



INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

Florida Department of State ♦ Sandra B. Mortham, Secretary of State ♦ Office of International Relations ♦ September 1998

Welcome New Consuls

The Office of International Relations is pleased to welcome the following new members to the Florida Consular Corps:

- Honorable Arthur Savage, Consul of Denmark in Tampa
- Honorable Fritz VonRottenburg, Consul General of Germany in Miami
- Honorable L. C. De Salazar, Consul General of Nicaragua in Miami
- Honorable Julio Vega, Consul of Peru in Tampa
- Honorable Ken Shimanouchi, Consul General of Japan in Miami
- Honorable Luis Castillo, Consul General of Honduras in Tampa

We would also like to welcome the Honorable Marc-Andre Brault, Consul General of Canada in Atlanta.

Annual Joint Meeting

The Southeast U.S./Japan Association and the Japan/U.S. Southeast Association will be holding their annual meeting from October 4 - 6, at the Adams Mark Hotel in Mobile, Alabama.

Programs and activities include a workshop on business opportunities in Japan, breakout sessions on trade, investment, tourism and transportation, a

tourism and transportation, a reception and dinner with entertainment, and an invitational golf tournament. For more information, contact J. Lamar Merk at (305) 870-5030.

French Delegation Visit

On October 24, as many as 55 to 60 visitors from Nantes, France are scheduled to arrive in Jacksonville. As part of Jacksonville's sister city agreement with Nantes, the delegation will spend 12 days touring Florida. In conjunction with the visit, the Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art will feature a "Night in France" on October 29.

Diplomatic Reception

The Florida District Export Council and Enterprise Florida will be hosting a Diplomatic Reception on October 5, from 5 - 7 PM, at the U.S. Export Assistance Center & InterAmericas Center, located at 5600 N.W. 36th Street, Miami.

The reception will be honoring the heads of U.S. Embassy Commercial Centers in Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, and Peru. These Senior Commercial Officers will be visiting Miami and the World Trade Center of Ft. Lauderdale from October 5 - 8. For more information, contact the Florida District Export Council at (305) 526-7425.

Happy Anniversary

The Office of International Relations would like to recognize the 188th Anniversary of the Independence of Mexico. Consul General Oscar Elizundia of Mexico hosted a reception on September 15, at the Metro Dade Cultural Plaza in Miami.

Also, Mr. Roberto Chen Ming-Teh, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami, will be hosting a reception honoring the 87th Anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China. The reception will take place on October 9, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Miami Airport Hilton Ballroom.

Bi-National Chamber News

The Board of Directors of the Association of Bi-National Chambers of Commerce (ABiCC) in South Florida has elected Gordon Shula as Secretary, Lourdes Rodriguez as Vice President, and Andrew Markus as Counsel to the Association.

- Mr. Shula is the founding President of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce.
- Ms. Rodriguez is President of the Venezuelan-American Chamber of Commerce.
- Mr. Markus is the Chairman of the British-American Chamber of Commerce.