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Global Forum to Engage Budding Diplomats and Entrepreneurs in Global Warming, Climate Change and Policy Issues

*Nobel Peace Prize Scientists, Leading CA Officials, Corporate Executives and Environmental Experts
among Scheduled Speakers in Discussions with Young People about Environmental and Energy Issues*

ATHGO, a member organization of the United Nations Global Compact that trains budding diplomats and entrepreneurs will hold its Fifth Annual Global Forum at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) from February 27, 2008 through March 1, 2008.

The four-day Forum titled “Change *Your* Attitude! Not the Weather” and co-sponsored by UCLA’s Institute of the Environment and UCLA’s Sustainable Resource Center will engage 200 college students and entrepreneurs, ages 18 to 32 on environmental and political issues of importance such as global warming and renewable energies and their domestic and foreign policy implications.

“I am very impressed by the zeal of the young people trying to get involved with these issues,” said Japanese Ambassador to the United Nations, Takashiro Shinyo.

The first 3 days of the Forum will take place in the Tom Bradley International Hall and the last day of the Forum is scheduled to take place in the De Neve Plaza Auditorium.

Among the scheduled participants in the global forum are Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the co-recipient group of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, the Director of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer and other leading corporate, diplomatic and scientific advocates in the fight against global warming and climate change.

Highlights will include keynote speeches from Peter Goldmark, Director of the Climate and Air Program for Environmental Defense, Lionel Schutz, Director of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, and a panel and VIP reception for the scientists of IPCC -- Dr. Woody Clark, Dr. Alex Hall, Dr. Robert Lempert and Dr. Jeremy Pal with State Treasurer Bill Lockyer delivering the keynote.

The Forum is designed to introduce aspiring diplomats and entrepreneurs the latest scientific findings on global warming and climate change, highlight issues required to push forward various legislative and regulatory changes to build consensus amongst countries, sectors and industries and outline the latest technological innovations, and “green power” practices. The selected attendees will be representing over 50 academic institutions and 20 countries.

A unique aspect of ATHGO's Global Forums is the opportunity for participants to network with key people in business and politics; obtain valuable information from expert panelists; and develop, in group settings as well as individually, first hand alternative strategies, new policy proposals and business models to improve the overall state of environment and business practices.

ATHGO, which has a consultative status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the UN Department of Public Information, presents integrated solutions developed by the participants at its global forums to various UN agencies and corporate partners as a recommendation.

'ATHGO engages young people at the right time, right place and with the energy needed to solve issues,' said Shinyo.

Other scheduled participants and organizations include Dr. Christian Stocks, Consul General of Germany in Los Angeles, Ms. Thereza Quintala Consul General of Brazil in Los Angeles, Dr. Tim Foresman, former chief scientist at the UN Environmental Program (UNEP), the Climate Project, Vice President Al Gore's global warming initiative, Sempra Energies and Southern California Edison.

Major sponsors include the BP America, Inc., Northrop Grumman Corporation, Waste Management, UCLA Sustainable Resource Center and City of Los Angeles.

About ATHGO International:

ATHGO was established in 1999 in Los Angeles, California as a 501c3 non-profit organization. It is a member of the UN Global Compact, the world's largest, global corporate citizenship initiative and holds consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the UN Department of Public Information (DPI). ATHGO's educational platform leads young people across the globe to environmentally conscious social entrepreneurship and diplomacy.

By bringing together groups of young people that are socio-economically, ethnically and culturally diverse and exposing young people to decision-makers, experts, and business executives who are widely characterized in their approaches to solution development and implementation as realistic and evenhanded, ATHGO hopes to foster participation and produce more equitable outcomes for future generations.

For more information on ATHGO and a complete listing of the panels and participants of the global forum, please visit, www.athgo.org.

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