

*August 1, 2007*

*Dear Friends:*

*It is a personal pleasure for me to extend a warm welcome to everyone gathered for East meets West – the International English Language Summer Camp hosted by PTPI's Pécs, Hungary Chapter. I could not be more pleased.*

*When Granddad founded People to People International (PTPI) on September 11, 1956 he did so with the belief that "...peaceful relations between nations requires understanding and mutual respect between individuals." Today, PTPI has a presence in 135 countries with more than 80,000 individuals and families participating in our programs locally and globally.*

*You each play an integral role in bridging cultures. Young people breathe life into our mission each day by extending the hand of friendship through cultural exchange, educational efforts and humanitarian aid. Often, our quest for Peace through Understanding begins with a simple smile.*

*Many thanks to each of you for your efforts to create friendships, increase understanding at home and abroad, and ultimately transcend all borders, which separate us.*

*Heartfelt congratulations to the members and friends of PTPI's Pécs Chapter for envisioning such a remarkable opportunity for youth. Applause to the bright young participants who are taking this step to build a better tomorrow.*

*Your Partner in Peace,*

*Mary Jean Eisenhower*

*President / Chief Executive Officer*