

Prospectus for International Cultural Foundation

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The International Cultural Foundation, recently established at 18 East 71st Street in New York City, sponsored the Little Angels UNICEF Benefit at the United Nations in December 1973

Since the end of World War II, people have been made more aware of the great cultural diversity in the world. With an end of classical colonialism, the expression of individual cultural patterns has increased. Paradoxically, the diverse cultures are being modified to meet rather undefined world-wide cultural standards. This has involved an intense struggle of ideas and attitudes as people grope to relate to those roots that are common and enduring. An increase of population and decrease of resources and also an improved transportation and communication system all have stimulated these developments.

National interests and outmoded religious, philosophic and scientific concepts are being broken. The Far Eastern religions, Hinduism, Islam and Judea-Christianity all are challenging one another to be the basis of a new world culture.

While religion has served as the basis of previous cultures, today science and materialism challenge religious beliefs altogether. Today's scientific developments have been enormous, but the development of man's spiritual value is lacking. Many people question the role of religion and science for the new world culture.

Thus, it is necessary to understand universal and eternal principles that have sustained all of the cultures, and can show the purpose of religion and the purpose of science.

This new world that comes can serve as the basis for the new world culture. To hasten this process a bold organization has been formulated called the International Cultural Foundation, Inc.

The purpose of the International Cultural Foundation, Inc. is to inspire and foster the emerging world culture and civilization. In order to accomplish this purpose, the Foundation will sponsor exchange programs among the countries of the world. These programs will be concerning religious, philosophic, academic and scientific knowledge as well as cultural exchange.

The charter of the International Cultural Foundation, Inc. lists the following purposes:

- (a) the promotion and introduction of various ideas in the field of arts and culture;
- (b) to plan and conduct lectures on cultural affairs;
- (c) to promote cultural and art exchange programs between various countries of the world;
- (d) to conduct research and exchange of various cultural and academic studies of various nations;
- (e) to promote research and study of diverse cultures of the people of the world;
- (f) to promote and encourage international exchange of cultural researchers by promoting international seminars and conferences among students and scholars;
- (g) to publish and distribute a periodical of the activities of the foundation;
- (h) to publish books and magazines in order to promote cultural exchange and dissemination of the results of research, especially those features, works and research materials receiving inadequate support and dissemination;
- (i) to cooperate and contribute to public welfare through general good will service; and
- (j) to do any and all lawful acts suitable, useful, desirable or proper, for the advancement, promotion, fostering or accomplishment of the aforesaid purposes, directly or indirectly, but nothing herein is intended to authorize powers which are not primarily for charitable and educational purposes permitted under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or corresponding provision of subsequent legislation).