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IRC NEWS – 011

I – Reopening of the IRC

Following a month of closure for its annual inventory, the IRC reopened on September 4th for regular business, with over 100 people in attendance for the opening ceremony. Attendees were decision makers, including government officials, leaders from the private sector, deans from the universities, scientists, lawyers, presidents of NGOs, other associations, as well as media professionals.

After a brief presentation by the IRC Assistant, the IRC Director showcased the IRC resources, the IRC Services including the E-Service, the online dissemination of the information to contacts, and the Book of the Month program for 2008. PAS Abidjan is thankful to ARS Paris for forwarding the Nouveaux Horizons new titles in time; they added an attractive and relevant book display during the ceremony. Participants signed for the IRC E-services and thanked the Embassy for providing them with invaluable resources. The IRC presented 120 copies of the IIP Materials 'Info USA'. Please read the pictorial history. And visit our website for more <http://abidjan.usembassy.gov>



Mrs. Rouamba, the IRC Assistant



A view of the participants (1)



A view of the participants (2)



The IRCD explaining the book program based on NH titles



A participant expressing her gratitude



Government officials



National TV Interviewing the IRCD



A participant interviewed

II – The English Department of the University of Cocody in the IRC

The IRC Abidjan starts its new program named 'Cross Cultural Research' with 210 students of the English Department of the University of Cocody. On September 5, the first group of 50 students attended the first session 'Diversity in United States'. The Cross Cultural Research has the objectives to focus on comparative approach to mutual understanding and reduce the digital gap. It consisted in a powerpoint presentation of the IRC print, digital and online resources available on the subject. Information research techniques were also taught to the group. Participants appreciated the IRC programs and mainly the IIP webchat station

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/Products/Webchats.html>.

The participants were impressed by the abundant and top quality print and online information resources available in the IRC. Teachers and graduate students subscribed for the IRC membership card and signed up for USINFO Webchat. The next session is scheduled for Friday September 7.



Participants listening to...



The IRCD and Professor Anna Manouan



Participants using the IRC computers



Practical sessions



Using Info USA



Browsing and reading

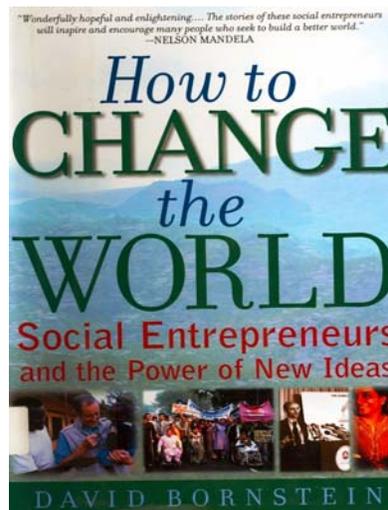
III - COMING SOON! COMING SOON!

SEPTEMBER 13 @ 2:00 PM IN THE IRC

Do you want to know how to change the world and who is a social Entrepreneur?

If yes, please mark you calendar and join us in the IRC on September 13 at 2:00 PM for a book program (in French) based on a Best Seller, translated in more that 10 languages: 'How to change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas.'

Please refer to this link to read more about this book.
<http://www.howtochangetheworld.org/>



What great minds said about this book:

'Wonderful hopeful and enlightening...the stories of the Social Entrepreneurs will inspire and encourage many people who seek to build a better world'

Nelson Mandela

'The social entrepreneurs chronicled in this book are part of the vital generation of independent, creative leaders are sparking social changes in the United States and in parts of the world where people are most in need. We will be hearing much more from them in the years to come.'

Bill Bradley