

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: August 14, 2003.

**Harry E. Haskins,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 4348]

#### **Establishment of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Diplomacy**

*Establishment of advisory committee:* This notice is published in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and advises of the establishment of the Department of States Advisory Committee on Cultural Diplomacy. The Secretary of State has determined that the establishment of the committee is in the public interest and fulfills the requirements set forth in Pub. L. 107-228, section 224.

*Purpose of the advisory committee:* The Advisory Committee on Cultural Diplomacy will advise the Secretary on programs and policies to advance the use of cultural diplomacy in United States foreign policy.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Citizen Exchanges, Cultural Programs Division is the organization within the Department of State that is supporting this advisory committee. For additional information, contact Angier Peavey, Advisory Committee Management Secretariat 301 Fourth Street SW., Washington DC 20547, telephone (202) 619-4809.

Dated: July 30, 2003.

**Patricia S. Harrison,**

*Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 4458]

#### **Bureau of Consular Affairs; Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-2005) Visa Program**

**ACTION:** Notice of registration for the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

This public notice provides information on how to apply for the DV 2005 Program. This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.33(b)(3) which implements sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1153, and 1154(a)(1)(G)).

#### **Instructions for the 2005 Diversity Immigrant Visa Program (DV-2005)**

The congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program is administered on an annual basis by the Department of State and conducted under the terms of Section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Section 131 of the Immigration Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-649) amended INA 203 to provide for a new class of immigrants known as "diversity immigrants" (DV immigrants). The Act makes available 50,000 permanent resident visas annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

The annual DV program makes permanent residence visas available to persons meeting the simple, but strict, eligibility requirements. Applicants for Diversity Visas are chosen by a computer-generated random lottery drawing. The visas, however, are distributed among six geographic regions with a greater number of visas going to regions with lower rates of immigration, and with no visas going to citizens of countries sending more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the past five years. Within each region, no one country may receive more than seven percent of the available Diversity Visas in any one year.

For DV-2005, natives of the following countries are *not* eligible to apply because they sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the previous five years (the term "country" in this notice includes countries, economies and other jurisdictions explicitly listed beginning on page 15). Canada, China (mainland-born), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam. *Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR and Taiwan are eligible*

#### **Application Submission Dates**

Entries for the DV-2005 Diversity Visa Lottery must be submitted electronically between Saturday, November 1, 2003 and Tuesday,

December 30, 2003. Applicants may access the electronic Diversity Visa entry form at [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov) during the 60-day registration period beginning November 1. Paper entries will not be accepted.

#### **Requirements For Entry**

- Applicant must be a native of one of the countries listed beginning on page 10. See "List of Countries by Region Whose Natives Qualify."

*Native of a country whose natives qualify:* In most cases this means the country in which the applicant was born. However, if a person was born in a country whose natives are ineligible but his or her spouse was born in a country whose natives are eligible, such person can claim the spouse's country of birth providing both the applicant and spouse are issued visas and enter the U.S. simultaneously. If a person was born in a country whose natives are ineligible, but neither of his or her parents was born there or resided there at the time of the birth, such person may be able to claim nativity in the country of birth of one of the parents.

- Applicants must meet either the education or training requirement of the DV program.

*Education or Training:* An applicant must have EITHER a high school education or its equivalent, defined as successful completion of a 12-year course of elementary and secondary education; OR two years of work experience within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience to perform. The U.S. Department of Labor's O\*Net OnLine database will be used to determine qualifying work experience. Applicants will also find a link to a Labor Department list of qualifying occupations at the Consular Affairs Web site: <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

If the applicant cannot meet these requirements, he or she should NOT submit an entry to the DV program.

#### **Procedures for Submitting an Entry to DV-2005**

- All entries by an applicant will be disqualified if more than ONE entry for the applicant is received, regardless of who submitted the entry. Applicants may prepare and submit their own entries, or have someone submit the entry for them.

- For the DV-2005 Program, the Department of State for the first time will only accept completed Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Forms submitted electronically at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> during a lengthened 60 day registration period beginning November 1, 2003.