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Thank You,

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the
premiere of an original Palestinian-American theatrical production:

From Jerusalem with Love...Naji

The Palestinian National Theater, "Al Hakawati," presents *From Jerusalem With Love*, which brings together American actors and theater technicians with Palestinian actors, technicians, a playwright and director. For six weeks, they have collaborated to create this original, bilingual Arabic/English production that touches on themes of family, friendship, and solidarity.

**برنامج العروض
Performance Program**

Time الساعة	Venue المكان	Date التاريخ
السابعة مساءً 19:00 PM	الحكواتي/ القدس PNT/ Jerusalem	الجمعة Friday 12/3/2010
السابعة مساءً 19:00 PM	الحكواتي/ القدس PNT/ Jerusalem	السبت Saturday 13/3/2010
السابعة مساءً 19:00 PM	الحكواتي/ القدس PNT/ Jerusalem	الأحد Sunday 14/3/2010
السادسة مساءً 18:00 PM	دار الندوة/ بيت لحم Dar Annadwa/ Bethlehem	الثلاثاء Tuesday 16/3/2010
السادسة مساءً 18:00 PM	مسرح نعم/ الخليل YES Theatre/ Hebron	الخميس Thursday 18/3/2010
السابعة مساءً 19:00 PM	مسرح القصبه/ رام الله Al Qasaba Theatre/ Ramallah	السبت Saturday 20/3/2010
السابعة مساءً 19:00 PM	مسرح القصبه/ رام الله Al Qasaba Theatre/ Ramallah	الأحد Sunday 21/3/2010
السادسة مساءً 18:00 PM	جامعة النجاح/ نابلس Al Najah University/ Nablus	الثلاثاء Tuesday 23/3/2010
السادسة مساءً 18:00 PM	مسرح الحرية/ جنين Freedom Theatre/Jenin	الخميس Thursday 25/3/2010
السابعة مساءً 19:00 PM	مركز محمود درويش/ الناصرة Mahmoud Darwish's Cultural Centre/ Nazreth	السبت Saturday 27/3/2010

**لتأكيد الحضور:
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Invitations presented at the theatre door

Remarks to the Press on the Release of the 2009 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices



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Every year, the Secretary of State hosts a briefing like this one. And while in that sense it may seem routine, this event is extraordinary because of its connection to who we are as a country and to the universal aspirations we seek to make real through our foreign policy .

The idea of human rights begins with a fundamental commitment to the dignity that is the birthright of every man, woman and child. Progress in advancing human rights begins with the facts. And for the last 34 years, the United States has produced the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, providing the most comprehensive record available of the condition of human rights around the world.

These reports are an essential tool – for activists who courageously struggle to protect rights in communities around the world; for journalists and scholars who document rights violations and who report on the work of those who champion the vulnerable; and for governments, including our own, as they work to craft strategies to encourage protection of human rights of more individuals in more places .

The principle that each person possesses equal moral value is a simple, self-evident truth, but securing a world in which all can exercise the rights that are naturally theirs is an immense practical challenge. To craft effective human rights policy, we need good assessments of the situation on the ground in the places we want to make a difference. We need a sophisticated, strategic understanding of how democratic governance and economic development can each contribute to creating an environment in which human rights are secured. We need to recognize that rights-protecting democracy and rights-respecting development reinforce each other. And we need the right tools and the right partners to implement the right policies . **Read full remarks**

Also: **2009 Human Rights Report: Israel and the occupied territories**

First Lady at International Women of Courage Awards Ceremony

Michelle Obama pays tribute to achievements of women around the world

It's hard to believe that it's been 15 years since Secretary Clinton spoke those words that inspired women across the globe to think differently about themselves and about their place in the world, and to demand that others think differently, as well: "Women's rights are human rights" is what she said; the five simple words that weren't just a statement of fact, but a call to action. (Applause.)

And we're here today to honor 10 women who have devoted their lives to answering that call in just tremendous ways.

You've heard about them, but, again, there's Ann Njogu who left a comfortable job as chief legal officer at an insurance company because she couldn't bear to stand silent in the face of corruption and violence against women in Kenya. And even after being arrested and assaulted by the police because of her work, she continues to speak out.

Then there's Colonel Shafiqa Quraishi of Afghanistan who began her career with the Afghan National Police. And today, as an official in the Ministry of the Interior, she's fighting to ensure that women in the police force get the promotions they deserve and that women get the benefits they need to do their jobs.

And then there's Dr. Lee Ae-ran who spent eight years of her childhood in a North Korean prison camp. And after a harrowing escape to South Korea, she became a tireless advocate for North Korean refugees and the first defector to run for Korea's National Assembly. (Applause.) Upon receiving an award for her work, she replied, very simply, "I was only doing what I was naturally supposed to do."

These are the kind of battles that women we honor here are fighting all over the world. They're educating girls. They're getting more women into the workforce. They're working to end human trafficking, labor abuses, discrimination against minorities. And they're giving women a voice in the courtrooms and in the parliaments, helping to change laws and transform lives in every corner of the globe.

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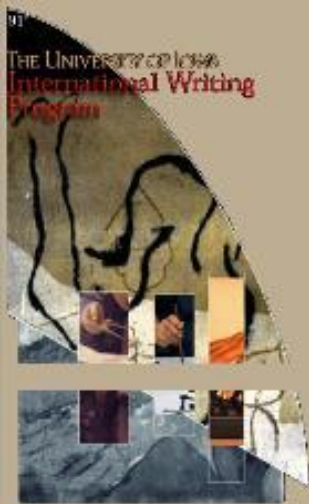
Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's International Women's Day Greetings

March 8th is International Women's Day—a day to reflect on the progress the world has made in advancing women's rights, and to recognize what work remains to be done.

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International Writing Program (IWP)

the University of IOWA

It is a ten-week program that will take place at the University of IOWA from August 28 – November 16, 2010. The IWP is designated for established and emerging creative writers who have published at least one book (or whose work has appeared in significant publications over the past two years) and possess sufficient proficiency in English to benefit from the experience.

The objective of the program is to bring together a wide range of international and U.S. writers to examine current trends in literature including fiction, drama, poetry and screenwriting and to explore the creative process involved in writing. We expect that this professional enrichment will be enhanced for international participants by a first hand experience of U.S. society and culture. The international writers will spend 10 weeks in residence at the University of Iowa in Iowa City presenting their work to local audiences, participating in university level workshops and working with translators. This aspect of the program will help these participants bring their countries' literary works to a wider audience and learn more about U.S. literature. The program will feature increased opportunities for writers to participate in optional collaborative projects with artists from other disciplines including theater and dance. In order to provide a broad exposure to the U.S., the residency will also include field trips to attend literary events, including the humanities festival in Chicago. Participants will also travel for a total of ten days within the U.S. to meet with local writers and collaborate with artists in other fields.

Further details about the program are available on the IWP website: <http://iwp.uiowa.edu/>

Participant Qualifications:

All nominees must be fluent in English and interested in close interaction with other artists from a multiplicity of diverse cultures.

Interested nominees should send their updated curriculum vitae (C.V.) and 10-15 page writing sample in English or English translation to abdallahvg@state.gov for West Bank and East Jerusalem and to emattar@palnet.com for Gaza.

Deadline: Monday, March 15th, 2010.



The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The AY 2011 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the Academic Year 2011 competition for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program. The Fulbright FLTA program is an integral part of the Fulbright student program. The nine month, non-degree program will host around 125 Arabic FLTAs from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, the Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

The FLTA program, funded by the State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), is aimed at strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities, and some high schools, while providing future foreign teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of U.S. society and culture. FLTA fellows spend nine months during the academic year serving as teaching assistants at U.S. educational institutions while also taking courses in English teaching and American Studies as non-degree students. FLTAs also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities and community outreach projects.

[More Information on Applying](#)

Also Check: [Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship Program](#)



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](#)

Selected E-Docs:

- ✓ 1-TO-1 IN EDUCATION: CURRENT PRACTICE, INTERNATIONAL COMPARATIVE RESEARCH EVIDENCE AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Oscar Valiente. March 4, 2010.
- ✓ PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING A PUBLIC EXPENDITURE REVIEW FOR EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL. The World Bank. March 2010.
- ✓ DIPLOMACY REBOOTED: MAKING DIGITAL STATECRAFT A REALITY. James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. Christopher Bronk. March 2, 2010.
- ✓ ENHANCING LEARNING OF CHILDREN FROM DIVERSE LANGUAGE BACKGROUNDS: MOTHER TONGUE-BASED BILINGUAL OR MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION IN THE EARLY YEARS. U.N. Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Jessica Ball. 2010.
- ✓ OPENING STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE 53rd UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. National Drug Control Policy. R. Gil Kerlikowske. March 8, 2010.
- ✓ ENABLING LONG-TERM ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL DATA COLLECTIONS. RAND Corporation. Jeff Rathenberg and Stijn Hoorens. March 8, 2010.
- ✓ EXPLAINING HOUSEHOLD SAVING RATES IN G7 COUNTRIES: IMPLICATIONS FOR GERMANY. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Feliz Hufner and Isabell Koske. March 4, 2010
- ✓ CAN I GET A LITTLE ADVICE HERE?: HOW AN OVERSTRETCHED HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE SYSTEM IS UNDERMINING STUDENTS' COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS. Public Agenda. Jean Johnson et al. March 2010.
- ✓ CYBERSECURITY: PROGRESS MADE BUT CHALLENGES REMAIN IN DEFINING AND COORDINATING THE COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL INITIATIVE. U.S. Government Accountability Office. March 2010.
- ✓ RECONCILIATION AND REPRESENTATION: THE SHARE OF THE POPULATION BY THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY. Center for Economic and Policy Research. Sarika Gupta. March 2010.
- ✓ A MATTER OF DEGREES: PREPARING TEACHERS FOR THE PRE-K CLASSROOM. Pew Center on the States. Marisa Bueno et al. March 9, 2010.

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