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LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER PLAYS HOST TO MORE THAN 8,000 EDUCATORS FROM 100 COUNTRIES DURING 61ST ANNUAL NAFSA CONFERENCE & EXPO

LOS ANGELES, May 26th, 2009 — The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) today welcomed the world's largest assembly of professionals in international education and study abroad exchange programs starting today through May 29th, 2009. Thousands of educators from around the globe are gathering to talk about trends and issues in international education. Including among the featured speakers are Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus and journalist Ray Suarez.

“The honor to host, and the privilege to service the thousands of educators from around the world, is a personal satisfaction that we at the Los Angeles Convention Center take great pride in,” said Pouria Abbassi, P.E., General Manager & CEO of LACC.

With nearly 10,000 members, NAFSA: Association of International Educators is the world's largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education. They will be using LACC's Concourse Hall, all 500 meeting rooms, South Hall, West Hall and Petree Hall throughout the duration of their stay.

“As part of the Los Angeles Convention Center's mission, we strive incessantly to support the promotion of the arts, sciences, humanities, and education. I believe that the NAFSA: Association of International Educators event could not have been housed at a more ideal venue than the Los Angeles Convention Center,” added Phillip C. Hill, Assistant General Manager & COO, LACC.

About the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC)

The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) is one of the most technologically advanced convention and exhibition centers in the world. LACC attracts over 2.5 million annual visitors and is renowned internationally as a prime site for conventions, trade shows and exhibitions. With its towering emerald architectural design, the LACC is a well recognized Los Angeles landmark. An integral economic component to the Southern California area, total sales from client secondary spending tops \$1.1 billion annually, generating and sustaining over 12,000 local jobs. LACC is a model environmental-friendly facility. Its solar panels are capable of meeting the electricity needs of an estimated 100 homes, and it's recycling, energy efficiency, and water conservation programs help to conserve the environment. LACC is enrolled in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) Green Power Program (environmentally-friendly renewable energy resources such as hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, biomass, and wind energy) at a level of 30% of the facilities consumption. The Los Angeles Convention Center is registered with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) as a member of the Los Angeles and National Chapter and holds the prestigious USGBC LEED certification for existing buildings. LACC is also a proud recipient of prestigious environmental and industry awards including several Planner's Choice Awards presented by Meeting News magazine, multiple Prime Site Awards from the Facilities and Destinations magazine, recognition for model emergency care programs, and was invited to partner with the Environmental Protection Agency's National earth conscious WasteWise Program. For more information about the Los Angeles Convention Center, please call (213) 741-1151, ext. 5319 or visit www.lacclink.com.