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Consul General Greg Stanford delivers remarks at "Cybersecurity, Cross-Border Trade, and the Digital Economy: Enabling Smart, Secure Systems" conference in Brampton

The Consulate co-hosts Cybersecurity, Cross-Border Trade, and the Digital Economy: Enabling Smart, Secure Systems conference

Robust cooperation and engagement between the United States and Canada related to emerging cybersecurity threats is critical to the economic prosperity, safety, and security of both countries and their citizens. The "Cybersecurity, Cross-Border Trade, and the Digital Economy: Enabling Smart, Secure Systems" conference was presented by the City of Brampton, and co-hosted by Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst at Ryerson University and the U.S. Consulate General in Toronto on November 19, 2019. The event allowed experts in cybersecurity, academia, and government to discuss new technologies driving efficiencies in cross-border trade, cybersecurity risks, and how stakeholders are tackling them. Chargé d'Affaires Richard Mills, U.S. Embassy Ottawa, U.S. Consul General Greg Stanford, His Worship Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton, The Honorable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, Ontario, Richard Harknett, Professor and Scholar in Residence at U.S. Cyber Command, The Honorable Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP for Brampton South and Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction participated in the conference. Media was present at the conference and interviewed Consul General Greg Stanford and other speakers.



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The Power of One: The Consulate Joins Bike Ride to Raise Awareness of Human Trafficking

On October 19, 2019 the Consulate staff joined Dominique Holley who rode 1,100 kilometers from Windsor to Ottawa along the Highway 401 corridor to bring attention to human trafficking. Dominique stopped in communities along the way to speak to community groups and do media interviews in an effort to raise awareness about human trafficking and hear the stories of anyone she came across along her route.

The Consulate staff along with their colleagues from Customs and Border Protection biked from Woodbine Beach in Toronto to Pickering, Ontario to raise awareness for human trafficking as the Consulate is engaged in the fight against human trafficking along with its Canadian partners.

IT World Canada Magazine Interviews CG Stanford

IT World Canada magazine interviewed CG Stanford during the cybersecurity conference on November 19, 2019. During the interview the CG spoke against allowing wireless network carriers to buy 5G equipment from Huawei. "There is no viable mitigation strategy to manage the risk that Chinese participation will entail," the CG said. "Consequently we urge all countries, including Canada, its telecom and network users to make the right choice now."

The full version of the interview can be read here:

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/stay-away-from-chinese-5g-network-gear-us-consul-warns-canada/424163>.

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CG Stanford Congratulates American Scientists at the Gairdner Awards



CG Stanford congratulates Susan Band Horwitz, Distinguished Professor, Rose C. Falkenstein Chair in Cancer Research, Department of Molecular Pharmacology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York

The Canada Gairdner Awards celebrate the world's best biomedical and global health researchers. Over the years 92 Gairdner

awardees have gone on to win the Nobel Prize.

On October 25, 2019 Consul General Stanford congratulated the 2019 Canada Gairdner Award laureates including American scientists and researchers Ronald Vale, Professor, Cellular Molecular Pharmacology University of California, San Francisco; Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Timothy A. Springer, Latham Family Professor of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School and Boston Children's Hospital; Chairman, Institute for Protein Innovation; Bruce Stillman, President, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York and Susan Band Horwitz, Distinguished Professor, Rose C. Falkenstein Chair in Cancer Research, Department of Molecular Pharmacology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York.

Artificial Intelligence and Ethics Speaker Visits Toronto

On November 25 and 26, U.S. Consulate Toronto hosted Dr. Emily Hand, Assistant Professor in Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno. During her visit, Dr. Hand was hosted by the Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Network (AVIN) at MaRS Discovery District where she gave a presentation about the intersection of artificial intelligence, accessibility and ethics. Dr. Hand also had the opportunity to connect with the leadership at Canadian start-up iMerciv and MapinHood to discuss opportunities for partnership.

Dr. Hand was also hosted by the Durham College Hub for Applied Research in Artificial Intelligence for Business Solutions (AI Hub) where she presented to AI grad students about her current research which focuses on developing AI applications for people on the autism spectrum and the visually impaired.



Dr. Emily Hand meets talks about the intersection of artificial intelligence, accessibility and ethics at MaRS



California



Business leader and tech entrepreneur Hussam Ayyad participates in the International Visitor Leadership Program on the Sharing Economy

VISITS

Chargé d'affaires Richard Mills Visits Toronto

Chargé d'affaires (CDA) Richard Mills visited Toronto on November 18-19 to meet with business, educational and government representatives. His visit started with an in-depth interview on U.S.-Canada relations and other ongoing issues with Matt Galloway on CBC Radio's Metro Morning show: <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-39-metro-morning/clip/15747437-u.s.-interim-ambassador-to-canada-talks-about-impeachment-trade-deals-and-china>. During his visit to Microsoft Canada's Innovation Center, CDA Mills learned about this vital contributor to Ontario's tech ecosystem. He also had a meet-and-greet with Ryerson University students who traveled to the U.S. on recent study tours supported by Ryerson Leadership Lab and the Consulate. Students shared their impressions on democratic engagement, leadership and public policy development. He also delivered closing remarks at the U.S. Consulate-supported forum on cybersecurity, co-hosted with the City of Brampton and Ryerson's Cybersecurity Center.



CDA Richard Mills on U.S.-Canada relations and other ongoing issues with Matt Galloway on CBC Radio's Metro Morning show

Toronto Tech Entrepreneur Explores U.S. Sharing Economy

The U.S. Consulate sent business leader and tech entrepreneur Hussam Ayyad, on an International Leadership Program (IVLP) exploring the implications of the sharing economy. Hussam was until recently the Senior Director of Programs at the DMZ - an accelerator for tech start-ups in Toronto. His exchange program took him to Alabama, San Francisco, and Oregon, where he met with a variety of government, public and private sector organizations working in the arenas of innovation and entrepreneurship. Hussam and counterparts from other Canadian cities discussed issues like regulation, data privacy and investment, as well as prospective solutions and best practices in developing tech ecosystems.

CULTURE

U.S. Consulate Toronto Supports Bravo Niagara! Voices of Freedom Festival

The U.S. Consulate was a proud partner of Bravo Niagara!’s 2019 Voices of Freedom Festival which took place in the Niagara region on November 7-9, 2019. The Consulate supported renowned American musicians, actors and educators who traveled to the Festival to perform concerts and to provide free outreach workshops for youth. CG Stanford provided welcome remarks at the Voices of Freedom concert which featured Monty Alexander’s Harlem-Kingston Express and the Larnell Lewis Band with Grammy award-winning bassist, composer/vocalist Bakithi Kumalo,

who recorded with Paul Simon for the star’s landmark Graceland album in 1985.

The concert sold out with approximately 700 guests. Kumalo also provided free workshops for local high school students and attended a documentary screening of “Under the African Skies” at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library. Endorsed by the UNESCO Slave Route Project, VOFF celebrates and commemorates the cultural contributions of people of African descent and the ongoing journey to freedom in honor of the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024).



Musician Bakithi Kumalo provides free workshops for local high school students

There's No Place Like Home: Consulate Celebrates Ruby Slippers and American Cinema



On November 5, 2019 the U.S. Consulate partnered with the Bata Shoe Museum by supporting the participation of two Smithsonian experts from Washington, D.C. for the museum’s annual Founder’s Lecture. The 2019 Founder’s Lecture, titled “The Magic of the Ruby Slippers” centered on the Smithsonian’s

ambitious and hugely successful project to conserve and display the world’s most famous shoes- the Ruby Slippers. The theme was chosen in celebration of the museum’s 1930’s exhibition, “WANT: Desire, Design, and Depression Era Footwear,” as well as the 80th anniversary of the most influential film of all time, “The Wizard of Oz.” CG Stanford delivered opening remarks at the event which was attended by approximately 150 guests. The event featured an on-stage conversation between the museum’s Creative Director and Senior Curator Elizabeth Semmelhack and Smithsonian representatives Curator Ryan Lintelman and Conservator Dawn Wallace. Created in 2011 to celebrate the Bata Shoe Museum’s founder Mrs. Sonja Bata, the Founder’s Lecture is the most important public event hosted by the museum each year, featuring internationally recognized leading thinkers.

PHOTO: The Consulate staff joins the Smithsonian Ruby Slippers and American Cinema experts for the “The Magic of the Ruby Slippers” event

Consul General Stanford Visits Historic Sites in St. Catharines



On November 7-8 Consul General Stanford made his first official visit to the St. Catharines region. While in the area, the CG made a visit to Brock University where he was welcomed by Provost and Vice President of Academic Gregory Finn to discuss collaboration and mobility opportunities.

Brock University is a proud member of the U.S. Consulate’s Academic Working Group. While in St. Catharines the Consul General also made visits to the Salem Chapel (British Methodist Episcopal Church) where Harriet Tubman worshiped for ten years, as well as to the Vineland Research and Innovation Center where he received a tour of the world-class research center dedicated to horticulture science and innovation. The CG also enjoyed the opportunity to meet with business and government leaders at a round table hosted by the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce. The Consul General’s trip to St. Catharines ended with a visit to the FirstOntario Performing Arts Center for the Bravo Niagara! Voices of Freedom Festival.

PHOTO: The Consulate staff visits historic sites in St. Catharines

U.S.-Canada Relations Featured at University of Toronto Panel



CDA Mills speaks at the University of Toronto Munk School of Global Affairs

Chargé d’affaires Richard Mills delivered remarks at the University of Toronto’s Massey College as part of a panel titled “Agenda 2020: What’s in store for U.S. - Canada Relations.” The panel also included Christopher Sands, Director of the Center for Canadian Studies at Johns Hopkins University and Peter Loewen, a Political Science Professor at the University of Toronto, and was moderated by Massey College Principal Nathalie des Rosiers.

The full version of the event can be watched here: <https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/public-record/episodes/66115774/>

CG Stanford Visits 'The Royal City'



CG Stanford visits the City of Guelph's Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate

CG Stanford visited the City of Guelph, often described as 'The Royal City' on November 4, 2019 to meet with local contacts and get acquainted with the City's educational and cultural institutions.

During his meeting with Mayor Cam Guthrie, the CG learned about many

aspects of the City including its economy and local manufacturing.

Members of the Guelph Chamber of Commerce hosted an informative discussion with the CG on a variety of issues including the science and technology ecosystem in Ontario, U.S.-Canada Innovation Partnership, etc.

The CG had a meeting with Dr. Vaccarino, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Guelph, Canada's top comprehensive and research intensive school spanning urban hubs and rural communities in Ontario. During the tour of the University's Bioproducts Discovery and Development Centre led by Professor Manjusri Misra, the CG learned about research underway at the Centre to offer innovative solutions in agriculture.

As part of his visit, CG Stanford took a tour of the City of Guelph's Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate. Designated a National Historic Site of Canada, the basilica was built by the Irish Canadian architect Joseph Connolly who also designed Holy Name of Mary Pro-Cathedral, the third oldest Catholic parish in the United States located in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Consul General hosts University of Buffalo Alumni

On December 4, 2019, the U.S. Consulate hosted a reception for University of Buffalo Alumni in Canada. The reception was attended by over forty guests, including University of Buffalo alumni based in the Greater Toronto Area. Toronto Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong also attended. CG Greg Stanford delivered remarks, highlighting the economic potential of the Niagara-Buffalo region that can be leveraged through cross-border cooperation. University of Buffalo Vice President Mr. Rodney Grabowski, also spoke, emphasizing the need to attract more Canadian students to the campus, which is the largest in the State University of New York System.

Canada is currently the 5th largest sender of students to the United States worldwide.



CG Stanford and Mrs. Stanford host a reception for University of Buffalo Alumni in Canada

Discover America Day Celebrates U.S. Tourism Opportunities



24 exhibitors from the U.S. display tourism opportunities at Discover America Day

CG Stanford welcomed 24 exhibitors including U.S. destinations, Brand USA, Expedia, Air Canada and many others at the 13th annual Discover America Day on October 4, 2019. It is a signature event for the Discover America Canada Committee to showcase U.S. destinations to Canadian media. Canada continues to deliver the largest inbound travel market to the United States.

"At the U.S. Consulate, helping to promote and facilitate Canadian travel to the U.S. is one of our top priorities," said CG Stanford addressing the exhibitors. "The U.S. remains the most popular international destination for Canadians. In 2018, Canadian travelers made 33 million overnight trips out of the country, 64% of which were to the U.S. At the same time, Canadian visits to the U.S. increased by almost 5%, and we hope to see this growth continue in the coming year."

Toronto Hosts Panel on U.S. Internships for Academic Contacts

The U.S. Consulate hosted a panel on "Navigating the J-1 Visa for Student Internships in the U.S." The information session took place on Thursday, November 14, 2019 for members of the Consulate's U.S. - Ontario Academic Working Group. The Working Group is made up of representatives from various universities and colleges across Ontario who specialize in international education.

The info session included presentations on successful U.S. internship programs at the University of Waterloo, Northeastern University and the State University of New York (SUNY). It also included a virtual Q & A with U.S. State Department officials on the technical aspects of the J-1 visa application process. By informing attendees of the requirements of this visa program and sharing highlights from successful internship programs, the Consulate hopes to increase the number of Canadian students able to take advantage of internship opportunities in the United States.



Public Affairs Officer Anne Seshadri introduces State Department colleagues from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to talk about student internships to the United States.

U of T Hosts Pol Chief to Discuss U.S.-Can Relations

U.S. Consulate's Chief of Political/Economic Affairs Tejal Shah visited the University of Toronto's Mississauga campus, Department of Political Science to talk about the U.S.-Canada relationship and the United States Foreign Service on November 1, 2019. She answered questions from students on bilateral relations, international affairs and public service careers. The talk was part of the Public Affairs' Speakers Bureau.



Pol Chief Tejal Shah visits the U of T's Mississauga campus