplomacy - Democracy in Action."***

The NCIV National Meeting seeks to deepen participants' understanding of U.S. public diplomacy, U.S. foreign policy, and the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). Additional goals of the program are to strengthen programming skills for NCIV members and their public sector partners, to build nonprofit manage-

ment skills and leadership abilities, to illustrate diversity and educate participants on how to reflect diversity in their programs and organizations, and to encourage the use of new technologies in the administration of the IVLP.

The deadline for meeting registration and for hotel reservations is **January 15, 2008**. For more information, check the website – [www.nciv.org](http://www.nciv.org)

## Funding for IVLP

Congress recently released its year-end package of spending bills which includes \$501.347 million for the educational and cultural exchange programs of the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The International Visitor Leadership Program was allotted \$78.255 million.

The House Appropriations Committee released a summary of the final bill noting that the amount included for exchanges is \$36 million above the FY 2007 level of funding, and \$15 million above the President's request for these programs. It adds that the \$501 million would "fund the participation of over 42,000 individuals in educational, cultural and professional exchange programs worldwide."

## FOR your calendar

OCU Film Institute 2:00 pm. January 20 –

*The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie*—Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language film.  
Petree Recital Hall.

### ***Dear International Visitors Council members:***

I feel quite honored to have been asked to assist the IVC during the coming year. Since 1976 I have admired Lois Crooks and know I could not ever follow in her footsteps. I appreciate Kay and Tweet and will rely on them to guide me. Kay will continue as the editor for our group. Doesn't Kay do a terrific job and Lois will continue with the assignments she has done in the past. I hope I can give more time to home hosting of our VIP guests. I am so proud of Oklahoma. As one who has travelled in all 50 states I feel that Oklahoma is America's best kept secret and so enjoy sharing the many great points of interest we have to offer.

Hasn't our Centennial year been fabulous? We had several guests in our home this year as a result of the Centennial. Please let me know if you have suggestions for me. I appreciate all of you and look forward to working more closely with you.

Ron Paddack



