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MIC Events & Programs

It's been a busy year at the Minnesota International Center
As Minnesota's population becomes increasingly diverse and the impact of world events on our lives intensifies, the challenge to build and sustain cohesive communities becomes critically important.

Eager to understand the world by engaging its people, Minnesotans attended Minnesota International Center activities in record numbers in 2002-03, with a total attendance of 24,000.

We are proud that in the past year MIC events and activities have connected Minnesotans with people from 120 countries and regions.

Countries represented in MIC Events and Programs*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bosnia Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy including the Holy See, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierre Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, U.S.A. and Puerto Rico, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

* Country and region names as designated by the United Nations Statistics Division. Presentations were also made by representatives of the Hmong community, Oromo and Taiwan.

MIC Turns 50!

Looking Ahead: MIC's 50th Anniversary Year

The idea for the Minnesota International Center was first conceived 50 years ago by a truly visionary group of individuals from the University of Minnesota faculty and administration, the Council of Church Women, the World Affairs Center and the Minneapolis International House Association. Together they established MIC.

Our founders realized that to succeed, MIC must be a community-wide endeavor. Today, this continues to be the strength of MIC — as a nonpartisan grassroots organization, we reach out to all segments of the community and partner with schools, elected officials, and corporations from Austin to International Falls. Over the years and with the help of thousands of volunteers contributing tens of thousands of hours, MIC has grown and flourished for 50 years!

This milestone year will be a time to reflect on our beginnings, to celebrate that bold vision, to recognize that today MIC's mission is more important than ever, and to inspire and prepare a new generation to live in the global village that will be their world.

1. (left to right): Charlie Hartwell (incoming MIC board president), Carol Engebretson Byrne (MIC executive director), Sean Kershaw (Citizens League), Sulieman Nader (Minnesota International Student Association), Emily Anne Tuttle (former MIC board president) and Josef Mestenhauser (one of MIC's founders) at the opening event of MIC's 50th Anniversary year.

Mission Statement

To inspire our community to understand global issues and cultures in an ever changing world.

About The Minnesota International Center

Established as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization to assist international college students, today the Minnesota International Center's (MIC) commitment to education about international issues has grown beyond the campus to embrace the whole community.

MIC has evolved to become the 6th largest World Affairs Council in the United States. World Affairs Councils are a national network of 104 nonprofits with a shared commitment to connect Americans to the world, build people-to-people ties, and enhance international understanding.

MIC is also affiliated with the Foreign Policy Association, NAFSA: The Association of International Educators and the National Council for International Visitors for the U.S. Department of State.



The Power of the Personal



This year Minnesotans took the world personally as never before. In communities from the Twin Cities metropolitan area to International Falls, from Winona to Brainerd, from Rochester to Moorhead, more than 24,000 adults and children attended the 1,000 activities sponsored by the Minnesota International Center.

That's a 50% increase in MIC attendance over 2001–02, itself a year of unprecedented growth following the events of September 11, 2001.

Clearly, there's no ebb in the urgency Minnesotans have felt to connect with the world and to learn about its people.

To meet this accelerating demand, we increased program activities 30% in 2002–03. In classrooms, communities, workplaces and large public forums, MIC brought together people from 120 countries and regions, one on one.

Not surprisingly, MIC's current resources are stretched to the limit — with demand continuing to grow.

Yet, even as we struggle to find new resources, we're energized to know that so many Minnesotans get up in the morning determined to understand the world just a little bit better by the time they go to bed that night.

Their determination is reflected in MIC's successes, like the Foreign Policy Association naming our *Great Decisions* reading and discussion group a national model for program quality and expansion.

We're also very pleased that a new partnering agreement with Twin Cities Public Television and the Carlson Companies will extend our program reach through the broadcast of several of our large public forums reaching an estimated 40,000 viewers throughout the state.

In many ways, it has been an exhilarating year at MIC. In 2003, we revised our mission statement to reflect the urgency and impact of our purpose to reflect the new world in which we live. *"To inspire our community to understand global issues and cultures in an ever changing world."*

To our members, donors, volunteers and board members, we express our deepest appreciation for your commitment and support this past year. In 2003–04, MIC will celebrate our 50th anniversary. Please join us as we renew our commitment as stewards to build a stronger community and better world.

KATHERINE YOUNGBLOOD,
President, MIC Board of Directors

CAROL ENGEBRETSON BYRNE,
Executive Director

2. Katherine Youngblood (outgoing MIC board president), Carol Engebretson Byrne (MIC executive director) and Charlie Hartwell (incoming MIC board president).

Seeing World Affairs

Through the Eyes of International Newsmakers



Bringing ambassadors and other international and influential people from around the world to Minnesota's doorstep, MIC's popular World Affairs forums this year presented and cosponsored 50 events on topics as timely as they were diverse.

The relationship between the U.S. and the U.K.; the future of women in the developing world; Central Asia's position in the war on terrorism; the Jordanian perspective on peace in the Middle East — these are only a few of the topics that brought 11,000 Minnesotans to World Affairs forums presented and cosponsored in 2002–03, doubling last year's attendance figure.

Additionally, six of MIC's forums are now reaching another 40,000 people through a new partnership agreement with Twin Cities Public Television, an arrangement made possible through the generosity of Carlson Companies. (The broadcast audience number goes up to 112,000 with multiple broadcasts.)

Helping Students See the World

MIC offers schools a reduced program fee to encourage teachers to bring their students to our World Affairs forums.

As the traveler who has once been from home is wiser than he who has never left his own doorstep, so a KNOWLEDGE of one other culture should sharpen our ability... to appreciate more lovingly our own.

— MARGARET MEAD, Author of *Coming of Age in Samoa*



1. Thoraya Obaid, executive director of the United Nations Population Fund, addresses the subject of the importance of women in the developing world. **2.** MIC members John Morrison and Todd Lefko swap stories at an MIC luncheon program. **3.** Carol Engebretson Byrne, Sir Christopher Meyer, Marilyn Carlson Nelson and Consul General Robert Culshaw at the MIC program “The Vital Alliance Between Britain and the U.S.” **4.** On behalf of MIC and the Minnesota Trade Office, Governor Jesse Ventura gives an update on the business development mission he led to China. **5.** Ambassador Thomas Pickering, U.S. Representative Betty McCollum and Former Vice President Walter Mondale enjoy a joke at an MIC reception before the program “China, Russia and the U.S.” **6.** Audience members at Thoraya Obaid’s presentation. **7.** Audience members enjoying Governor Ventura’s presentation on his business development mission to China. **8.** Baroness Williams meets with Saint Paul Academy students at an MIC program “The World after September 11, 2001.”

Great Decisions*

Made at the Grassroots Level



We're immensely pleased that the New York-based nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association (FPA), originator of *Great Decisions** reading and discussion groups around the country, now considers MIC's *Great Decisions** a national model — for both program quality and expansion. All of you who participate in *Great Decisions** groups should be so proud of what you've done!

In April, the FPA invited MIC Executive Director Carol Engebretson Byrne to New York City to talk about MIC's *Great Decisions** program and asked her to join a task force to assist programs in other states.

Members of *Great Decisions** groups read eight articles on eight foreign policy topics and then meet to discuss the topics. Often they'll invite a local expert from MIC's directory of speakers to attend a meeting. This year Minnesotans in communities throughout the state organized 32 such discussion groups and held 392 meetings in private homes, workplaces, high schools and college campuses. The total attendance for the year was an impressive 9,013 and included a student attendance of 3,825.

*Great Decisions** groups are active in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Arden Hills, Bloomington, Brainerd, Duluth, Eagan, Edina, Maple Grove, North St. Paul, Plymouth, Rochester, Roseville, St. Cloud, West St. Paul, and Winona. Many more groups are organizing for 2003–2004.

Minnesota's International Voices:

Adapting its successful classroom program for adult participation, MIC this year organized *World Chat* as a pilot program. In small group settings — conducive to asking questions — local and international resources are invited to share their cultural heritage and international experience with other community members. In its first year, 428 people attended 21 *World Chat* sessions with presenters from countries that included Bangladesh, Bosnia, China, Japan, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago.

*Great Decisions is sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association and coordinated in Minnesota by MIC. This program is also made possible in part with funding from the Minnesota Humanities Commission in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Minnesota State Legislature.

The Minnesota International Center (MIC) is one of America's crown jewels in the field of public education in international affairs. MIC has mounted outstanding programs, including one of the most successful Great Decisions* programs in the country. As the Foreign Policy Association prepares to mark the 50th anniversary of the Great Decisions* program, we owe a special debt of gratitude to MIC for its dedication to an ideal we hold dear. It is the ideal of inspiring learning about the world. It has been said that a good teacher explains — the truly great teacher inspires. MIC, like the Foreign Policy Association, strives to inspire a life-long interest in world affairs.

— NOEL V. LATEEF, President & CEO, Foreign Policy Association

Each time I get involved with an MIC program, it makes me wish that I could attend every function and talk to every visitor. Thanks again for working to bring the world into focus and in person through MIC. — AL BERTKE, MIC member

Make a Great Decision

Interested in starting or joining a Great Decisions* discussion group? Please call us at 612.625.4421.



1 & 2. Taslima Khaled speaking about the relationship of Islam and Women at one of MIC's *World Chats*. **3.** *Great Decisions** participants discuss the evening's topic **4.** MIC board member, Rob Scarlett, giving a *Great Decisions** presentation on Colombia. **5.** An MIC *World Chat* audience.

Learning to Work Together

Working to Learn Together

In 2002–03, MIC’s International Visiting Professionals program arranged for more than 288 visitors from 97 countries and regions to meet with their professional peers in Minnesota: from pipeline experts from Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey; to election media specialists from Armenia, Belarus and China; to prison management specialists from Ukraine. Many of these international professionals, whose visits are sponsored by the U.S. State Department, are leaders in their home countries.

Minnesota now ranks seventh in the nation in international agricultural trade. With even small businesses becoming increasingly international, the need grows to establish a multicultural, multilingual perspective.

In addition to setting up professional interactions for international visitors, MIC also tries to provide them with cultural and social experiences that often include dinners in private homes.

When feasible, international visiting professionals from the education field are invited to Minnesota’s classrooms to observe, present and discuss theories and best practices. In the 2002–03 school year, educators from China, Côte d’Ivoire, Israel, Kenya and the United Kingdom made 20 presentations to their education colleagues in Minnesota.



1. International pipeline safety experts from Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan meet with officials from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (Office of Pipeline Safety). 2. Marisol Moreno (Chile), Maria Luisa Restrepo (Colombia) and Adina Giurgiu (Romania) make a new friend while visiting the Staples International Festival. 3. Silvia Ontaneda and Bernardo Creamer (right rear) and their children Rafaela and Bernardito from Ecuador enjoy home hospitality in Staples with their host Roland Joiner (left rear). 4. Thandi Orleyn, International Visitor from South Africa 1989

As Minnesota companies become more closely linked to the global economy, the resources and programs of the Minnesota International Center become increasingly useful. MIC provides a forum to share ideas on international issues, strengthening awareness of other people and cultures in our workplaces, in our schools, and in our communities. Medtronic is proud to be a sponsor of the Minnesota International Center — ART COLLINS, President and CEO, Medtronic

Thanks a lot for a wonderful holiday dinner with terrific people. I have learned about the history of Easter and talked about Central Asia. Such meetings help people from different cultures to understand each other better and make them closer.

— ILHOM MILIYEV, Humphrey Fellow (Uzbekistan)

Dinner Hospitality: Breaking Bread — Making Friends

MIC offers members the opportunity to invite international visitors and students into their homes to share a meal and conversation. In 2002–2003, 122 dinners were arranged for 290 international guests from 60 countries.

The Personal Face of Dinner Hosting:

Thandi Orelyn is a great example of a future leader selected to visit the United States to gain a better understanding of this country and to help realize her potential for leadership in South Africa. When Thandi was here in 1986, she was an attorney developing legal services for the poor in South Africa; now she is one of two black partners in a prestigious law firm specializing in constitutional law, human rights, labor relations, mediation and conflict resolution. For her hosts, Warren and Mary Lou Loud, and hundreds of other MIC members, contact with people like Thandi increases our understanding of other countries and sometimes, as in this case, produces lasting friendships.



Leaders of Tomorrow

Sit In Classrooms Today



Responding to the growing diversity in Minnesota's population, as well as to world events, Minnesota teachers are contacting our International Classroom Connection (ICC) program in record numbers to have international students visit classrooms. Since fall 2001, requests jumped 46%.

With legal immigration adding more than 7,700 people from around the world to Minnesota's population each year, teachers feel challenged to create effective curriculum for an increasingly multicultural and multilingual classroom environment.

In 2002-03, MIC arranged for 71 volunteer speakers from 42 countries to make 438 presentations to more than 11,500 students in K-12 classrooms. Additionally, MIC conducted 19 workshops on the effective use of multicultural resources in the classroom. Over 600 K-12 educators attended these sessions.

MIC carefully selects and trains student presenters, mostly international graduate students at the University of Minnesota. Invariably, they return from classroom visits knowing more about their host country and warmed by the experience of helping young Minnesotans realize that every part of the world is "home" to somebody.

A team of Minnesota high schools students participated in the national Academic WorldQuest, the first national competition for high schools sponsored by the World Affairs Councils of America, in which 14 teams from across the country competed. The Highland Park Senior High School team from St. Paul, sponsored by the Minnesota International Center finished in second place!!



1. Rosalba Morena (Panama) visits a classroom at Garden City Elementary School.
2. Zhihui Geng (China) gives a short history lesson on China at Discovery Middle School, Alexandria.
3. Maria Luisa Restrepo (Colombia) speaks to students at Little Falls High School.





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I never realized that I could get more happiness by giving part of myself for a larger cause. My experiences with the escorts, the teachers, the host families and the students are special pearls shimmering on the necklace of life ... moments which make up some of my fondest memories of Minnesota.
— AMIT, ICC classroom speaker from India



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I thought you'd like to know the tremendous impact Thompson Ivory (Humphrey Fellow and ICC Speaker from Nigeria) made with his visit to my World Literature Class. Everyone in the building is talking about how impressive he was. My principal commented upon the "buzz" that's been generated. Mr. Ivory dazzled students and faculty. Thank you MIC for making such a wonderful experience possible!
— JAN ENGELHARDT, Orono High School teacher



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Thank You

Your individual, foundation and corporate support made it possible for international students to visit classrooms in the Twin Cities metro area, Alexandria, Brainerd, Chisago City, Fairmont, Faribault, Hutchinson, International Falls, Little Falls, Moorhead, Motley/Staples and Stillwater.



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4. Usama Ahmed (Egypt) enjoys lunch with students at Westwood Elementary School in Prior Lake. 5. Abhijit Dando (India) shares facts about his homeland with students at Discovery Middle School, Alexandria. 6. Paul Amla (Togo) interacts with students at Garden City Elementary School. 7. Rachid Sadouk (Morocco) shares his culture with students at Discovery Middle School, Alexandria. 8. These students from Discovery Middle School tried on headgear from around the globe: (left to right) North African, Islamic and Turkish hats.



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Focus On China



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MIC's exuberant, yearlong focus on China gave Minnesotans a look inside the culture, politics and economics of a nation that is not only endlessly fascinating but the fourth largest trading partner for both the U.S. and Minnesota.

In April, our annual one-day symposium, "China and the United States: An Evolving Relationship," was held at Cargill Headquarters. Discussion centered on key business and cultural challenges that U.S. and Chinese companies face in developing and maintaining mutually beneficial relationships.

Earlier in the year, MIC cosponsored with the Minnesota Trade Office a China Trade Mission briefing and panel discussion on the trade mission Governor Jesse Ventura led to China. Career Ambassador Thomas Pickering also brought a diplomat's perspective to relations with China as part of his address in the MIC Ambassador Series.

1. The presenters at MIC's symposium on China. (left to right, front row): Daniel Luthringshauser (MIC board member), Arthur Collins (Medtronic), Warren Staley (Cargill), Shirley Young (Shirley Young Associates), Consul General Xu Jinzhong, U.S. Senator Norm Coleman, Carol Engebretson Byrne (MIC executive director), Stephen Sanger (General Mills), and George Martin (Faegre and Benson.) (left to right, back row): Gao Xiqing (China's National Council for Social Security Fund), James MacGregor (Vermilion Ventures), Dai Yun Lou (Council for Commercial Affairs for the Embassy of China), Harry Harding (George Washington University), Former Vice President Walter Mondale, U.S. Representative Betty McCollum, Carl Goldstein (MIC board member) 2. MIC benefit committee chairs, Melissa Camarena and Brian Chang, admire the *Year of China* poster that was for sale at the benefit. 3. MIC Executive Director Carol Byrne with Honorary *Year of China* Co-Chairs Gene and Gail Sit at the MIC benefit. 4. High school students attending the MIC China symposium. 5. Colorful kites decorated the MIC *Year of China* benefit.



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The Minnesota International Center's (MIC) Year of China program was a great success thanks to the commitment of all parties concerned, particularly the MIC staff, and the active participation of the local people who have a strong interest in China. The diversified program served as a good platform for the increase of mutual understanding and promotion of cooperation between China and the State of Minnesota. I truly believe that we will witness and enjoy the benefits of the program in the years to come. — XU JINZHONG, Chinese Consul General



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Other events included a public lecture by Bill Moyers, featuring the PBS documentary “Becoming American: The China Experience,” cosponsored with the Minnesota Historical Society; insightful *World Chat* and *Great Decisions* sessions on China; and a performance of the Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) Dance Theater, cosponsored with the China Center.

For its classroom programs, MIC packed up a big, red suitcase loaded with Chinese artifacts, books and posters. Younger students made Armchair Traveler Passports to keep track of everything they learned about China. Older students “planned a trip” using detailed maps and guidebooks.

In June, MIC celebrated the splendor of Chinese culture at its primary fundraising event of the year, an evening of Chinese music, dancing and cuisine at the Nicollet Island Pavilion. The evening included a silent auction of items generously donated by friends and sponsors of MIC. We depend on the event for about 20% of MIC’s annual budget, and we’re so grateful to all of you who gave unstintingly of your time and energy to make it successful. Our special thanks to Melissa Camarena and Brian Chang, co-chairs for the benefit, and also to Eugene and Gail Sit, honorary co-chairs.



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- 6. Benefit attendees (left to right) Ming Yao (China Council for the Promotion of International Trade), Yang Song (Director of the Cultural Office, Consulate General of China, Chicago) and Dr. Hong Yang (MIC board member) enjoy Chinese beer at the MIC benefit.
- 7. Local Minnesota CEOs, Warren Staley, Stephen Sanger and Art Collins, with George Martin at the podium, discuss U.S.-China business partnerships at the China symposium.
- 8. China symposium audience members, (left to right) Weiming Lu, Leeann Chin, and Dr. Hong Yang enjoy the Ambassadorial perspective.
- 9. Katherine Youngblood, MIC board president, and Consul General Xu Jinzhong at the China symposium.
- 10. Exotically-dressed *Year of China* benefit committee members (left to right) Susan Kinder, Mary Jane Carlson, Susan Plimpton and Shawne Buckley Thiry.
- 11. China in a Suitcase

MIC'S Year In Review



At MIC, our mission is to inspire our community to understand global issues and cultures in an ever-changing world. We also consider it our privilege.

Our Year in Review pages reflect the wide range of activities and events MIC has sponsored in 2002–03 — and the commitment of more than 1,000 volunteers who have contributed nearly 14,800 hours to make it possible for MIC to connect Minnesotans of all ages with the world beyond our geographic and cultural borders.

Some of MIC's Events & Programs in 2002–2003

MIC Ambassador Series

- **The Vital Alliance between Britain and the U.S.;** British Ambassador to the U.S.
- **Crisis and Peace in the Middle East;** Jordanian Ambassador to the U.S.
- **U.S.–Argentina Relations: Weathering the Financial Storm;** Deputy Chief of Mission of the Argentine Embassy to the United States
- **The War on Terrorism;** U.S. Ambassador to Azerbaijan
- **China, Russia and the U.S.;** U.S. Career Ambassador and Senior Vice President of The Boeing Company

Selected Forums presented by MIC

- **The World After September 11;** Party Leader, U.K. House of Lords
- **The Importance of Women in the Developing World;** Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund
- **African Art: A Force for Change in African Societies;** former Education Director, Smithsonian National Museum of African Art
- **Is There a Future in Foreign Assistance?;** former Director U.S. Agency for International Development
- **Unholy War: Terror in the Name of Islam;** Director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University
- **Counter Terrorism in the Post 9-11 Era: Implications for Public Policy and Corporate Strategy;** former FBI terrorism and counter-intelligence specialist

MIC Small Group Discussions

- **Current Issues in Pakistan;** Civil Service Deputy Commissioner
- **Nigeria Today;** solicitor of the Nigerian Supreme Court
- **Women's Rights;** U.S. representative to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women
- **Humanitarian Issues in Afghanistan;** General Counsel of the American Refugee Committee
- **Islam and Women;** founding member of Muslim Community Outreach
- **U.S.–Saudi Relations;** private consultant on national security



MIC Cosponsored Programs

MIC collaborated with many other internationally focused organizations within the community to increase people's access to the array of international resources, programs and perspectives available right here in Minnesota. Listed below is a selection from the 33 events cosponsored by MIC in 2002-03:

- Finding Common Ground – Solutions for the Middle East; Macalaster College
- Peace on Earth Concert; World Voice Chorale of the Twin Cities
- Annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum and Peace Prize Festival
- Who are Minnesota's Recent Immigrants; Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services
- The Good Friday Agreement; Irish American Unity Conference

WITH THE MINNESOTA TRADE OFFICE:

- Report on the Governor's Trade Mission to China
- Doing Business in Japan
- Managing Finance and Credit Risk in Latin America
- Environmental Opportunities in Central and Eastern Europe

WITH THE MEDIA:

- Citizen Conversations on Terrorism; *Star Tribune* and Twin Cities Public Television
- Global Health: Why Should Minnesotans Care? Twin Cities Public Television, the Mayo Clinic, and *By the People*
- What's News? – Observations of 9 International Journalists; World Press Institute
- Gender and the Media; Asian College of Journalism in Chennai/Madras, India

Great Decisions Discussion Topics

- Unilateralism vs. Multilateralism
- Afghanistan
- U.S. and Saudi Arabia
- Nigeria
- International Food Policy
- China
- European Integration
- Women and Human Rights

MIC International Visiting Professionals

- **U.S. Foreign Policy** (Cameroon, Croatia, South Africa, Thailand, Yemen, Denmark, Germany, Slovenia, United Kingdom)
- **Political Education and Process** (Italy, Spain, Bulgaria, Australia, Indonesia, Uruguay, Belarus, Armenia, United Kingdom, China)
- **Government and Public Affairs** (Colombia, Tunisia, Romania, Poland, Bulgaria, South Africa, Japan, Fiji, Israel, India, Finland)
- **Judicial Affairs and Public Safety** (China, France, Croatia, Thailand, South Africa, Yemen, Panama, Romania, Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Czech Republic, Canada, Hungary, Mauritius, Pakistan, Taiwan, United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Moldova)
- **Drug Treatment and Prevention Strategies** (Brazil, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Russia, Caribbean countries, Côte d'Ivoire, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Argentina, New Zealand, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tajikistan, Panama, Egypt, South Africa, Sierre Leone, Bulgaria)
- **NGOs and Nonprofit Management** (Japan, African Countries, Madagascar, India, Turkey, Uzbekistan)

- **Education and University Administration** (Austria, Canada, Uzbekistan, Chile, Ecuador, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Algeria, Malawi, Mauritius, South Africa, Sri Lanka)
- **Human Rights and Social Services** (Egypt, India, Israel, Romania, Italy, Japan, Indonesia, Russian Federation, Uzbekistan, Poland, Brazil, Republic of Korea, Ukraine, Panama, The Holy See, United Kingdom)
- **Biotech and Food Safety** (France, Japan)
- **Environmental and Agricultural Issues** (China, Turkey, India, France, Nepal, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Korea)
- **Print Journalism** (South Africa, Tunisia, Angola, Uganda, Zambia, Kenya, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Yemen, Jordan, Spain, Germany, Pakistan, Nepal, Burma, India, Cambodia, Hungary, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Trinidad and Tobago)
- **Media and Communication** (Romania, Japan, Armenia, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Poland, Viet Nam, Belarus, Ecuador, Uganda)
- **Global Economy and Business** (Japan, Colombia, Latvia, Israel, Nepal, Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Honduras, Mexico, Venezuela, China)
- **Religion** (Tajikistan)
- **Arts** (Uzbekistan, Belarus, Hungary, Jordan)
- **Medicine and Health Services** (China, Japan, Serbia, Chile)
- **Cultural Diversity and Immigration** (Spain, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, United Kingdom, China)

1. Twin Cities International Citizen Award recipients: (left to right) Fred Harris, vice president of Diversity Programs, representing the corporate recipient 3M; Robin Phillips, director of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights; Esperanza Guerrero-Anderson, president, Milestone Growth, Inc.; Carol Engebretson Byrne, executive director, Minnesota International Center; Rev. Dr. Arthur A. Rounder, Jr., director, the Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation; and Jawad Towns, youth recipient, St. Paul. **2.** The distinguished Ambassador panel at the MIC Year of China symposium. (left to right): Ambassador James Sasser, Former Vice President and Ambassador Walter Mondale and Ambassador Burton Levin. **3.** This student is wearing an embroidered robe and hat typical of men's clothing in North Africa.



Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

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| Membership and Individual Contributions | \$299,731 |
| Corporate and Foundation Contributions | 298,255 |
| State Grants | 50,000 |
| Federal Grants | 49,030 |
| In-Kind Contributions | 81,949 |
| Building New Bridges Grants | 84,000 |
| Program Income | 50,391 |
| Investment Income and Other Revenue | 14,257 |
| Unrealized Gains on Long-term Investment | (2,843) |
| Total Unrestricted Support and Revenue | \$924,770 |

Expense

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Community Program | \$138,525 |
| International Classroom Connection Program | 199,726 |
| Professional Exchange Program | 120,483 |
| World Affairs Program | 215,253 |
| Development/Fundraising | 135,288 |
| General Operating (administration, equipment, supplies) | 103,867 |
| Total Operating Expense | \$913,142 |

Support and Revenue over Operating Expense \$11,628

Technology Project Expense ** \$9,620

Support and Revenue over Total Expense \$2,008

** With Board approval, MIC began a project to build capacity by significantly improving information systems using part of the \$95,158 surplus from 1999 – 2000. These are ongoing expenses for that project.

Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year End – June 30, 2003

Assets

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash/Cash Equivalents | \$266,955 |
| Board Designated Reserve | 174,259 |
| Equipment (net) | 38,277 |
| Pledges/Accounts Receivable | 257,127 |
| Prepaid Assets | 5,028 |
| Endowment Investment | 183,687 |
| BNB Opportunities Fund | 474,654 |
| Total Assets | \$1,399,987 |

Liabilities & Net Assets

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Current Liabilities | \$43,593 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets: | |
| Operating | 158,931 |
| Board Designated Reserve | 174,259 |
| Temporarily Restricted Net Assets | 839,517 |
| Permanently Restricted Net Assets | 183,687 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$1,399,987 |

These statements prepared from statements audited by EideBailly LLP as of 6/30/03.

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This is the first time that we had ever joined an American family dinner. The experience was precious and unforgettable. I think this is a good opportunity for our international students to get an idea of American family life and American customs, which can help us enhance our cross-cultural awareness...

— WEIQUN SU, International student

I would like to say thank you for the incredible symposium today. I found great value in every one of the presentations. I am coming from an educational background and working relationship with China, but the contributions of each individual added insights and new knowledge that I know will benefit the work I do....

— KATHY JOHNSON, CIDE, University of Minnesota

Some Final Words



Last night's dinner with the Armenian international visitors was terrific. When I pointed out the Mississippi River ... one of our guests asked whether he could take a picture of the river. He explained that The Adventures of Tom Sawyer had been one of his favorite books as a boy

— JIM DORSEY, MIC board member and dinner host

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