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From The
1818 Society
President's
Desk

Dear Members,

The 1818 Society's knowledge-sharing activities are about to expand again, as two new sector groups are launched! Shawki Barghouti will be leading the Agriculture Sector Group -- he's a former 1818 Director who has just returned to Washington from Dubai, where he has served as Director General of the International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture. And the Economics Sector Group is being set up under the leadership of Vikram Nehru, the retiring Chief Economist and PREM Director in the Bank's East Asia and Pacific Region.

In this *Bulletin*, you'll read about Dan Ritchie and his brainstorming team's ideas for preparing 1818 for 2020. They stress the central role of knowledge activities like those of our sector groups - now six in number - in the Society's future evolution.

As the Society's membership profile evolves toward younger, more dispersed, and still professionally-engaged alumni, it's becoming clear that 1818 must work to re-position itself in many dimensions. We'll have to grapple with questions like:

- How should the society become a vibrant knowledge networking entity

without diluting its time-tested and rigorous fiduciary oversight of pension and medical insurance?

- How should membership eligibility be altered to reflect the changing profile of staff exiting the Bank?
- How can Society activities be decentralized, so that individual members can readily form groups and networks in different or multiple geographical locations?
- How can the Society best serve the growing number of local staff alumni?
- How can we raise enough funds to support the growing range of services and activities?

If you have any ideas to offer on these questions, please don't hesitate to send an email to 1society@worldbank.org or to any member of the 1818 Board.

With Best Regards,

Shiva
(J. Shivakumar)

1818 for 2020: STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE 1818 SOCIETY

On Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 16 members of the 1818 Society gathered in Washington to discuss future directions and priorities of the Society. Present were Hazel Denton, Alex Shakow, Alex Keyserlingk, Gene McCarthy, Jean-Yves Maillot, Tom Blinkhorn, Robert Mertz, Barbara Kafka, Vinay Bhargava, Zafer Ahmed, Sverrir Sigurdsson, Adrienne

Nassau, Jamil Sopher, Abera Zerabruk, Dan Ritchie and J. Shivakumar. They were joined by Sharada Sundar, Manager, Pension Administration of the World Bank, who described the changing demographics of the Bank staff and future retirees.

Shiva described the evolution of The 1818 Society from its inception in 1979. He noted the overarching interest of Society members historically has always been on two fiduciary issues: pensions and health insurance. While these would continue to be principal concerns for the almost 6000 members of the Society, significant changes were taking place in the employment relationship between the Bank and the staff which are likely to affect the priorities of the Society and the interests of its membership. Among the most important trends:

- The employment contract has changed. Unlike the open-ended employment contracts of the past that produced a generation of “lifers” and a sense of affinity and mutual responsibility, all new contracts are fixed term, with a maximum period of five years.
- With less prospect of predictable, long-term employment, staff turnover is increasing and the relationship with the Bank is changing. In 2010, 81% of the staff leaving the Bank withdrew their pension benefits after serving for an average of 2.9 years, while only 6% were retirees at mandatory retirement age.
- This is, in turn, affecting in some respects the attitude of staff and their affinity with the Institution.
- Both the Staff Retirement Plan and the Retiree Medical Insurance Plan

changed significantly in 1998, with less generous benefits for staff on the new plans. More than 80% of current staff are on the new plans while 95% of current retirees are on the old plans. Their interests are not necessarily the same.

- The decentralization of the Bank has resulted in 40% of active staff being located in country offices, whereas the largest proportion of Bank alumni (more than one-third) are in the Washington, DC area.
- The average age of Bank alumni has been getting younger. More than 60% of pension recipients are less than 70 years old. Judging by the recently held NGO Fair, many of them are involved in new careers and community service.

In short, the next generation of Bank alumni is likely to have different interests and priorities, and may be less inclined to feel the need for an affinity group like the 1818 Society, than the current generation of Members. While the focus on pensions and health care will continue to be an important part of The 1818 Society’s responsibility to its Members, the emphasis is likely to shift toward more professional affiliations, and more knowledge and information sharing. The establishment of five 1818 Sector working groups and the pending creation of two others is indicative of the interest in pursuing professional affiliations. The very well-regarded alumni forum that brings high-profile Bank staff as speakers is popular and growing.

While national and linguistic chapters are generally vibrant and growing in number, there are almost no chapters in developing countries (apart from Chile). With most of the almost 5000 current staff in country offices locally hired, the proportion of

retirees in developing countries is going to grow significantly.

The 1818 Society needs to consider how it can attract a generation of staff leaving the Bank who are likely to be younger, interested in maintaining their professional ties and skills, less likely to be based in Washington, D.C., more used to social networking mechanisms other than the traditional lunches and dinners, and in a sense less defined by their service in the Bank. (They are less likely to have had a career in the Bank, so why should they want to join an alumni association?)

This suggests the 1818 Society will need to reconsider its primary focus.

- Pensions will remain important, but less so to newer alumni.
- Health insurance will remain critical in the immediate term, both because of the continuing crisis in health care financing and services but also because, unlike pensions, the Bank's relationship with the 1818 Society is problematic.
- Knowledge networking will become a centerpiece of The Society's work, building relationships with sector networks in the Bank, WBI and alumni in other organizations, both at headquarters and where a critical mass of alumni can gather.
- Social networking will also continue to have a useful role for ensuring that alumni stay connected to the Bank and to their colleagues, but the nature of the networking is likely to change from lunches and dinners in headquarter and Chapter locations to more spontaneous gatherings spearheaded by individual members at different global locations, and
- The Wellness and Active Lifestyles of alumni and families will also require

attention, including assistance in times of need, options for retirement living and related services as alumni "mature."

The 1818 Society will also need to reconsider how it manages and finances itself. An almost all volunteer effort with a \$30 lifetime admission fee is unlikely to sustain the Society over time.

Daniel Ritchie
Convener
"1818 for 2020" Initiative

Chapter Events

ANZ CHAPTER

Jo. Martins, with the advice of senior legal counsel, continues to take the sequential steps that might lead to a challenge to the Australian Taxation Office's stance on the taxation of the Bank's pension. Consultation will be resumed regarding the proposed Chapter meeting in Canberra sometime in the future.

Suggestions and/or offers to work as volunteers for the Chapter can be sent to Jo Martins at jmartins@tpg.com.au. His postal address: 103 Cabarita Rd, Avalon Beach NSW 2107 Australia and his telephone number is 61+2+99733022.

BRITISH CHAPTER (BC)

Spring Reunion and AGM. Edinburgh May 13 – 15, 2011

The annual Spring Reunion and AGM was this year held in Edinburgh, based in the Barcelo Carlton Hotel, a well appointed, centrally located hotel. One hundred and two members and guests attended all or part of the weekend. British Chapter members were very pleased to welcome the Society President "Shiva" Shivakumar and his wife, and members from the Netherlands,

Germany, France Austria, Finland and the USA, to make it a truly international gathering.

The programme of activities gave members a real flavour of the city and surroundings, thanks to the local knowledge and hard work of Peter and Evelyn Watson. A Friday afternoon walk led by knowledgeable “Blue Badge” guides provided insights into the old (medieval) and new (18th century) parts of the city. On Saturday, members could choose to visit the Castle, Holyrood Palace, the Georgian House, or one of a number of other city attractions including, dare it be said, *The Scotch Whisky Experience*. On a glorious sunny afternoon a coach took over 70 members and guests to Hopetoun House, one of Scotland’s finest stately homes with surrounding gardens, followed by a quick trip to South Queensferry to look at the famous Forth railway bridge, a triumph of Victorian engineering.

Receptions and dinners on each evening provided plenty of opportunity to catch up with old friends. After dinner on Friday, Alistair Moffat, an authority on Edinburgh’s past and a former director of the Edinburgh Fringe, shared some of his insights into the history and more recent cultural heritage of the city. On Saturday evening, members were piped into dinner by Pipe Major Iain Grant in full regalia. He then introduced us to an important part of Scottish culture by addressing the haggis – though eating the haggis was not compulsory. The evening closed with a short display of Highland dancing. The AGM on Sunday morning was devoted to a more formal agenda discussing issues affecting the British Chapter and members’ concerns. The AGM was followed by lunch, and members dispersed during the afternoon.

Details of the event with photos are available on the British Chapter website 1818bc.org.uk

Christmas Lunch and Reunion. 3rd December, 2011.

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2010

Time: 12:00 Noon

Place: Thistle Euston Hotel, Cardington Street, London, NW1 2L.

The Thistle Hotel is located a few minutes walk, or two minutes in a taxi, from Euston Station, which has excellent underground, bus and mainline connections. A drinks reception in the Westminster Bar will be followed by lunch in the Brasserie.

Registration forms will be distributed to members in September 2011. More information can be had from Ian Hill - Email: eventorganizer1818bc@tiscali.co.uk. Tel: 44 (0) 1730 821440 or on the British Chapter website: www.1818bc.org.uk

Spring Reunion and AGM Llandudno, North Wales. May 11 - 13, 2012

The 2012 Reunion and AGM will be held in Llandudno, North Wales, staying in the Royal St. George Hotel. Members are promised another interesting programme based on the local knowledge of John and Monica Peberdy.

CANADIAN CHAPTER

Canadian retirees who are interested in joining can contact Jim Smith on jsmith.econ@gmail.com or Helene Masson on conferencesinc@yahoo.ca. Jim and Helene would also welcome help in the task of contacting other Canadians who may potentially be interested.

CHILEAN CHAPTER

A luncheon took place on April 13 in Viña del Mar at the San Marcos Restaurant for retirees living in the Vth (Central Coastal) Region of the country, which was attended in the main by those living in Viña,

Valparaíso, Reñaca, and a few coming from Santiago and Olmué.

The *Directory of 1818 Society Members* has arrived. Those interested in having a copy, please contact Miguel Schloss (tel. 02-458-6050 or miguel.schloss@dalberg.com) so that they can pick up their copy at the reception at Presidente Riesco 3785; Las Condes, Santiago.

For information on future meetings, please contact Miguel Schloss at miguel.schloss@dalberg.com or Silvia Lay de Schloss at slaydamc@vtr.net tel. 56-2-458-6050, or 56-99-544-3856.

DUTCH CHAPTER

Twelfth Dutch Reunion

Dates: September 8-10, 2011

Place: Harderwijk

The history of Harderwijk goes back a thousand years. In the 13th century, it was an important trade and fishing center. Part of the medieval city wall is still intact. We will enjoy its history through guided walks and attend a lecture in the old monastery chapel about Linnaeus, the world famous 18th century botanist, who received his doctoral degree at Harderwijk University. Those interested, will have the opportunity to visit the city museum as well as the world famous dolfinarium. To top it all off, we'll have a dinner cruise on the former Southern sea. We are staying in the best hotel in town: Hotel Baars (Best Western), in the center near the monumental church and the old historic monastery.

If you would like to come to the Harderwijk reunion please inform the reunion coordinator, Henk Groen, at hggroen@aol.com and reserve your room at Hotel Baars, Harderwijk, Netherlands, for September 8 and 9. You can reserve by emailing: sales@hotelbaars.com, or by calling Jose Beijen (the lady who is our contact at the hotel) at +31 341 412007. Please mention: "World Bank reunion" and

let the hotel know whether you want a double room (Euro 95 per night for two, incl. breakfasts) or a single room (Euro 85 per night). By giving your credit card info, the hotel will hold your reservation. We have taken an option on 30 rooms, valid until early August 2011. It's a good idea to make your reservations early.

In late March, details about the program were sent via email to previous participants as well as other Dutch retirees or their spouses/partners. Those interested in coming to the reunion (or learning more about it), who have not yet received this information, please contact Henk Groen at hggroen@aol.com.

Thirteenth Dutch Reunion

Dates: September 6-8, 2012

Place: Apeldoorn

FRENCH-SPEAKING CHAPTER

The autumn trip is currently being planned. The destination will be the Loire region with its well-known chateaux. The dates are from September 23 to 25, 2011. Additional information can be obtained from Olivier Lafourcade at olivierlafourcade@yahoo.com

The Chapter's website can be found at: <http://www.1818france.org>. For further information, please contact Olivier Lafourcade at olafourcade@1818france.org.

GERMAN-SPEAKING CHAPTER

As previously mentioned, the 2011 annual meeting of the German speaking 1818 Society chapter will take place in the historic Baltic city of Stralsund, also a UNESCO world heritage site, from September 9-11, 2011. The German speaking chapter welcomes the participation of other former or active World Bank colleagues. Given the likely large number of participants, interested colleagues are encouraged to make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Contact person at the arcona Hotel Baltic:

j.browleit@balticarcona.de For further information please contact Hans Peters (EM: HJFPeters@t-online.de) or Franz Kaps (EM: fkaps@t-online.de)

We learned from one of our colleagues that he and his wife will have to depart from Stralsund in the morning of September 11 and will thus have to miss the excursion to Rügen island, one of the highlights of our meeting. Those participants who will also not be able to join us for the excursion to let us know by June 15, at the latest. The concerned colleagues will be advised immediately thereafter about the cost for excursions, visits of the various sites and monuments as well as meals, other than the Rügen excursion. The hotel in Stralsund has advised us that by May 8 some 40 rooms have already been reserved by participants in our meeting. The hotel has reserved a total of 75 rooms up to July 16.

Franz Kaps and his wife attended the annual meeting of the UK 1818 Society chapter, which was held in Edinburgh, and which was very well organized. The meeting afforded them the occasion to draw the attention of UK as well as colleagues from other chapters to draw their attention to the Stralsund meeting.

The program for the meeting can be found on The 1818 Society's web site at: http://siteresources.worldbank.org/1818SOCIETY/Events/22897939/Stralsund_and_Ruegen_Sept_2011.pdf.

JAPAN CHAPTER

In order to express our instant support and goodwill to those victims of the Eastern Japan Disaster, the Japan Chapter donated 10% of the accumulated member fees to one of the most credible and reliable NGOs, Civic Force (<http://civic-force.org/english/index.html>), which is already aggressively helping victims in the eastern regions in Japan. Also a section is now dedicated to the Great Northeast

Earthquake and Tsunami within the 1818 Society website.

The Japan Chapter celebrates its 5th Anniversary in 2011. We are planning to have a special event at the end of June or beginning of July. The management committee welcomes any suggestions for the event. Please propose your ideas to 1818societyjapan@gmail.com or through the bulletin board of Japan Chapter's new website: <http://www.1818societyjapan.com/>. As Japan Chapter's membership rules are more liberal than 1818 Society's rules in terms of eligibility, we are always welcome for you to be a new member. Please contact with our administrator through e-mail: 1818societyjapan@gmail.com for details.

The English-language version of the Japan Chapter's Web Home page can now be found at <http://www.geocities.jp/societyjapan/>. For further information and/or details, the contacts in Japan are: Mr. H. Hamaguchi, Director, at harutaka.hamaguchi@kenedix.com; Mr. T. Kudo, Director, at Kudo.Tsutomu@jica.go.jp; and Mr. Masayoshi Takahashi, President, at mtaka1937@ybb.ne.jp. For the Washington DC area, contact Mr. Kunio D. Kikuchi, HQ Liaison, E-mail: kuniokikuchi@yahoo.com.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

Patricia Kittleman (bluangel1000@gmail.com) has kindly agreed to plan the 2011 gathering of the Florida Chapter. It will be held on the West Coast of Florida in Crystal River/Homossassa Springs the last week of October. Please contact Patricia for the details of the gathering. For 2012 the plan is to take a cruise to the Bahamas (the cruise ship leaves from Palm Beach, see (<http://bahamascelebration.com>)). You can access the Florida Chapter website at <http://sites.google.com/site/1818florida> or through the 1818 Society website www.worldbank.org/1818.

Sector Group Events

Each 1818 sector group would like to link up with new retirees from its sector. Right now, leaders of the sector groups review the list of new members in each Bulletin to spot newcomers affiliated with their sectors. Please help us improve on this hit-and-miss system by alerting the sector contacts mentioned below about new members affiliated with operational sector groups.

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1818 EDUCATION SECTOR GROUP

The 1818 Education Sector Group met for lunch on Monday May 9, 2011. Barbara Searle introduced the speaker, Marlene Lockheed, a fellow 1818 alumna, who then talked about her post-retirement experience of teaching education policy to graduate students at Harvard and Princeton, and taking Princeton undergraduates to Costa Rica and Turkey to look at other education systems in the world. A copy of her *PowerPoint* presentation will be posted on The Society's website.

The next event of the group, scheduled for summer, will be a family outing on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, sometime in August. Details will be sent later to those on the group's e-mail list.

If you are interested in getting regular information about the group's activities, please contact Sverrir Sigurdsson (e-mail: tssigurdsson@yahoo.com). In the future, the Education Sector Network will keep Sverrir informed about seminars, conferences, publications, etc, organized by the Network. He, in turn, will pass that information on to those on his distribution list. In addition to Sverrir, Eluned Schweitzer (elunedrob@hotmail.com) and Marlene Lockheed (mlockheed@verizon.net) are providing support and advice. The group is looking for additional volunteers to add diversity and ideas for future presentations.

1818 ENERGY SECTOR GROUP

On March 31, Andrew Steer, the Bank's Special Envoy on Climate Change, spoke over lunch to a jointly sponsored meeting of The 1818 Society and Energy Sector Group on "Global Climate Change: Is this a Game-Changer for the World Bank?" The lunch was well attended, and Andrew's talk provoked a lively discussion following the presentation. We extend a special "thank you" to Shiva and his hardworking staff (Miren and Swati) for making all the arrangements.

We continue to plan ahead, and hope to provide you with further speakers on broad energy topics of current interest. Our next speaker – on **Wednesday, June 1**, at 11am followed by lunch- will be **David Maloney**, recently retired from the A&E firm CH2 M Hill, who will talk on **'Smart Grids'**. He will focus his presentation on the reasons why smart grids are now essential to permit the dispatch of intermittent electric power (solar and wind, primarily). This will not be

just a technical discussion, but will relate to global problems encountered by would-be renewable energy-based power generators and their dispatchers.

In the Fall, we are planning **two** further presentations: the *first* on the lessons and experience in closing the **Chernobyl nuclear plant** (and similar plants in the ECA region); the *second*, on **hydropower and renewables**, for which we hope to invite Oskar Sigvaldason, a past President of Acres, a large Canadian engineering firm that continues to be active internationally in hydropower work.

We continue to encourage our fellow energy retirees to let us have your ideas about further topics, and particularly speakers, who may be visiting the Washington DC area later in 2011.

For further information about activities of the Energy Sector Group, please contact either Mike Gillette (mj_gillette@yahoo.com), Akin Oduolowu (Oduolowu@yahoo.com), Yves Rovani (yrovani@aol.com); Eugene McCarthy (emcc8940@aol.com); or Hal Wackman (hal.wackman@gmail.com)

1818 HNP SECTOR GROUP

The HNP sector group held its third luncheon meeting on 11 May 2011. Willy de Geyndt ably summarized his work on the Second Quality Assessment of the Lending Portfolio (QALP-2). Among points he made that generated considerable discussion among the ten retirees present were the following:

- HNP projects have been somewhat less satisfactory than the average of all Bank projects but are in line with those of other social sectors (agriculture and rural development, education, and public sector governance);
- Task team leaders (TTLs) working on vertical projects like malaria did

better than those managing sector-wide horizontal health-strengthening efforts;

- Specific sector goals, e.g., reduce infant and child mortality, proved to be frustratingly unattainable alongside financial disbursement targets;
- Physical infrastructure projects consistently rated higher in their quality assessments than human infrastructure projects.

Comments from Messrs/Mmes Bernhard Liese, Rudy van Puymbroeck, Denise Vaillancourt, Susan Stout, Alan Berg, Vincent Turbat, Michael Azefer, and David Berk enlivened the discussion. A guiding question was, “What contribution can 1818 HNP sector folks make to help the Bank’s HNP staff upgrade results?” Several of those present suggested their readiness to help augment management oversight in such wise as to yield more effective attention to details that can increase project quality in future. The occasional inputs by seasoned professionals advising the middle managers in charge of current HNP operations could yield a high ratio of benefits to costs, speakers noted.

On a separate note, we learned that Abdo Yazbeck and other Bank staff are considering a look back two decades to the publication of *WDR 93, Investing in Health*. Where do we stand now? What new priorities and strategies will be needed in 2013 to move forward more nimbly in the effort to achieve HNP sector objectives? These questions and others will continue to stimulate retiree interest in these key sectors.

The HNP sector group will rest for the summer. Please forward suggestions for fall sessions to mcg1938@gmail.com and we will seek to respond to all interested parties. Please induce friends and colleagues not now within reach to join our efforts. We have a site on GoogleGroups that all are

invited to join. The first lunch in February was a good beginning, with a focus on current and near-term HNP strategy. The second lunch in March underlined a possible strengthening of Bank emphasis on population growth and population policy issues. This third meeting turned our attention to important details of operations. Further success depends on how Bank staff and retirees can meet and work together toward common goals.

1818 WATER SECTOR GROUP

The Water Sector group met for lunch at the Bank on May 13th. Our speaker was Miguel Schloss, President of the Chilean Chapter. His subject was governance and corruption and the different country and sector environments that encourage and discourage corruption. A lively discussion of corruption in the water sector followed during the question and answer period. The question was raised about the effect of privatization on corruption in the water sector and whether it should be considered one of the benefits. The consensus was that corruption can occur just as easily under private sector control as well as public sector control, but that the expectation of the public is that it is more likely to occur when the public sector is in charge. Miguel emphasized that an important characteristic when corruption is absent when a service is being provided is a high level of participation of the beneficiaries in its governance. As a result of several requests from members who attended the luncheon, as well as members who couldn't, Miguel has provided the Power Point slides from his presentation, as well as a background paper for posting on the 1818 Society website (www.worldbank.org/1818). Both documents are now available in the "Sectors" section of the site under "Water Sector". The titles are:

- Governance--from words to deeds (item 17)
- Improving Public Sector Procurement in Latin America--A

Synthesis Report on Eight Case Studies of Three Methods in Three Countries (item 18)

The Water Sector Group's next luncheon meeting is tentatively scheduled for October.

If you're interested in receiving information about the Water Group's activities, please contact Dick MacEwen at email RMacEwen@alum.mit.edu; tel 703-734-0367. He'll add your name to the group's email distribution list.

An Opportunity to Join LinkedIn

In an effort to improve our networking ability amongst World Bank Group alumni, a new LinkedIn group has been set up with the title:

The 1818 Society, World Bank Group Alumni Association.

This is a networking tool used by some 100 million professionals and by many Alumni Associations. You will be required to join LinkedIn for free at:

www.linkedin.com

By joining LinkedIn you will be able to join our new group, which will allow those members interested in keeping in touch with former colleagues and in expanding their personal networks to have a central point of contact. By adding your own personal (professional) information you are letting others know your background and your interest. It is a simple tool, but can be used by all to follow the careers of former colleagues and provide a useful tool to contact other former Bank Group colleagues. As many of you are aware, many colleagues are now leaving the Bank Group earlier than in the past, and are going on to interesting and challenging new careers. We hope that the LinkedIn group will allow our alumni to maintain contact with former colleagues and also to serve as a data base for persons seeking professional support or professional assignments.

You will see that many of your former colleagues have already joined. The more

members who join, the more effective this tool will become. The more professional information you provide, the more useful this tool will become.

New Members

We welcome the following Bank Group retirees/alumni to The 1818 Society.

Country of intended residence other than the USA have been added after their names.

Aly K. Abu-Akeel
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From the Editor

I would like to call particular attention to the article that appears on the first page in the issue of *The 1818 Society Bulletin*, "1818 For 2020." The 1818 Society faces many challenges in the years ahead, as it evolves as the World Bank evolves, albeit with a considerable time lag. Dan Ritchie, Shiva, and the other members of the group that met to discuss these challenges have rendered a significant service to The 1818 Society. I encourage you to read the report of their meeting with care, and submit your own thoughts and ideas to 1society@worldbank.org.

In a more retrospective mood, I would like to draw your attention to the last page of this issue, which has a reproduction of the June 1956 cover of *International Bank Notes*, drawn by the late Larry Slade, which is a fascinating glimpse of what development "looked like" to the World Bank 55 years ago. Again, I invite your comments and observations, and will print a selection of them in the next issue.

As always, I am happy to receive your suggestions and comments. I can be reached at cziegler1@hotmail.com.

Chuck Ziegler
 Editor

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**Opening of Pension Administration
Kiosk at MC 1-850 starting April 28, 2011**

Pension Administration is pleased to announce the opening of a new kiosk space conveniently located on the 1st floor of the Main Complex starting Thursday, April 28, 2011. The kiosk space is located near the West-side entrance on 19th street and is in the vicinity of the Staff Association and the 1818 Society offices.

The kiosk will offer staff and retirees a wide range of service and will be a one-stop shop for all pension-related queries.

Services will include:

- One-on-one pension counseling by appointment
- Assistance with general pension matters
- Drop-off location for pension-related forms
- The other processes including the pension payroll and accounting will move to the C building.

Visit the Pension Administration Kiosk at MC 1-850 between 9 AM and 4 PM.

Please note that you can use the below link to verify the receipt of your Life Certificate.

<http://staff.worldbank.org/pension/lifecertificate>

For any questions please contact Pension Administration Division at:

New Mail Stop Number MSN C 7-702

Phone: (202) 458-2977

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**Social Security Benefits of U. S.
National World Bank Retirees**

Recently, a World Bank retiree, a U.S. national, encountered a problem with US Social Security Administration (SSA) with respect to the amount of social security payable to this person. SSA wanted to reduce social security benefits on the ground that the

person was getting a pension from the World Bank, a U.S. agency. The root causes of this problem were the windfall elimination and the government pension offset provisions in the Social Security Act, whereby if a person worked for an employer who does not withhold Social Security taxes from his/her salary, such as a government agency or an employer in another country, the pension he/she gets based on that work may reduce his/her Social Security benefits. However, the Windfall Elimination and government pension offset provisions are not applicable to World Bank retirees because: (a) The World Bank, and the other World Bank Group entities, are not agencies of the U.S. federal government, nor are they agencies of any state or local government; (b) The World Bank Staff Retirement Plan pension is not a governmental pension provided by a federal, state or local government; and (c) Wages received by U.S. citizens for services performed for the World Bank Group are subject to full Social Security and Medicare taxation. If Society members face such a situation they are advised to contact World Bank Pension Administration office and obtain the relevant letter addressed to the Social Security Administration.

Events In D.C.

Live in the DC area? Sign up for our next fun outings! Details are posted on our website, and an e-mail will be sent announcing the details of the visit. If you don't have access to a computer, just call our office at 202-458-1956 to register!

Friday, 3rd June, 2011: 11AM to 12.30PM

About Change- Latin America and Caribbean exhibition at The World Bank Main Complex, Washington DC.

Mount Vernon trip will be scheduled for future date.

July 6, 2011: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Summer Dinner is being planned and

will be announced soon. Check the website at www.worldbank.org/1818 for more details.

Cruise To New England and Canada with The 1818 Society Travel Club



Bookings
Still
Available.

9-Day (October 6) Royal Caribbean Cruise from Baltimore---to the beautiful scenery and historic ports of New England and Canada, visiting Portland, Maine; Bar Harbor, Maine; St. John, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Boston, Massachusetts. Dine, hike, bike, watch whales, and explore the towns.

For more information, please contact **Maria Gomes** as soon as possible: E-mail: 1818travelclub@gmail.com

Impressions of Tokyo After the Great Northeast Earthquake and Tsunami

By *Kunio D. Kikuchi*

Last month, I went to Tokyo to attend to family business and stayed for one week from April 13 to April 21. It was also my first visit after the devastating North East Pacific Coast Earthquake and Tsunami of March 13 that destroyed many coastal communities in North East Japan. The Impression I had of Tokyo was like no other during my numerous "commutes" to Japan since 1964, when I graduated from college in the US. I would like to share with you a few of my thoughts and impressions.

First, there was the surprising lack of tourists, both domestic and foreign, and other business people visiting Japan. Arriving at Narita Airport in late afternoon, I found the arrival lounge sparsely occupied. The limousine bus ride to my downtown hotel, which normally takes about two hours during evening rush hour in Tokyo, only took a bit over one hour. The hotel

was not busy at all. Many restaurants catering to foreigners and tourists closed for lack of business.

The Okura Hotel, familiar to many Bank staff, located across from the US Embassy, closed one of its major wings. It is hard to say whether the tourists were avoiding Japan because of the crippled Fukushima Nuclear Power Station, which continues to spew radioactive cooling water and steam, or the frequent aftershocks. I would say that both are equally frightening.

Second, all of the Tokyoites I talked with said the earthquake on March 11 was the most frightening experience they have ever had. Not only did it shake hard, but unlike most earthquakes that last 10 to 15 seconds, this one went on for five minutes. And this was in Tokyo, located over 400 km from the epicenter of the M9.0 earthquake. The jolt and the shaking farther north must have been far worse.

Third, there are still frequent earthquakes, very much more near the earthquake zone, but troublesome enough in Tokyo. I felt three moderate earthquakes during my stay, but each time I had to stop and think if the shaking was going to get worse, and what my options were if it did.

Fourth, because the power generating capacity of Tokyo Electric Power Company (the monopoly power company for the capital region) has been reduced by about 25% by the shutdown/destruction of its major nuclear power station, power usage has been curtailed voluntarily. So, Tokyo is darker at night. Even the famous Ginza Street has turned off the colorful neon signs. More problematic for me was that the Tokyo metro, which has hundreds of stations, decided to shutdown one or more of the escalators at each Metro station. As I had a sore knee, walking down the long stairs was no joy, since more often than not, the down escalators than the up escalators were turned off. It were as if every Metro station had a maintenance problem with its

escalators; certainly not something one expects in the capital city of a wealthy and highly industrialized nation. In short, I can understand why foreign tourists and even long term expatriates have been staying away from Tokyo and Northern Japan after the disaster of March 11.

The positive side of all this is that Japan is reducing overall energy consumption and learning to make do with less. But at the same time, I cannot forget the sorrow and difficulties faced by all the victims of the March 11 earthquake. With more than 25,000 dead and missing (and presumed dead) and 5,000 wounded, almost 300,000 residences totally or partially destroyed, mainly by the tsunamis, as were numerous factories, shops, 22,000 fishing vessels of various types, and infrastructure, it will take a few years for reconstruction. In addition to the 200,000 people who had to evacuate because of the earthquakes and tsunami, about an equal number of people had to be evacuated from the 30km radius zone near the crippled Fukushima Nuclear Power Station. Many of the evacuees need continued support not just from the Japanese government and people, but from the global community.

A View From the Atrium

By Moe Kallattay

For a few days in April, thirty faceless zombies populated our atrium. The strange display of life-size cardboard silhouettes was connected with the Spring Meetings' vapid theme "Put Food First". Each of the beige figures had a real person's 'before' story of poverty and hunger written on one side, and an upbeat 'after' photo on the other. The point of it all was far from clear, prompting one friend to quip 'our dream is a world free of slogans'.....

I'd always figured that the Bank is a pretty decent place to work for gay staff, and this impression was confirmed by a recent

survey of all staff co-sponsored by the Bank, the Staff Association, and GLOBE, the club of gay employees. The 1900 respondents overwhelmingly agreed that the workplace climate for LGBT staff has improved over time. Heterosexual staff expressed sympathy for the rights of LGBT staff and expressed intolerance of any discrimination. Still, the survey found there are too many instances of negative workplace climate, especially for staff in overseas offices. The report recalled some interesting historic milestones -- for instance, in 1992 a Bank obituary notice for the first time mentioned a same-sex partner, and in 1998 same-sex domestic partners became eligible for Bank health insurance.....

Under Bob Zoellick's personal leadership, the Bank has become deeply involved in a global initiative to protect tigers, which are in imminent danger of extinction. In a recent op-ed piece, Zoellick noted "we have to target the illicit demand that drives tiger decline - because the illegal trade in wildlife is nothing more than organised crime. In fact, it's the third largest form of organised crime, after the arms and drugs trades." Why is the Bank involved? "Saving the wild tiger is a global challenge. Just as with many of the other challenges of sustainability - such as climate change, pandemic disease, or poverty - the crisis facing tigers overwhelms local capabilities and transcends national boundaries."

Conservation was also the focus of a standing-room-only appearance at the Bank by the celebrated primatologist Jane Goodall. In an inspiring speech to staff that looked backed over her long life and rich experience, Dr. Goodall talked about the dire state of the earth, saying that humanity has inflicted "grievous harm" on the land by abusing natural wealth and depleting its ecosystems. In 1990, when she flew over the Gombe National Park, she said, "It was absolutely horrifying to me to see that, yes, I knew there was deforestation outside the park but I had not realized it was total

deforestation." Working with local people around Gombe highlighted for her the connection between thriving forests, wildlife, and the people's quality of life. The forest is now regenerating around the park. "These villagers agreed to put that land so that it formed a buffer around Gombe, and I tell you, five years after I had stood and looked out over completely bare hills I went back to the same place and there were trees already 30-foot high." Dr. Goodall is full of hope about the capacity of the human mind to understand problems and conceive of solutions, and about nature's resilience to regenerate. "The world is really a mess, but we have a chance to turn it around," she said. "Every single day that every single one of us lives we make a difference, and it's up to us to choose what kind of impact we will have on the world." Now *that's* (unlike the cardboard cutouts) an inspiring message.

Moe is the pen name of a retiree / consultant.

Artists' and Writers' Corner

Retiree **Robert Elwood Burns**, has just published his third novel, *The Italian Wars*. It is the second in his sixteenth century historical fiction series subtitled: *The Travels and Adventures of Baltasar Albueno, Renegade, Secret Agent and Gentleman of the Spanish Nations*. The third volume under preparation is entitled, *The House of War (Dar al-Harb)*. A British reviewer has likened his work to that of the John Masters' series of historical novels.

Early readers had the following to say about *The Italian Wars*:

"The tentative and naïve Baltasar of *Venetian Exile (the first volume in the series)* has emerged as a man in full in *The Italian Wars*: experienced, skeptical, resourceful and inner-directed. The girl, Sheba, has fared even better. A formidable and sexy team of which we expect much in the future."

“. . . rescues Gonsalvo of Cordoba from an undeserved obscurity in the English-speaking world. One of the great and innovative military figures of Renaissance Europe.”

“An action-packed tale with a humorous and unobtrusive subtext reflecting on diplomacy, commerce, war, espionage, assassination, the flesh trade, predestination, and the Sacrament of Penance—a piquant and sumptuous banquet for the lover of historical fiction.”

The paperback versions of his first three novels are all available at Amazon.com. The e-book version of *The Italian Wars* is now available from Amazon for Kindle users and other compatible e-readers at one third the paperback price. Signed copies of the paperback version can be obtained from the author at booksburns@gmail.com.

Robert Calderisi, whose book *The Trouble with Africa: Why Foreign Aid Isn't Working* was chosen by *The Economist* magazine as one of the best books of 2006 (despite cheekily defending the Bank's record on structural adjustment) has been commissioned by Yale University Press to write about the impact of the Roman Catholic Church on economic and social development in the world. Robert would welcome hearing about your own experiences of the Church's work in Africa, Asia and Latin America, however frustrating or inspiring, amusing or grim, surprising or consistent with your earlier notions of the role of the Church. He can be contacted at calderossi@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Required Medicare Enrollment and the Retiree Medical Plan (RMIP)

Under the rules of the RMIP, retirees (and their covered spouse or domestic partner) are required to enroll in the National Health Plan (NHP) of the resident country registered with Pension if they are eligible

on the same basis as a national of that country. In the United States, the NHP is Medicare and enrollment in Medicare is required for all eligible retirees and their spouse or partners in the RMIP.

Most World Bank retirees who are now U.S. citizens or permanent residents aged 65 or over are eligible for at least Medicare Part B. Failure to enroll in Medicare Part B when eligible can result in a Medicare premium penalty if you enroll at a later date and can reduce your RMIP claim reimbursements for U.S. medical services.

Further information is available on The 1818 Society web site. Click on **Related Links**, then click on **Retiree Medical Insurance Plan (RMIP) and Medicare FAQs**.

1818 Society Directories Available

Copies of the latest *Directory of 1818 Society Members* (July 2010) are still available for pickup in person on a first come, first served basis at The 1818 Society office.

Job Opportunities

Job opportunities at the World Bank Group and other organizations are regularly posted on The 1818 Society's web site at: <http://1818members.wordpress.com/job-opportunities/>.

Volunteer Opportunities

Your presence, ideas, creativity, and skills are in demand. Several non-profit organizations are seeking volunteers. The 1818 Society and the World Bank's Community Outreach Program have identified three organizations that retirees might find interesting to work with. Visit the 1818 Society's website at www.worldbank.org/1818 for more details or you can contact Ms. Marilyn Manalo at community1818@gmail.com.

WBFN Book Project is also looking for volunteers who can help out between Monday and Wednesday from 10am to 3pm. They are currently packing books destined for schools in Nigeria and then we'll be packing for Papua New Guinea. Small groups of 6-7 volunteers are also welcome. The tasks include:

- making up boxes
- stamping books
- sorting books
- packing books

If interested, please contact us at (202) 473 8960 or email at bookprojectwbfn@worldbank.org

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm.

Location: Basement of the J building, Room B3-105, 701 18th Street NW, Washington DC

Immigration Seminar

The 1818 Society is organizing for its members a seminar on Immigration on **June 7, 2011**. It will be held at the **Eugene Black Auditorium (H Building)** from **10:30 AM-12:30 PM** and will be conducted by Linda Hoffman of Law Offices of Linda Hoffman, PC.

The purpose of this seminar is to provide Society members basic information on immigration matter relevant to them.

DISCOUNTS FOR 1818 SOCIETY MEMBERS

You may view information on discounts for Society members on the 1818 Society webpage. Pull up www.worldbank.org/1818 and click on "Member Services and Discounts." New or updated information covers AT & T, Amtrak's Acela, and Metro.

Please Keep Your Address Up-to Date

Please remember to inform the 1818 Society when your address, phone number or e-mail changes. The best way to do this is via e-mail as it reduces typing errors. Please do not inform the Society of address changes by phone. The Society's e-mail is 1society@worldbank.org. The mailing address is:

The 1818 Society,

P.O. Box no: 27388,

Washington DC 20433.

World Bank Mail Stop no: MSN MC 1-104.

Please Include Your UPI

The 1818 Society office is implementing a new database system. In order for the office staff to track your communications to them better, *please include your UPI on all e-mails sent to The 1818 Society office.*

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to inform you of the deaths of the following, to whose families we extend our sincere sympathy.

If you would like to post information about a friend's memorial service, you can use the link <http://1818members.wordpress.com/in-memoriam/> or go to the Society's website and click on the flower, on the upper right hand side.

Perla Aizenman, 75, of Bethesda, Maryland, on March 21, 2011. Ms. Aizenman retired from the Bank in 1993.

John J. Berik, 73, of Alexandria, Virginia, on April 16, 2011. Mr. Berik retired from the Bank in 1982.

Silvia Burmeister, of Potomac, Maryland, on May 18, 2011, spouse of H. Harald Burmeister.

Denise H. Butcher, 89, of Orford, Quebec, Canada, on March 4, 2011, surviving spouse of Leslie G. Butcher.

Francoise Carriere, 84, of Paris, France, on February 5, 2011, surviving spouse of Jean P. Carriere.

Betty M. Curran, 93, of Salisbury, UK, on March 25, 2011, surviving spouse of Harry Curran.

Agil Mohamed Elmanan, 70, of Khartoum, Sudan, on February 18, 2011. Mr. Elmanan retired from the Bank in 2004.

Francois Ettori, 70, of Paris, France, on November 22, 2010. Mr. Ettori retired from the Bank in 2000.

Asrat Felleke, 75, of Washington DC, on April 21, 2011. Mr. Felleke retired from the Bank in 1986.

Elizabeth Fowler, 94, of Alexandria, Virginia, on March 19, 2011, spouse of retiree Donald D. Fowler.

Steven Gimpel, 64, of Vienna, Virginia, on October 28, 2011, spouse of retiree Miram C. Gimpel.

John C. Glenn, 78, of Daphne, Alabama, on May 2, 2011. Mr. Glenn retired from the Bank in 1989.

Kenelm Lee Guinness, 82, of Claiborne, Maryland, on May 6, 2011 Mr. Guinness retired from the Bank in 1975.

George C. Hadjicostas, 88, of Nicosia, Cyprus, on April 10, 2011. Mr. Hadjicostas retired from the Bank in 1984.

John V. Hatala, 61, of Alexandria, Virginia, on December 25, 2010, spouse of retiree Ms. Fe Cabacungan

Juanita Iverson, 81, of Redmond, Washington, on March 18, 2011. Ms. Iverson retired from the Bank in 1974.

Shigemitsu Kuriyama, 86, of Tokyo, Japan, on May 4, 2011. Mr. Kuriyama retired from the Bank in 1972.

Lydia V Leisenring, 87, of Asheville, North Carolina, on April 1, 2011. Ms. Leisenring retired from the Bank in 1985.

Dr. Gabriele Dorothea Meyer-Haake, of Baden-Baden, Germany on April 9, 2011, surviving spouse of Peter Meyer-Haake.

Philip Musgrove, 70, of Rockville, Maryland, on March 21, 2011. Mr. Musgrove retired from the Bank in 2002.

Barbara L. Raymond, 90, of Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, on May 6, 2011, surviving spouse of Daniel A. Raymond.

Gerald L. E. Spier, 82, of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, on March 5, 2011. Mr. Spier retired from the Bank in 1987.

Charles G. Todd, 87, of Reston, Virginia, on March 29, 2011. Mr. Todd retired from the Bank in 1985.

Nicholas Tsimbidis, 48, of Lorton, Virginia, on April 24, 2011. Mr. Tsimbidis had not retired at the time of his death.

Wilhelmus Van Saagsvelt, 93, of Vlissingen, The Netherlands, on May 5, 2011. Mr. Van Saagsvelt retired from the Bank in 1974.

Tyrone Williams, 63, of Ellenwood, Georgia, on April 26, 2011, spouse of retiree Renee Williams.

Graciano B. D. Yan, 73, of Cebu City, The Philippine, on March 7, 2011, surviving spouse of Margarita Yan.

What development "looked like" to the World Bank 55 years ago.

*What would it "look like" now? A selection of responses addressed to the editor will be published in the next issue of **The 1818 Society Bulletin**.*

