



Declaration of Global Friendship Through Education

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2004, in the city of Taipei, global learning visionaries and business and government leaders have gathered in friendship,

And,

WHEREAS, we believe that the future health and well-being of our world will be greatly determined by the educational experiences of our youth,

We call upon the world's educators, governments, businesses, and non-profit organizations -- to support activities that connect youth in positive education and cultural exchange programs.

WHEREAS, we believe that technology, when used wisely is essential to providing innovative and creative approaches to the international communications and partnerships our youth need,

We call upon industry to develop tools and techniques that foster international collaboration, eliminate the digital divide and that enable lifelong learning practices that benefit humanity.

WHEREAS, we believe that global cultural programs and exchanges can establish friendships that unite people of all ages and backgrounds and surmount barriers of distance, culture, language and politics,

We call upon teachers and students around the world to utilize communications technologies to learn together, to learn about each other, and to learn about the world.

WHEREAS, we believe that learning is joyous and should be celebrated,

We call upon people around the world to join us in observing **Global Friendship Through Education on November 11, 2004 and every day, week, and month thereafter - with appropriate ceremonies and activities!**