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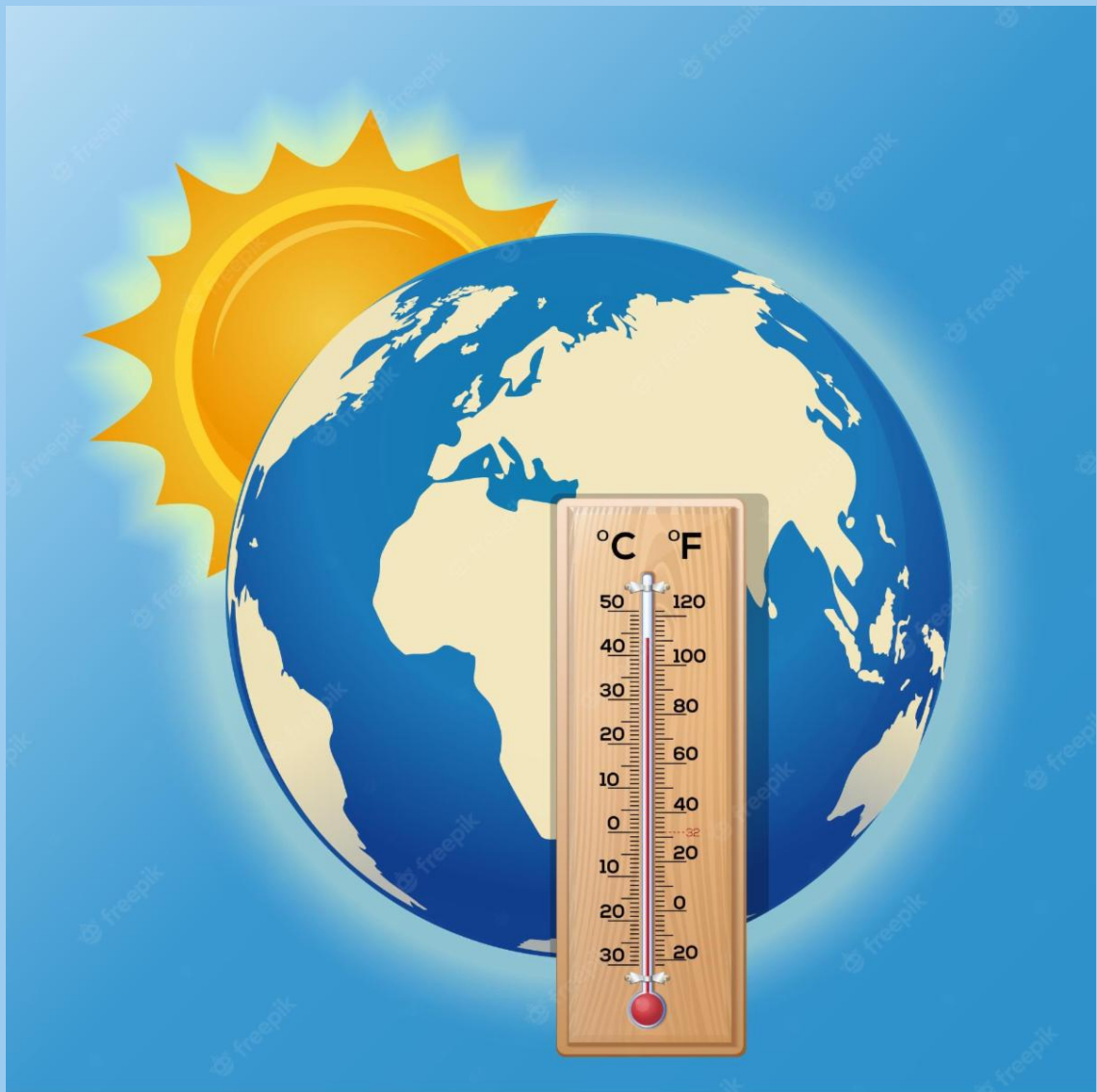
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There's no doubt that most of us are feeling the heat of this summer's blazing temperatures, but for many TSCI Student and Community Delegates since May, summer has meant cool travel and amazing cultural and educational experiences in Sunyani-Techiman, Ghana and Schorndorf, Germany! This edition of the TSCI Newsletter showcases photos of our recent travels and ongoing citizen diplomacy. Enjoy!

Additionally, TSCI is happy to announce preparations for the arrival of delegations from Sunyani-Techiman and Schorndorf to Tuscaloosa in the months ahead – AND preliminary plans to resume student exchanges to Narashino in the summer of 2024.

It is our ongoing mission and pleasure to foster international peace, mutual respect and understanding, and global friendship with you. Thank you for supporting "Citizen Diplomacy" on a local, regional, and global scale!

Lisa Keyes

Lisa Keyes - TSCI Executive Director *Alabama State Representative and Board of Directors Liaison, Sister Cities International*

Glorious Ghana

TSCI's 13-member Student and Community Delegation traveled to Sunyani-Techiman, and throughout the West African Gold Coast and even northern regions to celebrate our partnership's 12 th Anniversary – as well as countless cultural and historic sites - from May 27- June 9, 2023. Our heartfelt gratitude to the Mayors, Regional Ministers, and colleagues in Sunyani and Techiman for their kindness, hospitality, and generosity. These photos feature some special highlights of the delegation's MANY priceless experiences!





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Exploring Europe

From July 5-18, Tuscaloosa Sister Cities International/Tuscaloosa City Schools Student Ambassadors traveled to Paris, France, then on to Schorndorf, Germany for the first student exchange since 2020 (due to Covid/global travel restrictions). What a terrific group of student delegates, fantastic schedule coordinated by partner school Max Planck Gymnasium in Schorndorf, and incredible host families and impressions! “Tousand Dank” to all who made our summer journey truly life-changing and unforgettable. Enjoy these featured photos!



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Sunyani-Techiman Delegation Invited to Participate in UA Community Development and Education Symposium



An official delegation led by the Mayors and Governors of Sunyani and Techiman, Ghana has been invited to participate in a University of Alabama Community Development and Education Symposium on September 13-14, 2023. The symposium is designed to create solutions for community water resources, literacy initiatives, and business models for developing and trading between Sunyani, Techiman, and West Alabama. The delegation will meet with state and local officials, Mayor Walt Maddox and Tuscaloosa City Council leaders, as well as Tuscaloosa City Schools administrators, to celebrate the successful 12-year partnership between our cities and discuss ways to continue enhancing cultural and educational opportunities for citizens globally.

Schorndorf's MPG Big Band to Perform at Kentuck



Sound the horns! Warm the keyboards! Cue the singers! Schorndorf's Max Planck Gymnasium Big Band is scheduled to perform at the Kentuck Festival of the Arts on October 15, 2023. The 30+-member band plays tunes ranging from jazz hits such "Feeling Good" as to film favorites such as Adele's James Bond movie theme song, "Skyfall". The MPG tour will coincide with the reciprocal visit of students from this summer's TSCI/TCS student exchange in Schorndorf. After visiting Tuscaloosa, the MPG Band will also travel to Connecticut and New York City as part of their USA Tour. Willkommen, MPG band and student delegates!

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JAPAN 2024!



TSCI and Tuscaloosa City Schools are thrilled to announce that student exchanges to Narashino, Japan, will resume in 2024. Organizers in Tuscaloosa and Narashino have begun discussing the dates for a TCS student delegation traveling to Japan in June 2024, and Tuscaloosa welcoming a reciprocal Narashino student delegation in July 2024. Due to international travel restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, and safety measures in place to protect international student travel, there have been no exchanges to Narashino since 2018. Interest applications for the summer of 2024 will be delivered to Paul W. Bryant, Central, and Northridge High Schools in September. The exchange is open to 10th and 11th-grade applicants in the Tuscaloosa City Schools. For more information, contact TSCI at (205) 393-0100.

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Tuscaloosa Sister Cities International is proud of the support and commitment, locally and globally, of its Board of Directors. The board meets at 5pm on the second Wednesday of January, April, July, and October. Each member supports TSCI programs and events throughout the year. Thank you to each outstanding member of the TSCI Board of Directors!



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To become more involved with us! Whether you are interested in international culture, hosting an international student or adult delegate, or love to travel and would like to be a member of our next visit to Narashino, Schorndorf, or Sunyani-Techiman, Ghana we'd love to know you. TSCI is a non-profit, publicly funded agency and our goal is

to promote peace, mutual respect and global understanding and respect. We welcome your interest and your input, and we look forward to getting to know you better as we "Connect Globally and Thrive Locally".



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