

Press Releases: Special Representative for North Korea Policy Joseph Yun Travels to the Republic of Korea

Media Note
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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Special Representative for North Korea Policy Ambassador Joseph Yun will travel to Seoul and Jeju from November 14-17 for meetings with the R.O.K. government. Special Representative Yun will also participate in the Northeast Asia Platform for Peace and Cooperation Conference and the United Nations Conference on Disarmament.

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Press Releases: International Education Week Kicks Off With Record Number of Students Studying Abroad

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From November 13-17, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education will celebrate International Education Week (IEW) by encouraging Americans and international students to seek opportunities to study abroad, make connections with peers in other countries, and ultimately see themselves as actors in and shapers of both their local communities and an interconnected world.

To open IEW, the State Department, in collaboration with the Institute of International Education, released the annual [Open Doors](#) report of data and trends in international academic mobility. For the second year in a row, more than one million international students studied at U.S. institutions of higher education in academic year 2016/17, an increase of three percent over the prior year. The number of American students studying abroad also increased by four percent from the prior year to 325,339 Americans.

International students have a major positive impact on U.S. communities, universities and colleges by enhancing classrooms and campuses with an exchange of ideas, improved understanding of different cultures, and by contributing more than \$39.4 billion to the U.S. economy.

Throughout IEW, events at schools and universities across the United States and around the world will focus on the importance of international education in fostering security and economic growth and highlight why more students should have access to an international education.

The State Department is continuing its efforts to broaden participation in U.S.-sponsored exchange programs, including the Fulbright Program, the Critical Language Scholarship Program, and the Gilman Program. Additionally, the State Department will hold "Passport to the World" events throughout the month of November to encourage U.S. citizens to apply for a passport.

More can be found at iew.state.gov. For press inquiries, contact ECA-Press@state.gov. And follow the conversation on social media at #IEW2017.

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Press Releases: Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch To Travel to Mexico

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Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch will travel to Mexico November 14-17, to review consular operations at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City as well as at the U.S. Consulate General in Monterrey.

While in Mexico, Assistant Secretary Risch will head the United States delegation in a bilateral consular dialogue with Mexican counterparts, as well as liaise with interagency partners.

The United States is committed to long-term bilateral engagement with Mexico on a variety of consular-related issues, including protecting U.S. citizens overseas, growing the U.S. economy through tourist and business travel, working together on international adoptions, and preventing and resolving international parent child abduction cases.

For press inquiries please contact CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov or (202) 485-6150.

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[Press Releases: Earthquake Near the Iran-Iraq Border](#)

Press Statement
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The United States expresses its sincere condolences to all of those affected by the earthquake in Iran and Iraq. We keep the families of those who were killed, and injured, in our thoughts as well as the communities that have suffered damage to homes and property.

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[Press Releases: Admiral Michael S. Rogers and Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security Michael T. Evanoff To Speak at the Overseas Security Advisory Council's 32nd Annual Briefing](#)

Notice to the Press

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More than 1,500 public and private security professionals from U.S. businesses, academia, faith-based institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and the federal government will gather at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City on November 15-16, 2017, for the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) 32nd Annual Briefing.

Media are invited to attend the opening session November 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This portion will also be streamed live at www.state.gov/osac2017.

A keynote address will be delivered by Admiral Michael S. Rogers, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, and Director, National Security Agency. Michael T. Evanoff, Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security at the U.S. Department of State will provide opening remarks.

The opening session will also include the following additional speakers:

- Christian J. Schurman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security
- Michelle Bernier-Toth, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs
- Thomas G. Scanlon, OSAC Executive Director
- Dan Schlehr, Vice President of Global Security Services, Raytheon Company

If you would like to attend the open press portion of this event, please RSVP to DS-Press@state.gov by November 14, 2017.

Subject matter experts will be available for interviews. Please send requests to DS-Press@state.gov.

Pre Set time for video cameras: 7:30 a.m.

Final Access time for writers and still photographers: 8:00 a.m.

Media representatives may attend this event upon presentation of one of the following: (1) A U.S. Government-issued identification card (Department of State, White House, Congress, Department of Defense or Foreign Press Center), (2) a media-issued photo identification card, or (3) a letter from their employer on letterhead verifying their employment as a journalist, accompanied by an official photo identification card (driver's license, passport).

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For additional information or interview requests, please contact Aaron Testa at TestaAM@state.gov or (571) 345-2504.

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