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USF HOSTS UNITED NATIONS ADVISOR FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Kiran Bedi, Civilian Police Advisor to the United Nations and the first and highest ranking woman in the Indian Police Service, will give a lecture entitled "International Peacekeeping" on Friday, November 21, 2:00 p.m., at the USF Marshall Center, Room 296. A former tennis champion, Bedi has excelled in nearly every aspect of her life. In addition to a law degree, she holds a Ph.D. in Social Sciences from the renowned Indian Institute of Technology. In 1972, she became the first woman ever to join the Indian Police Service and is today considered by many to be an outstanding example of the changing role of women in India. Bedi is the winner of the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for government service, and she has been honored by various international governments and organizations for her contributions to peacekeeping. The lecture concludes the weeklong celebration of International Education Week, November 17 to 21.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, International Education Week aims to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and that attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States. Throughout International Education Week, International Affairs will sponsor and highlight various cultural and educational activities at USF that support these goals.

"As we work to end the scourge of terrorism, let us also work to increase peace, prosperity and democracy" said Secretary of State Colin L. Powell. "We can do this through international programs that promote the exchange of ideas and the sharing of experiences. These programs give us insight into other languages and cultures and in the process build long lasting relationships among peoples based on mutual understanding, respect and trust."

"International Education Week is a good opportunity for individuals and institutions to promote and celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange," adds

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Secretary of Education Rod Paige. "I welcome the participation of schools, colleges and universities, embassies, international organizations, businesses, and associations."

Kicking off the week is an exhibition of winning photographs from the 2003 USF International Photo Competition. The contest gave students, faculty, and staff an opportunity to share their international experiences through their photography. More than 350 photos were submitted, and winners will be announced at the opening reception on November 17, at noon in the William and Nancy Oliver Gallery in the Fine Arts Studio, Tampa Campus.

A summary of the events planned for International Education Week are listed below:

November, all month

"Afghan Folio"

A photographic exhibit by Luke Powell

Location: Grace Allen Room, USF Library, 4th Floor

Sponsored by International Student and Scholar Services and Fowler White

This event is free and open to the public.

Contact: David Austell, (813) 974-5102

November 17-21, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

2003 International Photo Competition Exhibit

A photographic exhibit of winning images taken by USF faculty, staff, and students for the International Photo Competition.

Location: William and Nancy Oliver Gallery, Fine Arts Studio, Tampa campus

Sponsored by International Affairs

This event is free and open to the public.

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Monday, November 17, 12:00 p.m.

2003 International Photo Competition Photo Exhibit Awards Reception

Opening reception to announce and honor winning images from the International Photo Competition.

Location: William and Nancy Oliver Gallery, Fine Arts Studio, Tampa campus

Sponsored by International Affairs

This event is free and open to the public.

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Monday, November 17, 6:00 p.m.

"Globalization, the World Trade Organization, and Asia"

A lecture by Dr. Kent Calder, Princeton University

Location: Grace Allen Room, USF Library, 4th Floor

Sponsored by the Globalization Research Center and International Affairs

This event is free and open to the public.

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Monday, November 17, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Holiday Celebration 2003

Holidays across cultures

Location: Martin Luther King Plaza

Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Activities

This event is free and open to the public.

Contact: Stacy Koshko, (813) 974-8826

Wednesday, November 19, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

"Study Abroad Meets Intercultural Communication"

A workshop for faculty and staff to help students prepare for cultural differences in study abroad

Location: SVC 2080

Sponsored by Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence

Contact: Jeffra Flaitz, (813) 974-3433

Thursday, November 20, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

International Visiting Scholars Reception

Location: Grace Allen Room USF Library, 4th Floor

Sponsored by International Student and Scholar Services

This event is free and open to the public.

Contact: Catherine Seybold, (813) 974-1098

Thursday, November 20, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ELI's Fourth Annual International Festival

Location: Martin Luther King Plaza

Sponsored by the English Language Institute

This event is free and open to the public.

Contact: Ariadne D. Miranda, (813) 974-3923

Friday, November 21, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"International Peacekeeping"

A lecture by Dr. Kiran Bedi, Civilian Police Advisor to the United Nations

Location: Marshall Center, Room 296

Sponsored by International Affairs Center, College of Business Administration,
College of Public Health, the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, and
Students of India Association

This event is free and open to the public.

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Friday, November 21, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"U.S. - Africa Relations: The Role of the Africa Union" International Conference

Location: TECO Conference Hall, College of Education

Sponsored by the Institute on Black Life & Center for Africa and the Diaspora

Contact: Patrick Sandji, (813) 974-4727

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