



Peace through Understanding

History of People to People International

People to People International (PTPI), with World Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri USA, was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 to enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures. Today, as a NGO with a U.S., not-for-profit, [501 (c)(3)] tax rating, PTPI has a presence in 135 countries with more than 80,000 families and individuals actively participating in People to People International programs. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.ptpi.org.

Mission Statement

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Beliefs

- **We believe** that greater understanding between individuals and peoples worldwide reveals universal values and aspirations;
- **We believe** international educational and cultural exchange among youth further ensures longterm friendship and understanding;
- **We believe** we all benefit from sharing different approaches to solving common problems;
- **We believe** that individuals can often be more effective than governments in promoting human relationships and world peace;
- **We believe** if people can better understand other cultures, they are more tolerant and accepting of differences;
- **We believe** that citizens of all countries need personal contact with other people and cultures;
- **We believe** we need to ensure the enduring legacy of People to People International;
- **We believe** that People to People International is inspirational!
- **We believe** in people!
- **We believe** in *Peace through Understanding!*

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People to People International is a NGO with a U.S. not-for-profit [501 (c) (3)] tax rating, working outside of governments to promote international understanding.