
FIFTY AMBASSADORS TO HEADLINE SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL'S 2015 DIPLOMATIC GALA

WASHINGTON, DC – On March 10, members of Congress, business and community leaders, municipal officials, and 50 ambassadors to the U.S. will join Sister Cities International to celebrate “Peace through People” at its 2015 Diplomatic Gala in Washington, DC. The Gala is a part of the U.S. Department of State’s [Global Partnerships Week](#).

The Gala Honorary Host Committee is chaired by the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and Commerce, and includes a number of members of Congress and Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser. The Honorary Host Committee also includes more than 50 Ambassadors to the U.S., including H.E. Ambassador Kim Beazley (Australia), H.E. Ambassador Román Macaya Hayes (Costa Rica), H.E. Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae (Japan), H.E. Ambassador Ebrahim Rasool (South Africa), and H.E. Ambassador Martin Dahinden (Switzerland). Visit www.sistercities.org/gala for the full list of confirmed attendees.

At the Gala, former Senator Richard Lugar (Indiana) and former Congressman Jim Moran (VA-08) will be awarded the Congressional Diplomatic Leadership Awards. Former U.S. Ambassador to Estonia, Hon. Aldona Vos will be honored with the Diplomatic Leadership Award, and Jamaica’s Former Honorary Consul to Atlanta, the late Hon. Vin Martin, will be posthumously awarded the Global Citizen Diplomat Award. The Corporate Diplomacy Award will be given to D.C. United, and the Excellence in Diplomacy Award will go to the Maryland Army National Guard.

Guests will enjoy international cuisine, cocktails, entertainment, and a silent auction. The silent auction features more than 40 items including roundtrip airfare, international artwork, professional sports team memorabilia, and gift cards. All Gala proceeds will benefit Sister Cities International and the sister cities network.

The Gala will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:00pm at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Hall of Flags (1615 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20062). The Gala is open to the public and tickets are available for purchase at www.sistercities.org/gala. Individual tickets are \$250 and young professional tickets (under 35 years old) are \$150.

For interview opportunities, press passes, and event details, please call Megha Swamy at 202-347-8637 or email mswamy@sistercities.org.

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About Sister Cities International

Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International serves as the national membership organization for over 545 individual sister cities, counties, and states across the United States with relationships in 2,100 communities in 145 countries. This sister city network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers who work tirelessly to promote peace and understanding through programs and projects focusing on arts and culture, youth and education, economic and sustainable development, and humanitarian assistance.

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