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Institute for Education 2010 Leadership Dinner

Egypt and USA

"Leading Through Economic and Cultural Partnerships"

Aslamu Alaykum,

On May 13, 2010, at a lavish dinner reception at the Egyptian Embassy, the Institute for Education (IFE) presented its 2010 IFE Leadership Award to Christopher Caine, President and CEO of Mercator XXI, in honor of Mr. Caine's leadership in every IFE program.

Chris was honored one year after President Obama's historic speech at Cairo University, to recognize the importance of economic and cultural partnerships for leaders from Egypt, the USA and the global community.



Diane Rehm surrounded by admirers: Opinion Leader John Arundel, Washington Life; Secretary Michael Chertoff; Ambassador Jan Mattheyson and General Brent Scowcroft

"I truly enjoyed myself, meeting so many interesting people in such lovely Egyptian surroundings. I wish I could have been a guest at each and every table to hear what I'm sure were interesting and enlightening conversations. I was so happy to be there to honor Chris Caine and his leadership in the world community. Here's a cheer for more educational and civilized IFE evenings to come!"

Diane Rehm, The Diane Rehm Show, NPR, Honorary Opinion Leader, IFE 2010

In addition to honoring Chris Caine, the evening provided the occasion to announce LearnServe Egypt—IFE's first-ever LearnServe program in the Middle East. Funds raised from the dinner will enable students in the Washington, DC area to travel to Egypt, partner with Egyptian students, and help build the next generation of social and cultural entrepreneurs. IFE will partner with Mercator XXI to encourage and promote entrepreneurship, innovation, risk taking and leadership.

Finally, the evening brought together esteemed opinion leaders with Egyptian diplomats featuring a vibrant discussion on the topic of "Egypt and USA: Leading Through Economic and Cultural Partnerships" one year after President Obama's historic speech at Cairo University.

His Excellency Sameh Hassan Shoukry, Ambassador of Egypt, opened the evening by welcoming distinguished guests. IFE's Founder and CEO, Coach Kathy Kemper, echoed Ambassador Shoukry's sentiments and highlighted the role that initiatives like LearnServe Egypt will play in drawing the United States and Egypt closer together.



Chris Caine, President and CEO, Mercator XXI with His Excellency Sameh Hassan Shoukry



Ambassador Shoukry, Chris Caine, Coach Kemper and IBM CEO Sam Palmisano



Dan Froomkin, *Huffington Post*

After an elegant, multi-course dinner, Coach Kemper introduced His Excellency Jan Matthysen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, and Samuel Palmisano, Chairman and CEO of IBM Corporation. Ambassador Matthysen and Chairman Palmisano presented Mr. Caine with the 2010 IFE Leadership Award as well as a prized replica of Flemish cartographer Gerardus Mercator's famous globe.

In his acceptance remarks, Chris Caine emphasized the importance of cultural and economic exchange between the United States and the Arab and Muslim worlds. Such constructive engagement, he noted, will play a critical role in efforts to generate solutions to the world's most pressing challenges.

A deserving recipient of the 2010 IFE Leadership Award, Mr. Caine will be working closely with IFE over the next several months to launch LearnServe Egypt.



John Farmer and Opinion leader Nadia Bilbassey-Charters, *MBC-TV*



Opinion Leaders Dan Froomkin, *The Huffington Post*, Juliet Eilperin, *The Washington Post* and Egyptian Diplomat Karim Haggag



IFE Interns at the Egyptian Embassy

"Bringing journalists, Egyptian diplomats, business, philanthropic, and government leaders together is a wonderful way to strengthen the Egyptian US partnership. When people meet for food and entertainment -- and laugh and share experiences together -- they become comfortable. They learn to understand one another. We all need tools to be better leaders and find common ground."

Secretary Michael Chertoff, former Secretary of Home Land Security, founder The Chertoff Group



IFE CEO Coach Kemper, Secretary Michael Chertoff, Diane Rehm, NPR and General Brent Scowcroft



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