

PRESS RELEASE

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International ExpoFEST To Address South Florida Diversity

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The tri-county International ExpoFEST 2002 is coming up at the Miami Arena, on June 1-2, 2002 when thousands of people will gather to enjoy the finest in arts and crafts, international ethnic foods, cultural stage shows, and cultural exhibits as well as health, trade and service booths. Splendid China from Orlando will perform an exciting series of acrobatic performances, while a Polynesian Revue will captivate the audience with dancers from the South Pacific and the Fire Knife Dancer, who recaptures the bravery of a 19th century Samoa Warrior. Ayabonmbe will entertain the crowd with its Haitian, African-American and Caribbean music. The Hora Israeli Dance Troupe will bring the flavor of Israeli folklore to the stage by combining modern, traditional and folk dances from the Arab countries, Russia and eastern Europe. Descendants of the Ciboney Indian Tribe will showcase Native Cuban and Caribbean cultural heritage through dances, and through exhibits of artifacts from prehistoric to contemporary times, as well as handcrafted Ciboney arts and crafts. Inhabited, a rock band from Houston, Texas is also coming to entertain the crowd with contemporary music.

Florida's largest international event at the
Miami Arena
June 1 & 2, 2002
Sat and Sun 10am
721 NW First Avenue, Miami, Florida

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Government agencies like Social Security, FDA, Medicare will be around to answer questions and give out useful information to the public. There will be free give-aways at the health booths, and free health screening will include blood pressure and sugar tests, bone density tests, and ultrasound. Different colleges and universities will give information on student courses and college education. Children's booths will feature face painting, games, and candy-making. Various consulates will also be showcasing their respective country's culture, trade and heritage.

The International ExpoFEST 2002, a truly fun-filled activity for the entire family, is sponsored by Washington Mutual and City of Miami Sister Cities Program. Other sponsors include AVMED, Alliance for Aging, Miami Herald, Miami-Dade Transit, City of Miami Sister Cities Program, Law Offices of John Gaudiosi, Urgent Care & Walk-In Center, and Doctors Plus Medical Center.

"We are working across cultures to build and strengthen relationships by bringing together the widely diverse racial and ethnic segments of our community under one roof", says Dr. Joy Bruce, Founding President of NANAY, Inc., the lead agency for this project. "As a natural extension of the Miamians Working Together Program that was funded by Dade Community Foundation last year, we are now reaching out to Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties."

Dr. Joy Bruce, who is chairing the ExpoFest 2002, is also a neuropathologist at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Dr. Zachariah P. Zachariah, who is serving as Honorary Chair of the International Expofest 2002, is also the Director of Cardiology at Holy Cross Hospital, Chairman of the Florida Board of Medicine; Vice-Chair of the Florida Council on Economic Education; and appointed Commissioner of the White House Initiative on Asian Pacific American Affairs. Dr. Antonio Wong, who is coordinating the Health Fair, is the Medical Director of Doctors Plus Medical Center in Pembroke Pines and the Urgent Care and Walking Center in Silver Lakes.

Community partners in this multi-ethnic and multi-cultural event include Alliance for Aging, Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Asian American Federation of Florida, ASPIRA, City of Miami Sister Cities Program, City of North Miami, Doctors Plus Medical Center, Filipino American Ministries, Japan America Society of Florida, Miami Arena, Miami-Dade Asian American Advisory Board, Miami-Dade Community College, Miami-Dade Public Schools (Intergenerational Program), National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Organization of Chinese Americans—South Florida Chapter, Philippine American Federation of South Florida, SAYAW, Etc. of Palm Beach County, Service Leadership Florida—Miami, and The Association of Indians in America.

NANAY, Inc. (National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and the Youth) is a grassroots organization that provides supportive services to elders and youth through intercultural exchanges and intergenerational programs. For more information, please call NANAY Center at (305) 981-3232 or visit the website at [http:// www.nanay.com](http://www.nanay.com)