



March 2008 Update

Announcements

Chien Lee was elected unanimously by the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding Board of Directors as the organization's Founding Board Chairman. Chien Lee is a private investor based in Hong Kong. He serves as a director of various companies including the publicly listed Hysan Development Company Limited, Swire Pacific Limited and Television Broadcasts Limited.

Mr. Lee is currently Vice Chairman of Outward Bound International and was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong from 1996 to 2006. Mr. Lee is a member of the Councils of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Institute of Education and St. Paul's Co-educational College. He also serves on the Advisory Council of The Asia Society Hong Kong Center and is a Trustee of The Asia Foundation.

Educated in Hong Kong, Switzerland and the United States, Mr. Lee received his B.S., M.S. and M.B.A. degrees from Stanford University, where he has served on the Board of Trustees, the Board of the Stanford Alumni Association and the Advisory Council of the Graduate School of Business. Currently, Mr. Lee is a member of the Advisory Board of the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University.

The Board of Directors also welcomes a new Board Member, Clayton H. Fowler.

Mr. Fowler is the CEO of Spinnaker Real Estate Partners, LLC and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Outward Bound, Inc. For the biographies of our entire Board of Directors and Advisors, please visit www.outwardboundpeace.org.

Project Updates

The Center for Peacebuilding is continuing to serve the international network of Outward Bound schools with resources to strengthen and enhance programs with peacebuilding components. In 2008, we are focused on supporting projects in Sri Lanka, the Middle East and Rwanda.

Sri Lanka

Shira Loewenberg, Director, will visit Outward Bound Sri Lanka in March. The visit will allow for Ms. Loewenberg and Raj Subramaniam, Executive Director of Outward Bound Sri Lanka, to discuss details of the program, and will also be occasion for Ms. Loewenberg to meet with the program partner, the Sri Lanka Press Institute, and with other organizations and individuals interested in the Sri Lanka Outward Bound Peacebuilding Program.

Middle East

The Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding is planning a program for participants from the Middle East. We are in the final stages of confirming the lead Outward Bound school to deliver the program and the programmatic partner for participant nominations and follow-up engagement.

Rwanda

Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding consultant, Julie Burns, will be traveling to Rwanda in early March with the Executive Director of Outward Bound South Africa, Jacques De Jongh, to visit with Outward Bound Rwanda's Director, Ndekezi Maarifa Vincent, and the Board of Directors. The purpose of the visit is to provide services and advice as Outward Bound Rwanda sets forth in capacity-building, training and fundraising for Peacebuilding program activities in 2009.

News

Our new Website design launched on February 15, reflecting Pentagram's generous work creating the visual identity for the Center for Peacebuilding. Please visit us at www.outwardboundpeace.org.

The Center for Peacebuilding has been approved for membership in the Alliance for Peacebuilding, a coalition of organizations working together to build sustainable peace and security throughout the world.

Frances Walsh completed her 6-month internship with the Center for Peacebuilding. Ms. Walsh is completing her master's degree at SIT Graduate Institute in Vermont, and worked with us as part of her course of study. Her analytic perspective, research skills and facility with the database system - not to mention her warmth and humor - will be missed. We wish her the best of luck as she moves forward in her career.

Thank You

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