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Rice Space Institute: Educating the Future of the Aerospace Industry



Director of Rice Space Institute, Dr. David Alexander

50 years ago this month at Rice University, President John F. Kennedy challenged his fellow Americans to send a man to the Moon before the close of the decade. Since then, the students and faculty of Rice have kept the memory of President Kennedy's challenge alive by continuing to make contributions to space science and related fields of study.

Collaboration between NASA and individual Rice academicians has remained strong over the years and in 2000 Rice took another step in space science advocacy by forming the Rice Space Institute ("RSI"). The primary goal of RSI has been to promote knowledge and education in the space, earth and astronomical sciences to the general public activities.

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Sister City Spotlight: Houston-Taipei Society



Chi Nan Temple, Taipei, Taiwan

Each month, the *Mayor's International Newsletter* will bring you the latest updates on Houston's ties to its 17 international sister cities, each of which is maintained by a corresponding sister city association in Houston. In this installment, we sat down with the President of the Houston-Taipei Society (HTS), and director of the Center of International Studies at the University of St. Thomas, Dr. Hans Stockton. Founded in 1961, the Houston-Taipei Society is the oldest of Houston's Sister City Associations.

Interview continues online at www.houstontx.gov/intltrade/taipei.html.

Upcoming Events: 2nd Bi-Annual Texas Africa Business Summit

Join host the International Trade Center September 27—28 for the 2nd Bi-Annual Texas Africa Business Summit. The theme is "Rebranding Africa: Strategic Partnering for Economic Development". The goal of the Summit is to promote economic development and encourage partnerships between Texas and Africa. The Summit takes place at Rice University. For more information on how to participate, please visit <http://texasafricasummit.com/default.htm> or contact jenniferitc@gmail.com.

For a full listing of events, see the international events calendar at www.houstontx.gov/intltrade/calendar2012september.pdf.

Remembering Ricardo Peduzzi

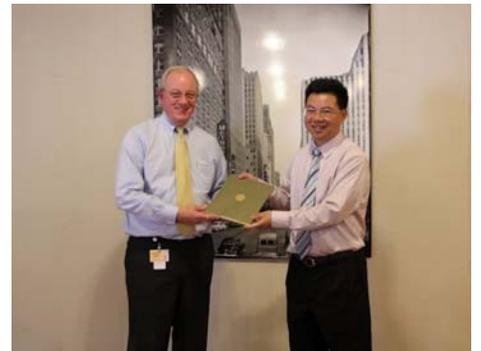


Mr. Ricardo Peduzzi, Executive Director and co-founder of the Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Mayor's International Trade and Development Council for the Americas, passed away on August 29, 2012. Mr. Peduzzi was a terrific local leader, an exemplary Houstonian, and a dear friend. He will be greatly missed.

Ricardo Peduzzi

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Details on these events can be found at www.houstontx.gov/intltrade/september2012.html



August 14—Council Member Al Hoang and Council Member Mike Sullivan meet with officials from Ningbo, China



August 17—Council Member Larry Green meets with Members of Belize Parliament



August 28— Council Member Mike Laster Meets with Youth Ambassadors from National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan



August 30— Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzalez meets with Mayor of Laishan District of the City of Yantai, China



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