

International Programs

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Cultural Nights Fall 08

Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Loading Dock
Memorial Union

- NOV. 20 - JAPAN
- DEC. 4 - CAMEROON

Country in Focus: Cameroon



Independence - 1960

Government - Republic,
Multiparty Presidential Regime

Capital - Yaounde

Population - 18,467,692 (est.
2008)

Largest city - Douala, 1,490,500
(metro. area), 1,274,300 (city
proper)

Area - 183,568 square miles,
roughly the size of California

Median Age - 18 years old

Life Expectancy - 48

Language - 24 major African
language groups; English and
French are the official languages

Literacy rate - 67.2% (2006 est.)

Economy

Industry: petroleum
production and refining, food
processing, light consumer
goods, textiles.

Agriculture: coffee, cacao,
cotton, rubber; livestock;
timber.

Exports: crude oil and
petroleum products, lumber,
cacao, aluminum.

Building Bridges



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International Education Week November 17 – 21, 2008



International Education Week (IEW), November 17-21, is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Education and

the U.S. Department

of State to celebrate the benefits of International Education and Exchange. The schedule of events for IEW at UND are:

November 17 International Student Day
Greet and thank the international students for being a part of UND

November 18 Global Visions Film Series: The Day my God Died
7:00 pm Memorial Union
Lecture Bowl

November 19 International Dinner featuring Saudi Arabian Cuisine in Squires, Terrace and Wilkerson
Display in Wilkerson Dining Center

Chinese Film Series

6:30 pm at the International Centre featuring "**Chungking Express**," a film by the famous Hong Kong director, Wang Kar-wai.

November 20 Japan Night
7:00 pm Loading Dock,
Memorial Union

Study Abroad Photo Contest – Memorial Union, in the display next to *Stomping Grounds*

More information about IEW at the national and international levels is available at <http://www.iew.state.gov>.

TN Admissions & Extensions Up to 3 Years

The US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) has made a change in TN temporary employment visas for Canadian and Mexican citizens. TN visas are available to Canadian and Mexican citizens who have the required degrees

and skills in 63 job areas as outlined in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Previously a TN visa was good for up to one year with possible extensions of 1 year at a time. Now, the USCIS will grant TN visas for up to 3 years for initial admission and extensions of stay in the United States. For more information on TN visas, call Dr. William Young at 777-3935.

Neha Patel joins OIP staff

On November 3, 2008 Ms. Neha Patel joined the Office of International Programs as a half-time International Recruiting Assistant. In this position Neha will help support UND's international student recruiting efforts by:



- Being a point of contact with prospective undergraduate international students;
- Ensuring that overseas partner universities, educational specialists, and Education USA Advisors have current information about UND to support sending students to study at UND.
- Building collaborative relationships with all University constituents, including academic departments, advisors, and support staff, in support of successful undergraduate international recruiting.
- Coordinating on-campus events for prospective international students.

Neha, originally from India, moved to Grand Forks with her family in 2001. We welcome her to our office.

Volunteers sought for Thanksgiving Dinner

Each year the Office of International Programs provides a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our international students on Thanksgiving Day. We plan to serve about 200 students on this national holiday and seek volunteers to help serve the meal. All the food is prepared, and volunteers are needed from 12 noon till 4 pm to serve the meal. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tatjana Richards at 777-6438 by Friday, November 14.

