

Dedication of new additions to International Center to be held

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UCSD INTERNATIONAL CENTER EXPANDS

The International Center at the University of California, San Diego will celebrate its 15th anniversary with the dedication of its newly expanded quarters at 3 p.m. on October 3.

The new wing will be dedicated by Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson and Joseph Watson, vice chancellor of undergraduate affairs, and several volunteer supporters of the center. Hung Liu, a graduate student in visual arts from China, will relate her experience as a foreign student at UCSD and in the United States.

A ribbon-cutting, a reception and tours of the new facilities will follow the ceremony.

The addition will accommodate expanded services to UCSD's rapidly growing population of foreign students and scholars. Since the center's inception in 1971, the foreign community at UCSD has grown from 500 individuals representing 27 nations to well over 2,000 people representing 80 nations.

The four new modules and an add-on to the existing building total 4,245 square feet, increasing the facility's capacity by approximately 40 percent. The new and the original buildings form a spacious, comfortable complex unified by a central patio.

The expansion provides office space for the Friends of the International Center and enlarged new quarters for its popular Resale Shop, an office and meeting room for UCSD's Oceanids, expanded quarters for the university's Opportunities Abroad Office

which includes the UC Education Abroad Program, and a conference room for undergraduate affairs. The addition also includes three American English in Action tutor rooms and two large storage areas.

The Oceanids, a volunteer organization serving the entire campus, will dedicate its pavilion to Ellen Revelle, one of its founding members. Her husband, Roger, a founder of UCSD and a professor of political science, will take part in the dedication.

Volunteer groups have supported and driven the International Center since its establishment in 1971 in a modest off-campus rental by the Zonta Club of La Jolla, an international service organization.

During the last several years, the Friends and the Oceanids raised \$200,000 from the community toward the \$450,000 addition, with UCSD putting up the remainder. The Oceanids has begun to raise funds for a garden and general landscaping for the center.

At the International Center, volunteers provide host families for new arrivals, tutoring in English, assistance in finding and relocating to permanent housing, emergency loans and scholarships, year-round social and cultural

events and an international cooperative nursery school. The Friends operate their resale shop to raise funds for scholarships, and the Oceanids run a kitchen and baby furniture lending program for short-term visitors.

Longtime volunteers participating in the dedication will be Milton Lipton, past president of the Friends; Maxine White, coordinator of the Oceanids' fund-raising efforts; Helen Lovenberg, founding member and new president of the Friends; and artist Heli Hofmann.

Kilgallon Construction Company built the addition, UCSD associate architect Robert Thorburn designed both the original facility and its complementary new section, and Michael Theilacker of Kawaski/Theilacker & Associates prepared the master plan for the center's landscaping.

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