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MEDIA NOTE

2012 Doors to Diplomacy Award Winners

The Department of State is pleased to announce the selection of two winning websites for its 2012 Doors to Diplomacy Award, which is co-sponsored by Global SchoolNet. The awards recognize the web projects that best teach young people about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy. Participants, ranging in age from 11 to 18, included 225 student teams from 38 countries.

The winning sites are:

- [Water, the New Petrol](#) -- This site was built by a team from CEP Santa Rosa Brothers Marist School in Sullana, Peru and IES Manacor School in Mallorca, Spain. Their web project aims to raise awareness of the current state of water issues in the world.
- [The Haiti Ocean Project](#) -- The site, built by a team from Riviera Beach Maritime Academy in Riviera Beach, Florida, focuses on the collaboration between the youth of two countries--Haiti and the United States--and their work on the Haiti Ocean Project, a marine conservation, education, research and eco-tourism project located in Grand Goave, Haiti.

Each student member of the two winning Doors to Diplomacy Award teams will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. In addition, the winning coaches will each receive a \$500 cash award. Judging was performed by student peers and educational professionals, with the final selections made by a team of Department of State judges from the Bureaus of Public Affairs and Educational and Cultural Affairs. The winning sites will be linked from the Department of State's main website at www.state.gov and other sites.

Special recognition goes to team coach Vincent Tabor from the Philippines, who coached 47 teams in this year's contest. He will receive special recognition for his exceptional effort to involve so many students in Doors to Diplomacy.

Global SchoolNet, <http://www.globalschoolnet.org>, is a non-profit, Internet-based education program. The Doors to Diplomacy Award was specially created for CyberFair, a contest that encourages students and educators to join together to build high-quality, educational websites on a variety of topics. These website entries will be available on the web as learning tools to millions of people around the globe.

Further detail on the Doors to Diplomacy projects can be found at <http://www.globalschoolnet.org/gsndoors/>. For more information, contact:

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