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# Secretary Clinton's Remarks At Black History Month Celebration

Thank you. Well, I want to thank John so much for the work that he's doing here and his lifetime of commitment to not only excellence, but a recognition that we are stronger when we do look like America, and his great leadership on behalf of the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity.

This is a special occasion for several reasons. First of all, we have the opportunity to celebrate Black History Month, a chance to remember and honor the contributions that African-Americans have made toward building our nation and making real the principles that America was founded upon, to think back, but also to take stock of where we are and where we hope to be in the future. Of course, to recognize and celebrate iconic figures like Frederick Douglass or Rosa Parks or Medgar Evers or, of course, Dr. King, to think of the leaders of the abolitionist and civil rights movements whose vision, courage, and sacrifice set our country on a path toward liberty, equality, and opportunity for all citizens.

Now, these heroes of America history do not belong just to us; they are viewed as universal, they've inspired people to raise their own sights around our world, and especially those who have taken up the cause of freedom and equality in their own countries.

I have been privileged to know some of those leaders over the past, and now at the present time, I was privileged to hear Dr. King speak when I was a teenager. And it was an experience that certainly shaped my view of the world and ignited in me a sense of greater purpose and citizenship. And I'm just one of millions whose lives were changed either by some direct contact of actually shaking his hand as I stood in a long line after an event in Chicago, taken there by my youth minister, or people who have read about and followed the life of Dr. King and decided to try to replicate his words and his deeds.



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## ***Free At Last - The U.S. Civil Rights Movement***

*This book recounts how African-American slaves and their descendants struggled to win — both in law and in practice — the civil rights enjoyed by other Americans. It is a story of dignified persistence and struggle, a story that produced great heroes and heroines, and one that ultimately succeeded by forcing Americans to confront squarely the shameful gap between their universal principles of equality and justice and the inequality, injustice, and oppression faced by millions of their fellow citizens*

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## An Open Door to Open Government

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While most of Washington spent the weekend digging out of the snow, federal agencies were taking the next steps in making their work more transparent for the American people. Since early December, agencies have worked to create their own web pages to serve as the gateway for each agency's implementation of the Open Government Directive. These pages all went live this weekend, complete with the latest news and updates, downloadable information unique to that agency, and information about how each agency is moving to implement the President's call for a more transparent, participatory, and collaborative government.

Importantly, each of these sites will be the focal point for the agency's open government plans that, after public feedback and suggestion, will make our work across the Administration more accessible to the American people. That's why each Open Government Webpage incorporates a mechanism to seek your ideas and insights. Most agencies are leveraging a new, no-cost public engagement app from the General Services Administration that allows them to pay less attention to designing tools and more attention to running, moderating, and analyzing public input. It will help to make the agency open government pages more effective at turning public suggestions into government actions.

Here at the White House, we're keeping tabs on the agencies' efforts. A dashboard – launched this weekend – tracks agency progress toward the goals of the Open Government Directive. This dashboard will continue to evolve with your feedback.

Since day one, the President has committed his Administration to break down long-standing barriers between the people and their government. The steps that the agencies are taking are designed to change the culture of government from a closed, opaque structure to one that is more accessible and accountable to citizens.

[Check out the agency sites and see their work for yourself.](#)

## American Hip Hop Group HaviKoro Concludes Palestinian Tour فرقة الهيب هوب الأمريكية HaviKoro تختتم جولتها في الأراضي الفلسطينية



The HaviKoro Crew, an American hip hop group based in Houston, Texas, concluded their Palestinian performance tour playing to capacity crowds in the West Bank and East Jerusalem during their three-day program that ended on February 18, 2010. The group performed for audiences and conducted workshops in Ramallah, Nablus and East Jerusalem on a program sponsored by the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem, in partnership with local Palestinian arts and educational institutions. The HaviKoro Crew consists of four members: Mario Jaramillo, Joe Belmarez, Chris Thomas, and Nathan Rene Cano.

Speaking after a workshop at Tomorrow's Youth Organization in Nablus, HaviKoro leader Mario Jaramillo commented, "We are pleased to have been invited by the U.S. Consulate General to take part in this program. It is an honor for us to represent American hip hop in the Middle East and we have been deeply impressed by the quality of dance and performance by several Palestinian hip hop groups that shared the stage with us this week." [Read All](#)



اختتمت فرقة HaviKoro الأمريكية جولتها في الأراضي الفلسطينية والتي استمرت على مدار ثلاثة أيام حيث قدمت الفرقة عروضاً راقصة وعقدت ورشات عمل في كل من رام الله ونابلس والقدس الشرقية من خلال برنامج ممول من القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس بالتعاون مع مؤسسات فنية وتربوية فلسطينية. وتضم الفرقة كل من ماريو جاراميلو قائد الفرقة، جو بيلماريز شاعر ومؤلف، والراقصين كريس توماس وناتان ريني كانو وفي حديثه خلال ورشة العمل في مؤسسة رواد الغد في نابلس علق قائد الفرقة جاراميلو قائلاً " نحن سعداء لدعوة القنصلية الأمريكية لنا للمشاركة في هذا البرنامج و هو شرف كبير لنا ان نمثل موسيقى الهيب هوب الأمريكية في الشرق الأوسط وقد اعجبنا نوعية الرقص و الأداء الرائع الذي قدمته فرق الهيب هوب الفلسطينية هذا الأسبوع". كما أوضح القنصل الإعلامي والثقافي في القنصلية الأمريكية فرانك فنفر في افتتاح العرض في رام الله الذي صادف في شباط 16 ان هذا البرنامج يأتي استجابة لاحتياجات الشباب الفلسطينيين الذين يبحثون عن وسائل ابداعية للتواصل من خلال الفنون الاستعراضية . و اضاف "ان فرقة HaviKoro تمثل افضل هيب هوب من قلب أمريكا لقلوب الشباب الفلسطينيين. وان الوسائل الحيوية للتعبير تزيل الحواجز وتصنع رابطة خاصة بين الحضارات و الشعوب. كما ان القنصلية العامة سعيدة لدعمها لهذا البرنامج". [اقرأ المزيد](#)







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## What is MEPI?

The [Middle East Partnership Initiative \(MEPI\)](#), located within the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, supports efforts to expand political participation, strengthen civil society and the rule of law, empower women and youth, create educational opportunities, and foster economic reform throughout the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Through timely, responsive and innovative approaches, MEPI projects provide critical assistance to local reformers using three primary programming mechanisms:

- [Education and Exchange Programs](#)
- [MEPI Local Grants](#)
- [Washington Awards](#)

In addition to its main office in Washington, DC, MEPI maintains two regional offices in Tunis and Abu Dhabi. The [MEPI Regional Office \(RO\) in Tunis](#) administers more than \$2 million in programming each year across North Africa and the Levant, including the Palestinian Territories. Programs consist of conferences, exchange programs, and funding opportunities such as the Local Grants Program and Civil Society Grants.

MEPI Coordinators are located in U.S. Embassies and Consulates across the region. The MEPI Coordinator in the U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem provides oversight of all MEPI programming in the Palestinian Territories and serves as the local point of contact for MEPI award recipients. For further information regarding specific MEPI awards in the Palestinian Territories please email, [MEPIJerusalem@state.gov](mailto:MEPIJerusalem@state.gov).



The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem Announces the AY 2011 - 2012 Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship PhD Student Program

The Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship is a highly selective program for PhD study at top U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering. Approximately 45 awards will be competed worldwide for candidates who demonstrate unique aptitude and innovation in scientific fields. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership qualities, and a commitment to improving cross-cultural relations through international exchange.

The fellowship will provide the following benefits: Activities, tuition and fees; a monthly stipend for up to 36 months; books and equipment, research and professional conference allowances; J-1 visa sponsorship; round-trip airfare from fellow's home city to the host institution in the United States; health and accident coverage as per U.S. Government guidelines; and specially tailored enrichment activities. After three years, the host U.S. university will be expected to cover the remaining expenses toward completion of the Ph.D.

For more information on Application and Requirements [click here](#)

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## ***Selected E-Docs:***

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- ✓ ARCTIC TREASURE: GLOBAL ASSETS MELTING AWAY. Pew Charitable Trusts. February 2010
- ✓ CLEAN ENERGY MARKETS: JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES. Pew Center on Global Climate Change. February 2010
- ✓ CYBERTERRORISM HYPE V. FACT. Council on Foreign Relations. Robert K. Knake. February 16, 2010.
- ✓ FAIR DEALS FOR WATERSHED SERVICES. International Institute for Environment and Development. Ivan Bond and James Mayers. January 2010
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- ✓ INTERNATIONAL SPACE MEDICINE SUMMIT III: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. James A. Baker Institute for Public Policy. George W. S. Abbey. February 16, 2010
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