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Afghanistan Today

A Personal Point of View

ABILENE, Kan. - The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum will be hosting eight Afghan teachers for a public forum at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21. A reception will precede the event in the Visitors Center Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to have the Afghan teachers, who are currently enrolled in advanced studies at K-State, discuss current issues and share their perspective on today's world. Some of the topics will include culture, faith, and history pertaining to Afghanistan. There will be a question and answer session for the public to interact with the panel. This forum is free of charge and the public is encouraged to participate.

Mary Jean Eisenhower, chief executive officer of People to People International (PTPI), will provide opening remarks at the forum. Mary Jean is also the youngest granddaughter of President Eisenhower and was recently selected to receive an honorary doctorate from Park University in Missouri.

The forum moderator, William L. Richter, is a Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Kansas State University and a member of the advisory board of the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy. Richter will facilitate the discussion in what should be an enlightening and informative program.

"This Kansas Town Hall forum demonstrates our efforts to position the non-partisan Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum as the Public Square of Kansas," states Karl Weissenbach, director. "We want to provide Kansans a diverse range of historical, political, and cultural topics reflecting the legacy of President Eisenhower's commitment to citizen participation in the democratic experience."

Documents from the presidential and post-presidential collections of the Eisenhower Library will be on display. The display will highlight correspondence between the President and high level Afghan officials from the late 1950s and early 1960s. Some of the documents are in the original Persian language accompanied with the State Department translated version.

The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum has partnered with the Salina Media Group and the *Salina Journal* in presenting Kansas Town Hall programs. Reservations for the forum are not required, but are recommended. Please call 785-263-6700 or toll free 1-877-RING IKE to make reservations. The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is one of twelve presidential libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. To learn more, please visit www.eisenhower.archives.gov.

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