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**University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
Hosts 41st Annual Welcome Reception for International Students and Scholars**

Philadelphia 2010—Welcome! Swagatam! Willkommen! Emedi!

International students, scholars, and professionals new to the Delaware Valley are invited to attend this year's 41st annual **International Students Reception** on **Friday, October 22, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The welcome reception is held in the majestic Chinese Rotunda at the Penn Museum, 3260 South Street on the University of Pennsylvania campus in Philadelphia.

Walter Perry, Interim Dean of Students, University of Sciences in Philadelphia, sums up the reception experience, "It is such an amazing annual event, coordinated on an ambitious scale, that brings people from all over the world together for just one night. When it all comes together, we have respect, civility, laughter, and harmony."

Every year hundreds of international guests from over 100 countries have the opportunity to meet and network with others. Penn Museum's **International Classroom** Program hosts this free event to connect international guests with the local community and its leaders and to introduce attendees to the multicultural community of Philadelphia. Year after year the event takes place through the efforts of the Penn Museum, more than **70** volunteers, and more than **65** area co-sponsors including the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Drexel University, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Philadelphia University, The Art Institute of Philadelphia, La Salle University, Widener University, Allbright College, the Wistar Institute, and the Fulbright Association of Delaware Valley.

This year guests will be greeted by the New York City and Philadelphia consul officials from India, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Korea, Italy, and Chile, and representatives from the City of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania. High school students from Philadelphia High School for Girls and West Catholic High School give their time throughout the Reception and International Classroom volunteer. Nada Miller donates her cooking expertise to make 40 pounds of hummus, not to mention an array of ethnic delicacies. The evening's entertainment, as diverse and international as the guest list, features performances by Penn's multicultural fusion dance group **Hype**, the **Penn Chinese Dance Club**, and La Salle College's **Neo-African Drums 'n Dance** group.

International Classroom is an innovative program within the Penn Museum, providing international and multicultural education for a variety of ages using a broad range of presentations, lectures, and workshops. Since its inception in 1961, several thousand international students have participated in International Classroom programs, offering a first-hand perspective on specific countries or regions. Committed to cultural enrichment and diversity, International Classroom established the International Reception as a model among international educators.

For more information about the International Students Reception, or to learn more about International Classroom at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, call Prema Deshmukh, at (215) 898-4065.

The **University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology** is dedicated to the study and understanding of human history and diversity. Founded in 1887, the Museum has sent more than 400 archaeological and anthropological expeditions to all the inhabited continents of the world. With an active exhibition schedule and educational programming for children and adults, the Museum offers the public an opportunity to share in the ongoing discovery of humankind's collective heritage.

Penn Museum is located at 3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (on Penn's campus, across from Franklin Field). Public transportation to the museum is available via SEPTA's Regional Rail Line at University City Station; the Market-Frankford Subway Line at 34th Street Station; trolley routes 11, 13, 34 and 36; and bus routes 12, 21, 30, 40 and 42. Museum hours are Tuesday and Thursday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Wednesday, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, with P.M. @ PENN MUSEUM evening programs. Offered weekly. Closed Mondays and holidays. Admission donation is \$10 for adults; \$7 for senior citizens (65 and above); \$6 children (6 to 17) and full-time students with ID; free to Members, PennCard holders, and children 5 and younger; "pay-what-you-want" the last hour before closing. Hot and cold meals and light refreshments are offered visitors with or without Museum admission in The Pepper Mill Café; the Museum Shop and Pyramid Shop for Children offer a wide selection of gifts, books, games, clothing and jewelry. Penn Museum can be found on the web at www.penn.museum. For general information call (215) 898-4000. For group tour information call (215) 746-8183.

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