

Haiyuan Talc Powder Manufacture Factory
Henan Boma Co. Ltd.
Henan Kingway Chemicals Co., Ltd.
Henan Tagore Refractories Co., Ltd.
Henan Xinmi Changzixing Refractories, Co.,
Ltd.
Hebei Qinghe Refractory Group Co. Ltd
Huailin Refractories (Dashiqiao) Pte. Ltd.
Jiangsu Sujia Group New Materials Co., Ltd
Jiangsu Sujia Joint-Stock Co., Ltd.
Jinan Forever Imp. & Emp. Trading Co., Ltd.
Jinan Linqun Imp. & Emp. Co. Ltd.
Jinan Ludong Refractory Co., Ltd.
Kosmokraft Refractory Limited
Kuehne & Nagel Ltd. Dalian Branch Office
Lechang City Guangdong Province SongXin
Refractories Co., Ltd.
Liaoning Fucheng Refractories Group Co.,
Ltd.
Liaoning Fucheng Special Refractory Co.,
Ltd.
Liaoning Jiayi Metals & Minerals Ltd.
Liaoning Jinding Magnesite Group
Liaoning Mayerton Refractories Co., Ltd.
Liaoning Mineral & Metallurgy Group Co.,
Ltd.
Liaoning Qunyi Group Refractories Co., Ltd.
Liaoning Qunyi Trade Co., Ltd.
Liaoning RHI Jinding Magnesite Co., Ltd.
LiShuang Refractory Industrial Co., Ltd.
Lithomelt Co., Ltd.
Luheng Refractory Co., Ltd.
Luoyang Refractory Group Co., Ltd.
Mayerton Refractories
Minsource International Ltd.
Minteq International Inc.
National Minerals Co., Ltd.
North Refractories Co., Ltd.
Orestar Metals & Minerals Co., Ltd.
Oreworld Trade (Tangshan) Co., Ltd.
Puyang Refractories Co., Ltd.
Qingdao Almatiss Co., Ltd. (HQ)
Qingdao Almatiss Co., Ltd. (Manufacturing)
Qingdao Almatiss Trading Co., Ltd. (Sales
Office)
Qingdao Blueshell Import & Export Corp.
Qingdao Fujing Group Co., Ltd.
Qingdao Huierde International Trade Co.,
Ltd.
Rongyuan Magnesite Co., Ltd. of Dashiqiao
City
Shandong Cambridge International Trade Inc.
Shandong Lunai Kiln Refractories Co., Ltd.
Shandong Refractories Corp.
Shanxi Dajin International (Group) Co., Ltd.
Shanxi Xinrong International Trade Co. Ltd.
Shenyang Yi Xin Sheng Lai Refractory
Materials Co., Ltd.
Shinagawa Rongyuan Refractories Co., Ltd.
Sinosteel Corporation
SMMC Group Co., Ltd.
Tangshan Success Import & Export Trading
Co., Ltd.
Tianjin New Century Refractories, Ltd.
Tianjin New World Import & Export Trading
Co., Ltd.
Tianjin Weiyuan Refractory Co., Ltd.
Vesuvius Advanced Ceramics (Suzhou) Co.
Ltd.
Wonjin Refractories Co., Ltd.
Xiyuan Xingquan Forsterite Co., Ltd.
Yanshi City Guangming High-Tech
Refractories Products Co., Ltd.
YHS Minerals Co., Ltd.
Yingkou Dalmont Refractories Co., Ltd.
Yingkou Guangyang Refractories Co., Ltd.

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(YGR)
Yingkou Heping Samwha Minerals Co., Ltd.
Yingkou Jiahe Refractories Co., Ltd.
Yingkou Jinlong Refractories Group
Yingkou Kyushu Refractories Co., Ltd.
Yingkou Qinghua Group Imp. & Emp. Co.,
Ltd.
Yingkou Qinghua Refractories Co., Ltd.
Yingkou Sanhua Refractory Materials Co.,
Ltd.
Yingkou Tianrun Refractory Co., Ltd.
Yingkou Wonjin Refractory Material Co., Ltd.
Yingkou Yongji Mag Refractory, Ltd.
Yixing Runlong Trade Co., Ltd.
Yixing Xinwei Leeshing Refractory Material
Co., Ltd.
Yixing Zhenqiu Charging Ltd.
Zhejiang Changxing Guangming Special
Refractory Material Foundry, Co., Ltd.
Zhejiang Deqing Jinlei Refractory Co., Ltd.
Zhejiang Huzhou Fuzilin Refractory Metals
Group Co., Ltd.
Zhengzhou Anec Industrial Co., Ltd.
Zhengzhou Huachen Refractory Co., Ltd.
Zibo Lianzhu Refractory Materials Co., Ltd.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Trade Mission to Philippines and Malaysia

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS), is organizing an executive led education industry trade mission to Manila, Philippines and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from October 23—October 30, 2013. This mission is open to representatives from regionally accredited educational institutions offering undergraduate, graduate, and associate degree. Undergraduate and graduate programs and community colleges seeking to participate should be accredited by one of the six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. This mission will seek to connect educational institutions in the United States to potential students, university/institution partners, and education consultants in the Philippines and Malaysia. The mission will include one-on-one appointments with potential partners, embassy briefings, student fairs and networking events in Manila and Kuala Lumpur, the largest cities in two dynamic countries, each of which

hold high potential for U.S. educational institutions interested in students from this region.

Commercial Setting

Philippines

The U.S. still attracts a commanding share of Filipinos wishing to study abroad. U.S. institutions remain a top choice owing in large part to the firmly established historical, socio-cultural and political ties between the two countries. Due to increased competition from schools in other countries such as Australia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and Canada, U.S. schools are encouraged to establish and sustain outreach activities and to leverage the support offered by key education sector contacts. During the 2011/2012 academic year, 3,194 students from the Philippines were studying in the United States. Of these students, 52.7% were undergraduate students and 32.6% were graduate students.

The current educational system in the Philippines is largely based on the American model. There are about 1,600 higher educational institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines, of which 80% are private. There are several international schools in the Philippines. Many of these schools are concentrated in the Manila metropolitan area and offer International Baccalaureate (IB) programs to help prepare students who wish to study overseas. Filipino families place a premium on quality education, and as long as they can afford it, parents often prefer to send their children to private schools. Many overseas schools are increasing their recruiting efforts in the Philippines, particularly with respect to certain niche segments of Filipino society, for example the socio-economic political elite, legacy students/alumni network, and upper middle class families. Meanwhile, there has been a wave of international students, notably Koreans, who spend time in the Philippines specifically to learn English. Many of them eventually move on to pursue degrees in English-speaking countries like the United States, Canada and Australia.

Malaysia

Malaysian parents have historically placed a strong emphasis on education. As such, the demand for higher education in Malaysia has traditionally been and continues to be strong. Within the higher education environment, students in Malaysia generally fall into one of two categories: those funded by government scholarships and those funded privately. Government scholarships for higher education are

available. These government funded students typically either study in local public universities or for those who excel, overseas educational institutions. The majority of privately funded students study at private colleges, which often offer transfer, twinning, and external degree programs based on U.S., curriculum. Twinning is defined as a unique degree program where students can complete one part of their education in country and the second part at an international institution.

While a U.S. post secondary education has always been highly regarded, the number of Malaysian students studying in the United States decreased in the early 2000's as a result of an increase in the number of quality local universities and colleges, stronger competition from other countries, the Asian financial crisis, and 9/11. However, since 2006/7, the number of Malaysian students in the United States has increased 21.6%. In the 2011/12 academic year, 6,743 Malaysian students were studying in the United States, which ranks Malaysia as the twenty-first leading place of origin for students coming to the United States. Of these students, 68% were undergraduates and 19.7% were graduate students.

Mission Goals

The goals of the U.S. Education Mission to the Philippines and Malaysia are:

(1) To gain market exposure and introduce participants to two growing student markets in the region, taking advantage of the strong ties and positive reputation that United States educational institutions have in these countries.

(2) To develop market knowledge and relationships that can enhance future recruitment of students, as well as potential partnerships with local educational institutions and education consultants.

Mission Scenario

Participation in the mission will include the following:

- Pre-travel briefings/webinars;
- Embassy/consulate and industry briefings;
- Networking events in Manila and Kuala Lumpur;
- Pre-scheduled meetings with university heads in Manila and Kuala Lumpur;
- Educational consultants and guidance counselors fairs;
- Visits to private high schools;
- Student recruitment fairs in Manila and Kuala Lumpur;
- Airport transfers to hotels and to and from sites in Manila and Kuala

Lumpur associated with the trade mission.

The precise schedule will depend on the specific goals and objectives of the mission participants.

Proposed Mission Schedule—October 23–30, 2013

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Arrive Manila.

Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25, 2013

Embassy breakfast briefing, meetings with agents and guidance counselors, student fair, networking with local schools All scheduled events in Manila will end Friday evening.

Saturday through Monday, October 26, 27, and 28, 2013

Per clients' suggestions on previous missions, we have left this time open for mission participants to stay in Manila or go on to Kuala Lumpur for potential business meetings. All participants must be in Kuala Lumpur by Monday evening.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29 and 30, 2013

Embassy breakfast briefing, meetings with agents and guidance counselors, student fair, visits to local schools.

Participation Requirements

All parties interested in participating in the Mission to the Philippines and Malaysia must complete and submit an application for consideration by the U.S. Department of Commerce. All applicants will be evaluated on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. The mission will include a minimum of 40 and maximum of 50 qualified, regionally accredited U.S. educational institutions.

Fees and Expenses

After an educational institution has been selected to participate on the mission, a payment to the U.S. Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required. The participation fee is \$1,800 for one principal representative from each non-profit educational institution and \$2,350 for for-profit universities with over 500 employees. The fee for each additional representative is \$500. Expenses for lodging, some meals, incidentals, and all travel (except on group site visits) will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

Conditions for Participation

An applicant must submit a timely, completed and signed mission

application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the applicant's accreditation, courses offerings, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the U.S. Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.

- Participants must also travel to both stops on the mission.

- Each participant is subject to and must meet the US&FCS service eligibility requirements.

Selection Criteria for Participation

- Consistency of the applicant's goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission

- Applicant's potential for doing business in the Philippines and Malaysia, including likelihood of service exports (education)/knowledge transfer resulting from the mission

- Applicant must be appropriately accredited as per paragraph one

- Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the U.S. Department of Commerce trade mission calendar (<http://www.trade.gov/trademissions>) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than August 1, 2013. The mission will be open on a first-come, first-serve basis and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

How to Apply

Applications can be obtained by contacting Melissa Branzburg or David Edmiston at the U.S. Department of Commerce (see contact details below.) Completed applications should be submitted to Melissa Branzburg.

Contacts

Melissa Branzburg, U.S. Commercial Service, Boston, MA,
Melissa.Branzburg@trade.gov, 617-565-4309.

David Edmiston, U.S. Commercial Service, Minneapolis, MN,
David.Edmiston@trade.gov, 612-348-1644.

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Thess.Sula@trade.gov, 632-888-4088.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XC037

Endangered Species; File No. 16556

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC; Responsible Party: Dr. William Karp), 166 Water St., Woods Hole, MA 02543 has been issued a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and green (*Chelonia mydas*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Kristy Beard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 29, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 31586) that a request for a scientific research permit to take loggerhead, leatherback, Kemp's ridley, and green sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The NEFSC has been issued a five-year permit to continue sea turtle ecological research in the Western Atlantic (Florida Keys through Maine). Researchers may capture sea turtles by hand, using nets, or obtain them from other legal authorities. Sea turtles may be counted, examined, photographed, marked, biologically sampled, and/or have transmitters attached to the carapace prior to release and then temporarily tracked. One sea turtle may accidentally die each year during research. Researchers may also salvage carcass, tissue, and parts from dead animals encountered during surveys. A portion of the requested research procedures are not being authorized at this time.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: April 10, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XC238

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Marine Geophysical Survey on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in the Atlantic Ocean, April 2013, Through June 2013

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) regulation, we hereby give notification that we have issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (Authorization) to Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (Observatory), a part of Columbia University, in collaboration with the National Science Foundation (Foundation), to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting a marine geophysical (seismic) survey on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in the north Atlantic Ocean in international waters, from April 2013 through June 2013.

DATES: Effective April 8, 2013, through June 24, 2013.

ADDRESSES: To obtain an electronic copy of the Authorization, write to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225 or download an electronic copy at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#applications>.

To obtain an electronic copy of (1) the application containing a list of the references within this document; and (2) the Foundation's draft environmental analysis titled, "Marine geophysical survey by the R/V *Marcus G. Langseth* on the mid-Atlantic Ridge, April-May 2013," for their federal action of funding the Observatory's seismic survey; or (3) our Environmental Assessment titled, "Issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization to Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory to Take Marine Mammals by Harassment Incidental to a Marine Geophysical Survey in the Atlantic Ocean, April-June, 2013," and the Finding of No Significant Impact; write to the previously mentioned address, telephone the contact listed here (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), or download the file at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#applications>.

The Service's Biological Opinion will be available online at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/consultation/opinions.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannine Cody, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of Commerce