



The International Center

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Singapore America Soccer Exchange: Women in Soccer Sports Exchange Program

The International Center's Sports Corps Division is pleased to announce The Singapore America Soccer Exchange, in cooperation with the Football Association of Singapore and the United States Embassy in Singapore. This sports exchange program is made possible by a grant from the SportsUnited Division of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and aims to further improve understanding between the people of Singapore and the United States through sports. The Singapore America Soccer Exchange will serve two primary functions: (1) increase mutual understanding and strengthen ties between the people of Singapore and the United States through sports; and (2) empower young Singaporean women and also athletes with disabilities ages 12-18 years, and their coaches through unique sporting opportunities designed to increase skill, passion, and respect for teammates. The International Center has conducted exchange programs in Southeast Asia for the last 15 years and travels to Singapore for the first time with this soccer specific exchange program.

Components of the Program

The Singapore America Soccer Exchange program will consist of two main components. The first component includes five training clinics that will train a total of 500-600 female athletes and athletes with disabilities in the 12-20 year old range and an additional 40-50 coaches. This first component will be conducted December 3-8 2012. The visiting American coaches include former members of the U.S. Women's National Team, U.S. Women's National Youth Team, and top NCAA college programs, who are now elite youth club and high school coaches in the United States. The second component includes an 8-10 day visit to the United States for a smaller group of Singaporean athletes and coaches in 2013.

Public-Private Partnerships

The Singapore America Soccer Exchange program will be enhanced by strong participation of the U.S. private sector. We look forward to working closely with U.S. companies to build better relationships with the people of Singapore. For more information on the program, please contact Joseph House at jhouse@theintlcenter.org or Karen Willoughby at KarenWilloughby9@Gmail.com.