

Grampian Region Breakfast



May 1—Council Member Mike Sullivan was a featured guest speaker at the annual Grampian Region breakfast, along with the Lord Provost of Houston's Sister City of Aberdeen, Scotland. Due to its close proximity to major North Sea oil and gas deposits, the Grampian Region has achieved international recognition as a global energy center.

CEO of Petrobras



May 3—Mayor Annise Parker met with Mr. Jose Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo, the CEO of PETROBRAS, Brazil's national energy company. PETROBRAS is a leading offshore drilling company, having revolutionized deep-sea drilling technology. Houston is the site of PETROBRAS's U.S. Headquarters and Mr. Gabrielli briefed Mayor Parker on developments related to the companies' operations.

Delegation from Dongying, China



May 3—Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ed Gonzalez met with Dongying City's Party Chairman Mr. Zhang Qiubo. The city of Dongying, which is located in Shandong Province, sits atop China's second largest oil field, and it is a major center for petroleum equipment manufacturing.

Lord Mayor of Perth, Australia



May 4—Mayor Annise Parker met with the Lord Mayor of Perth, Australia, the Right Honorable Lisa Scaffidi. The city of Perth, whose population is over 1 million, is located on Australia's western coast, and it has earned unique renown as the most remote, large city in the world. Located next to major natural resources, Perth is a major industrial center and one of Houston's 17 sister cities.

French Minister of State for Foreign Trade



May 5—Mayor Annise Parker met with the French Minister of State for Trade, Ms. Anne-Marie Idrac, to discuss opportunities trade expansion between Houston and France which has the second largest economy in Europe. Houston boasts strong business and cultural ties with France, home of Houston's Sister City, Nice.

Ambassador of the Netherlands



May 6—Mayor Annise Parker met with the Ambassador of the Netherlands to the U.S., Her Excellency Renee Jones-Bos. The Netherlands is one of the largest trading partners of the U.S., as well as being Houston's largest trading partner. The Port of Houston has particularly strong trading ties with the Ports of Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Ambassador of New Zealand



May 12—Mayor Annise Parker met with the Ambassador of New Zealand to the U.S., His Excellency Roy Ferguson, to promote trade between New Zealand and Houston.. In 2011, Continental Airlines has plans to launch a non-stop service from Bush Intercontinental Airport to Auckland, New Zealand’s capital city, making it one of only three such offered routes in North America.

Ambassador of the African Union



May 19-21—Mayor Parker greeted the Ambassador of the African Union (AU) to the U.S., Her Excellency Amina Ali, at a dinner reception hosted at the home of State Senator Rodney Ellis. Ambassador Ali’s visit Houston included an address to the Houston Consular Corps and meetings with local stakeholders, such as the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC), to promote ties with the AU. Discussions are moving forward with the UTHSC to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a certification program for community health workers.

Italian Style Expo



May 21—Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ed Gonzalez attended the 2nd Annual Italian Style Expo, which was held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Almost 20,000 Houstonians and out-of-town visitors attended the Expo to see the latest in high-quality Italian wares.

Consejo de Empresaria



May 24—Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Edward Gonzalez addressed a group of businessmen from Mexico, the U.S. and other countries, who all have an interest in developing business ties with Mexico. Council Member Gonzalez highlighted the significant ties of trade and friendship which bind Houston and Mexico, its largest trading partner.

Mayor’s International Trade & Development Councils

Europe

May 24—The Council held elections for its 2010-2011 Officer positions: Mr. John Welch transitioned to Chairman, Mr. Tim Horner was elected Chairman-elect, and Mr. Christopher Westerlund was elected Secretary. The Council discussed options for targeting specific cities in Europe for possible partnerships opportunities and potential exchanges.

Middle East / North Africa

May 24—The Council held elections for its 2010-2011 Officer positions: Mr. Mourhaf Sabouni was elected Chairman; Mr. Denis Debakey was elected Chairman-elect; Ms. Ellen Goldberg was elected Secretary. The Council discussed options to raise its profile in the international community, collaborate with other Councils as well as with City officials.

Africa

May 28 – The council held its election for its 2010-2011 Officer positions: Mr. Philip Aitsebaomo transitioned to Chairman; Mr. Anthony Tangwa was elected Chair-elect; Mr. Haddis Tewelde was elected Secretary. The Council discussed progress made in developing a trade mission to Africa as well as collaborative efforts with other Council regions.

2010 U.S.-China Energy Forum

May 4—The City of Dongying, China, and the City of Houston co-hosted the U.S.-China Energy Forum. The Forum showcased business opportunities in China's petroleum equipment manufacturing industry.

Dongying's Party Chairman Zhang Qiubo was the featured speaker at the Forum where he presented his city's strengths in this sector. He noted that in addition to the strong ties with leading energy corporations in China such as SINOPEC and CNPC, Dongying's business community also had a history of collaboration and partnership with U.S. counterparts.

Since opening its markets to foreign investors in the 1980s, China's growing energy sector has often been considered an untapped opportunity for U.S. companies. Deemed a strategic state interest by the central government, China's oil and gas production has been controlled by state-run companies, and as such, not open to competition.

The City of Dongying, in China's Shandong Province, has worked to position itself as a bright spot of opportunity for companies interested in making headway in the world's largest energy market. Located atop one of China's largest oil reserves, the famed

Shengli Oil field, Dongying's business community has specialized in manufacturing oil equipment and other related products.

The U.S.-China Energy Forum also highlighted the Houston connection to Dongying, and special remarks were made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ed Gonzalez, State Senator Rodney Ellis, Consul General of China in Houston Gao Yanping, Houston Mayor's Chief Development Officer Andy Icken, and the Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's U.S. Export Assistance Center Duaine Priestley.



Mayor Parker's Consular Corps Luncheon Address

May 12—Mayor Annise Parker addressed an audience of Houston's Consular Corps and other local stakeholders where she described her vision for Houston's international development.

Soon after becoming Mayor of Houston, Mayor Parker began to signal that economic international initiatives involving the city of Houston would receive a high-level of attention by and support from her administration.

Citing Houston's strong array of economic opportunities, the diversity of its citizenry, and the city's a talented and resourceful workforce, magazines like Forbes, have begun to recognize Houston's potential as the city of the future.

Mayor Parker stated that her administration would build on this recognition, and introduced the City's "international team," which has been charged with

implementing her vision: Chief Development Officer Andy Icken, International Trade & Development Director Helen T. Chang, and International Affairs & Relations Director Terence O'Neill. The Mayor also announced that she had asked Council Member Jolanda Jones to form an International Business Initiatives Committee and appointed former Council Member Peter Brown to head the Mayor's International Trade and Development Council.



Though preliminary, steps have already been taken and positive feedback has been received. Mayor Parker reported that in her recent meeting with the French Minister of Foreign Trade, the Minister remarked that Houston was a city where "one felt comfortable." This articulation also sums up how Mayor Parker would like all of Houston's international visitors to feel: comfortable and at home.

Event Spotlights

District Export Council: Export Management and Compliance

June 2 – In conjunction with the U.S. Commercial Services, the Houston District Export Council will be hosting a seminar focusing on the development of effective export management and compliance programs for companies around Houston. This event will provide attendees valuable insight as to how to properly minimize the risk of an export violation. For further information please contact <http://www.buyusa.gov/houston/mappingexportstrategy.html>.

Shaping the Future—The Emerging Role of Australia

June 2 – The Australian American Chamber of Commerce will host a conference focusing on Australia's role in meeting the rising energy demands of India and China. This event will feature speakers such as the Australian Ambassador to the United States His Excellency Kim Beazly and professor of chemical engineering at MIT, Mr. Gregory J. McRae. For more information please visit: www.aacc-houston.org

Technology Champions Breakfast

June 4--The Houston Technology Center (HTC) will host its monthly Technology Champions Breakfast. This month's featured speaker will be Mayor Annise Parker. Recently recognized as one of the top ten technology incubators in the world by Forbes.com, the HTC is dedicated to promoting the development of high technology in Houston. For more information, please visit www.houstontech.org.

Business Friendly Bahrain

June 15 – Organized by the Bilateral U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, His Excellency Mohammed Bin Essa Al-Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Economic Development Board, will be highlighting the opportunities and overall climate for U.S. companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain. For more information visit www.bilateralchamber.org.

Life Science Technology Venture Forum

June 17 – The Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship (Rice Alliance) is hosting the 9th annual Rice Alliance Life Science Technology Venture Forum. Forum will be showcasing the most promising life science companies. Several keynote speakers will share their insight on the topic. For more information visit www.alliance.rice.edu.

Procurement Summit and Business Expo

June 23 – The Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Procurement Summit and Business Expo to provide information for local businesses interested in procurement opportunities. The event will feature guest speakers from the local business community as well as county and city officials. An audience of over 300 people is expected to attend. For more information please contact <http://www.houstonhispanicchamber.com/2010-Procurement-Summit.520.0.html>.

International Event Calendar - June 2010

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
6/1	12:00 PM	Greater Houston Partnership: Don't Just Compete, Win! (Thought Leader Series)	Houstonian Hotel	jreese@houston.org
6/2	8:30 AM	U.S. Commercial Service and the District Export Council: How to Develop an Export Management and Compliance Program	Renaissance Hotel	(713) 276-1603
	8:30 AM	Asia Society: Shaping the Energy Future—The Emerging Role of Australia (Annual Corporate Conference)	InterContinental Hotel	(713) 439-0051, ext. 10
	6:00 PM	Asia Society: Tiger Ball—Honoring Australia	InterContinental Hotel	(713) 439-0051, ext. 10
6/3	7:30 AM	U.S. Commercial Service and the District Export Council: U.S. Export Controls and Sanctions—Licensing and Enforcement	Renaissance Hotel	(713) 276-1603
	5:30 PM	Greater Houston Partnership: Houston Young Professionals Endeavor (Networking event)	Hard Rock Cafe	amcfarland@houston.org
	6:00 PM	World Affairs Council of Houston: On the Trail of Al Qaeda in Afghanistan	Junior League Center	(713) 522-7811
6/4	7:30 AM	Houston Technology Center: Technology Champions	Houston Technology Center	(713) 658-1750
6/5	—	Houston Minority Supplier Development Council: Estimating Seminar—Introduction to Estimating	Offices of A.O. Phillips and Associates	(713) 271-7805
6/8	7:30 AM	Australian-American Chamber of Commerce: How Do You Build Your Wealth In Australia	Hilton Post Oak Hotel	www.aacc-houston.org
6/9	11:30 AM	Asian Chamber of Commerce: Salute to Scholarship Recipients	Westin Galleria Hotel	(713) 782-7222
6/10	7:30 AM	Hart Energy Consulting Exports: Electrification of Transportation on Petroleum Demand in the U.S.	Petroleum Club of Houston	(713) 260-6417
	11:30 AM	Houston Technology Center: Best Places to Work in Houston (Awards Ceremony)	Hilton Americas Hotel	www.houstontech.org
	5:30 PM	Netherlands-Texas Business Association: Shell Energy Scenarios to 2050—An Era of Revolutionary Change	InterContinental Hotel	grettapieper@netherlandstexas.com
	5:30 PM	Australian-American Chamber of Commerce: June Sundowner	Branch Water Tavern	www.aacc-houston.org
6/14	—	City of Houston, Bilateral U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, BGR Group and the Greater Houston Partnership: Delegation from Bahrain	City Hall	(832) 393-0851
	10:00 AM	Greater Houston Partnership: Why We Hate the Oil Companies—Straight Talk from an Energy Insider (Thought Leader Series)	Hyatt Regency Hotel	jreese@houston.org

6/15	8:00 AM	Bilateral U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce: Business Friendly Bahrain	Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas	www.bilateralchamber.org
	11:30 AM	Greater Houston Partnership: Lunch and Learn—Creating a Marketing Engine	University of Houston	amcfarland@houston.org
	11:30 AM	World Affairs Council of Houston: Power Hungry	Westin Galleria Hotel	(713) 522-7811
6/16	6:00 PM	World Affairs Council of Houston: Reaching Out To Russia	Junior League Center	(713) 522-7811
6/17	9:00 AM	Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship: Life Science Technology Venture Forum	Rice University	(713) 348-3443
	2:00 PM	City of Houston, Greater Houston Partnership: Delegation from ProMexico	City of Houston	(832) 393-0851
	7:00 PM	Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: Offense Networking—Making Our NetWork	Hotel Zaza	www.houstonhispanicchamber.com
	—	Organization of Chinese Americans: National Convention	Westin Galleria Hotel	info@ocahouston.org
6/19	7:30 PM	British-American Business Council: Hats on for a Royal Day at the Races—Ascot Day	Sam Houston Race Park	(832) 351-3940
6/22	8:30 AM	Greater Houston Partnership: Port of Houston Tour and Luncheon	Two Allen Center	bortega@houston.org
	5:30 PM	Greater Houston Partnership: Partnership PM	Houston Club	amcfarland@houston.org
6/23	7:30 AM	Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: Procurement Summit and Business Expo	Renaissance Hotel	www.houstonhispanicchamber.com

International Cultural Events in Houston:

6/3	7:00 PM	Iranian Cultural Foundation: Shahnameh Worksop	Iranian Cultural Foundation	(713) 590-9770
6/4	—	Iranian Cultural Foundation: Women without Men—Film Premiere	Angelika Film Center	www.icfhouston.org
6/5	8:30 AM	Houston Chinese Community Center: 2010 CCC Summer Open Table Tennis Tournament	Houston Chinese Community Center	www.ccchouston.org
	11:00 AM	Museum of Fine Arts Houston: The Mystic Music of Islam	Museum of Fine Arts Houston	(713) 639-7300
6/10	7:00 PM	Boniuk Center for Religious Tolerance: A feast of Faiths	Houston City Club	(713) 348-4536
6/11	8:00 PM	Hobby Center for The Performing Arts: Mi Colombia (through 6/12)	Zilkha Hall	(713) 315-2525
	8:00 PM	Houston Police Foundation: 3rd Annual Moonlight Classic Bike Ride	Downtown Aquarium	(713) 651-3122
6/19	2:00 PM	Museum of Fine Arts Houston: What is Islamic Art?	Ismaili Jamatkhana Center	lcs@usaji.org

Events hosted by International Partner Cities of Houston:

6/3-5	G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governor's Meeting	Busan, South Korea	g20busan-reg@intercom.co.kr
6/5-6/11	Bilateral U.S-Arab Chamber of Commerce: United States to the Arab World—Trade Mission Part II	Libya and Algeria	jake@bilateralchamber.org
6/8-10	Global Petroleum Show 2010	Calgary, Alberta	Crystal.roberts@mail.doc.gov
6/13-18	TUSKON World Trade Bridge 2020	Istanbul, Turkey	www.tuckonwtb.com
6/14-15	U.S. Commercial Service: Expand Your Exports Into Canada	Vancouver, Canada	www.buyusa.gov/canada
	ILSI-Biomed 2010 Conference	Tel Aviv, Israel	http://www2.kenes.com/biomed/RegAcc/Pages/Registration.aspx
6/15-17	U.S. Commercial Service: Rebuild Chile Expo	Santiago, Chile	www.explorebuildchile.com
6/16-17	U.S. Commercial Service: Expand Your Exports Into Canada	Montreal, Canada	www.buyusa.gov/canada
6/22-25	China International Software and Information Service Fair 2010	Dalian, China	www.cisis.com.cn
6/29-30	CleanTech 2010	Tel Aviv, Israel	www.investinisrael.gov.il
9/8	China International Fair for Investment and Trade	Xiamen, China	www.chinafair.org
9/13-15	World Economic Forum: Summer Davos—Annual Meeting of the New Champions	Tianjin, China	richard.elliott@weforum.org
9/13-16	Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce: Rio Oil and Gas 2010 Expo and Conference	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	(+55 21) 2112-9077
9/18-25	Mercury Baroque: Lully's Armide	Paris, France	www.mercurybaroque.org
9/30-10/1	U.S.-Mexico Border Energy Forum XVII	Chihuahua, Mexico	soll.sussman@glo.state.tx.us
10/7-16	International Mayors Fair	Hangzhou, China	www.1Hangzhou.com
11/9-11	Petroleum Exhibition and Conference of Mexico	Villahermosa, Mexico	www.buyusa.gov
11/16-17	Getenergy for GCC Countries	Bahrain	http://www.buyusa.gov/houston/gcccountries.html
11/16-20	U.S. Department of Commerce: Energy Efficiency Trade Mission to India	New Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai, India	http://www.buyusa.gov/houston/india.html
12/1-2	Getenergy for Libya	Tripoli, Libya	http://www.buyusa.gov/houston/getlibya.html
1/17-20	World Future Summit 2011	Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.	www.worldfutureenergysummit.com

Opportunities and Resources

Employment

- J. Steele and Associates.—Seeking Financial Analyst III
Contact: asianchamber-hou.jobing.com
- Calpine Corporation—Director of Compliance
Contact: <http://appclix.postmasterlx.com/track.htmlpid=ff80808127972f420127ab56c13b2c1c&source=theiia>

Continuing Education

- Environmental Defense Fund—2010 Tom Graff Fellowship Program
Contact: Cheryl Pickard jobs@edf.org

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