

WELCOME TO THE WORLD'S FAIR The 2005 World Exposition, Aichi, Japan

The United States' eager participation in World EXPO 2005 manifests our belief in the EXPO's message and goals and also reflects the importance of the strong friendship linking Japan and the United States -- a friendship that is now stronger than ever.

In 2003, President George W. Bush made a commitment to Prime Minister Koizumi, promising that the U.S. would be present at World EXPO 2005 in Aichi, Japan.

On July 29, 2004, the U.S. Department of State signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Aichi-USA 2005 World Exposition, Inc. (Aichi USA 2005). Under the terms of the Memorandum, Aichi USA 2005 raised all the funds necessary to create and manage the official U.S. Pavilion. Pavilion sponsors include leading American-based companies, U.S. States, educational institutions and other organizations.

President George W. Bush appointed Lisa Gable Commissioner General of World EXPO 2005 on August 9, 2004 and accorded her the personal rank of Ambassador.

On September 7, 2004, U.S. Commissioner General, Lisa Gable and Chairman of the Japan Association for World EXPO 2005, Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda signed the official agreement between the United States and Japan.

The U.S. participation at EXPO 2005 showcases the dynamism and creativity of America and highlights our core national values--hope optimism, enterprise and freedom.



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Secretary of State Colin Powell, standing at right, and Japanese Ambassador to the U.S., Ryozyo Kato, standing left, watch as Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda, Chairman of the Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition, seated left, and Lisa Guillermin Gable, U.S. Commissioner General of Section of the United States Exhibition at the 2005 World Exposition, formalize the United States' participation in the 2005 World Exposition in Aichi, Japan, on Tuesday night, Sept. 7, 2004, at the State Department in Washington. At the fair, the United States will showcase a 17,000 square-foot pavilion built around the theme of Benjamin Franklin. The theme for the exposition as a whole will be 'Nature's Wisdom.' (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)