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Diversity Visa Lottery 2005 (DV-2005) Results

The Kentucky Consular Center in Williamsburg, Kentucky, has registered and notified the winners of the DV-2005 diversity lottery. The diversity lottery was conducted under the terms of section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and makes available *50,000 permanent resident visas annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. Approximately 100,000 applicants have been registered and notified and may now make an application for an immigrant visa. Since it is likely that some of the first *50,000 persons registered will not pursue their cases to visa issuance, this larger figure should insure that all DV-2005 numbers will be used during fiscal year 2005 (October 1, 2004 until September 30, 2005).

Applicants registered for the DV-2005 program were selected at random from

properties by 2000 program were streeted will need to act on their immigrant visa applications quisified entries received during the 60-day application period that ran from 12:00 AM on November 1, 2003, until midnight, December 30, 2003. The visas have been apportioned among six geographic regions, with a maximum of seven percent available to persons born in any single country. During the visa interview, principal applicants must provide proof of a high school education or its equivalent, or show two years of work experience in an occupation that requires at least two years of training or experience within the past five years. Those selected will need to act on their immigrant visa applications quickly. Applicants should follow the instructions in their notification letter and must fully complete the

Registrants living legally in the United States who wish to apply for adjustment of their status must contact the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services for information on the requirements and procedures. Once the total *50,000 visa numbers have been used, the program for fiscal year 2005 will end. Selected applicants who do not receive visas by September 30, 2005 will derive no further benefit from their DV-2005 registration. Similarly, spouses and children accompanying or following to join DV-2005 principal applicants are entitled to derivative diversity visa status only until September 30, 2005.

Only participants in the DV-2005 program who were selected for further processing have been notified. Those who have not received notification were not selected. They may try for the upcoming DV-2006 lottery if they wish. The dates for the registration period for the DV-2006 lottery program will be widely publicized during August 2004.

* The Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) passed by Congress in November 1997 stipulated that up to 5,000 of the 55,000 annually-allocated diversity visas be made available for use under the NACARA program. The reduction of the limit of available visas to 50,000 began with DV-2000.

The following is the statistical breakdown by foreign-state chargeability of those registered for the DV-2005 program:

AFRICA

ALGERIA 1,489	ERITREA 556	NAMIBIA 11
ANGOLA 14	ETHIOPIA 6,060	NIGER 53
BENIN 233	GABON 29	NIGERIA 6,725
BOTSWANA 7	GAMBIA, THE 136	RWANDA 51
BURKINA FASO 76	GHANA 3,974	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
BURUNDI 34	GUINEA 268	SENEGAL 409
CAMEROON 1,540	GUINEA-BISSAU 3	SEYCHELLES 4
CAPE VERDE 6	KENYA 3,618	SIERRA LEONE 594
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 4	LESOTHO 0	SOMALIA 364
CHAD 22	LIBERIA 714	SOUTH AFRICA 390
COMOROS 3	LIBYA 35	SUDAN 1,015
CONGO 47	MADAGASCAR 28	SWAZILAND 6
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC	MALAWI 44	TANZANIA 356
REPUBLIC OF THE 844	MALI 124	TOGO 2,857
COTE D'IVOIRE 321	MAURITANIA 25	TUNISIA 134
DJIBOUTI 12	MAURITIUS 23	UGANDA 244
EGYPT 6,070	MOROCCO 5,298	ZAMBIA 118
EQUATORIAL GUINEA 2	MOZAMBIQUE 12	ZIMBABWE 141

ASIA

AFGHANISTAN 22	IRAQ 48	NEPAL 2,698
BAHRAIN 1	ISRAEL 116	OMAN 0
BANGLADESH 7,404	JAPAN 373	QATAR 1
BHUTAN 1	JORDAN 44	SAUDI ARABIA 30
BRUNEI 1	NORTH KOREA 1	SINGAPORE 35
BURMA 531	KUWAIT 16	SRI LANKA 386
CAMBODIA 164	LAOS 4	SYRIA 26
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMIN. REGION 77	LEBANON 83	THAILAND 102
INDONESIA 258	MALAYSIA 87	TAIWAN 367
IRAN 820	MALDIVES 0	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 13
	MONGOLIA 55	YEMEN 40

FUROPE

ALBANIA 3,380 **GEORGIA 375** NORTHERN IRELAND 75

ANDORRA 1 GERMANY 1,275 NORWAY 25 ARMENIA 1,004 **GREECE 78** POLAND 6,211 PORTUGAL 51 AUSTRIA 91 **HUNGARY 181** AZERBAIJAN 235 ICELAND 5 Macau 12 **BELARUS 925 IRELAND 205** ROMANIA 2,521 BELGIUM 81 SAN MARINO 0 ITALY 202

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA 103 KAZAKHSTAN 296 SERBIA & MONTENEGRO 425

BULGARIA 4,068 KYRGYZSTAN 206 SLOVAKIA 398 CROATIA 69 LATVIA 158 SLOVENIA 6 CYPRUS 14 LIECHTENSTEIN 1 SPAIN 134 CZECH REPUBLIC 169 LITHUANIA 1,114 SWEDEN 115 LUXEMBOURG 2 SWITZERLAND 136 **DENMARK 42** MACEDONIA, FORMER YUGOSLAV REP. OF 306 ESTONIA 64 **TAJIKISTAN 83**

TURKEY 1,803 FINLAND 59 MALTA 0 FRANCE 384 MOLDOVA 383 **TURKMENISTAN 78** French Southern & Antarctic MONACO 0 UKRAINE 5,361

Lands 1

Martinique 2 **NETHERLANDS 130** UZBEKISTAN 1,551 New Caledonia 1 Netherlands Antilles 10 VATICAN CITY 0

Reunion 3 Aruba 2

NORTH AMERICA

BAHAMAS, THE 14

OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA 787 NAURU 0 SAMOA 6

NEW ZEALAND 290 SOLOMON ISLANDS 1 Cocos Islands 2

FIJI 530 TONGA 96 Cook Islands 0 KIRIBATI 0 Niue 1 TUVALU 0 MARSHALL ISLANDS 0 PALAU 2 VANUATU 0

MICRONESIA, FEDERATED PAPUA NEW GUINEA 5

STATES OF 0

SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE CARIBBEAN

PERU 2,514 ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 4 DOMINICA 8

SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS 3 ARGENTINA 221 ECUADOR 308 BARBADOS 12 GRENADA 7 SAINT LUCIA 4 BELIZE 3 **GUATEMALA 25** SAINT VINCENT AND **BOLIVIA 108** GUYANA 27 THE GRENADINES 14 BRAZIL 592 **HONDURAS 35** SURINAME 3

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 96 CHILE 43 **NICARAGUA 14**

COSTA RICA 24 PANAMA 17 **URUGUAY 18 CUBA 674** PARAGUAY 14 **VENEZUELA 299**

Natives of the following countries were not eligible to participate in DV-2005: Canada, China (mainland-born, excluding Hong Kong S.A.R., and Taiwan), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam.

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