

# New Travel to Ukraine Website Created by the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation

Washington, DC, May 25, 2006 - The U.S.-Ukraine Foundation today unveiled its latest project, a comprehensive website Travel to Ukraine ([www.travel-toukraine.org](http://www.travel-toukraine.org)), which will serve as a valuable information resource for business and pleasure travel to Ukraine.

Since 1991, the mission of the Foundation has been to facilitate democratic institutions, a free market, and human rights in Ukraine. In its support of Ukraine's economic development, the Foundation is now focusing on the travel industry, a key sector for Ukraine in its economic transformation.

During the project announcement, President Nadia K. McConnell remarked, "Ukraine's people are known throughout the world for their gracious hospitality and when you combine that with a rich culture, a history of over 1,000 years, beautiful and varied geography, and an emerging travel industry, you realize that tourism is a key sector for the economic development of the country. We understand that the Foundation needs to support Ukraine's travel industry in order to make Ukraine an attractive and easily accessible destination for millions of tourists."

The Foundation has been promoting Ukraine's economic development through business promotion such as its Business Links web pages, the business e-newsletter BizLinks, and the business e-journal, Potential.

In addition, the Foundation has been a

strong supporter of professional travel exchanges between the U.S. and Ukraine. Its major programs, such as the U.S.-Ukraine Community Partnerships Project and U.S.-Ukraine Policy Dialogue, have conducted over 500 professional exchanges during the past eight years.

John A. Kun, Vice President of the Foundation, stated, "As Ukraine continues on its journey toward the West, we realize that Travel to Ukraine will become an important and appreciated tool by those who are looking for business opportunities there. We hope to capitalize on the expanding effectiveness of the Internet, and we believe that this website will be the best means to reach an ever-growing audience of those interested in Ukraine's democratic future."

"I would like to congratulate Oleksiy Synelnychenko for his technical work over the recent past in completing this project and our intern of last summer, Stephen Choma Thompson, for initiating the work in 2005," added Mr. Kun. Oleksiy Synelnychenko was also the designer of the website for the Eparchy of Stamford.

The U.S.-Ukraine Foundation hopes that Travel to Ukraine will become the official travel website and guide of Ukraine.

For more information, log onto the Internet at: <http://www.usukraine.org>