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## **Governor's Subcabinet on International Affairs Recognizes Outstanding International Ambassadors**

**ANNAPOLIS** – On Monday, February 20, the Office of the Secretary of State and the Governor's Subcabinet on International Affairs recognized 19 outstanding international partners, businesses, individuals, and educators in both the public and private sector for their support of international programs in the State of Maryland.

“The awards were a great opportunity to acknowledge our many volunteers and business partners who commit a great deal of their personal time and work tirelessly to improve Maryland's presence overseas,” Secretary of State Mary D. Kane said.

The Office of the Secretary of State is responsible for carrying out international functions on behalf of the Office of the Governor. These functions generally, fall under one of two divisions in the International Affairs Office: the Governor's Subcabinet for International Affairs or the Maryland Sister States Program.

This year's award recipients include:

### **Outstanding International Event or Collaboration**

2005 Creative Global Connections in Bioscience Conference

### **Outstanding International Partner**

Ms. Myriam Norris, International Hostess, Luxembourg  
Patrick Hervy, Chair of MaryaXL Health  
Governor Shigfume Matsuzawa, Kanagawa Prefecture Japan

### **Outstanding Business Partner**

C. Robert Eaton, President of MDBio, Inc.  
Baltimore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

### **Outstanding Government Partner**

David Edgerley, Director of Montgomery County Department of Economic Development

### **Outstanding International Advocate**

R. Karl Aumman, Former Secretary of State  
Senator John Giannetti, Maryland-India Business Roundtable

### **Outstanding Sister State Committee Chair**

Dr. Dean Esslinger, Maryland-Anhui, China Education Committee Chair  
Robert Horn, McCormick & Co., Maryland-Jalisco, Mexico Committee Chair  
Judge Alan Wilner, Rule of Law Consortium, Maryland-Leningrad, Russia Committee Chair

**Outstanding Sister State Committee Member**

Tara Clifford, Maryland-Kanagawa, Japan Committee

Lt. Mark Gibbons, Maryland State Police, Maryland -Jalisco Security Committee

**Newcomer of the Year**

Debora Fajer-Smith, Maryland-Rio De Janeiro & Volvo Ocean Race Committee Chair

Suzanne Eakle, Director of Queen Anne's County Economic Development

**Outstanding Educator or Education Liaison**

Kate Christensen, University of Maryland Center for Health & Homeland Security

**Outstanding Youth Award**

Brady Walker, University of Maryland Baltimore County

**Outstanding Visiting Professional**

Sigal Moshe, English As a Second Language Teacher-Kanagawa, Japan