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Country Feature Award Announcement

by Shumei Kuo

Editor’s Note. The article on page 24 from Panama was written by a Friend of the Council, not an Ambassador.

The International Section Council is pleased to announce the winners of the Country Feature Award held for the Ambassadors by the section:

1st Place: Ambassador in Vietnam (cash up to \$2,750*)

2nd Place: Ambassadors in Israel and Mexico (up to \$500 each)

The ambassadors may use these prizes to cover the cost of events or matters of their design in order to promote local actuarial, section and/or SOA matters, subject to the review of the section council.

This award was held in 2003 and nearly half of the ambassadors in the Ambassador Program entered this

competition. The articles cover a wide range of interesting facts and valuable insights about each country. While ranking the articles was not an easy job, the section council members certainly enjoyed reading them all.

Congratulations to all of the ambassadors who participated in this award! You have provided a wonderful opportunity for our section members to learn something about your country, which makes you, as well as the section membership, both the true winners of this event. Thank you! □

* The original award for the first place was the reimbursement for a trip to an SOA meeting up to \$2,750. However, Huynh Thanh Phong, the ambassador in Vietnam, does not plan to travel to the United States anytime soon. The council decided to be open to his suggestions of other ways to promote actuarial matters with the prize.

