



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

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**URUGUAY PRESIDENT AND KEY OFFICIALS
VISIT CHAMBER TO DISCUSS BILATERAL TRADE**

WHAT: The President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay along with the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Industry and Energy, and the Ambassador of Uruguay to the United States, will meet with dozens of international business leaders at a luncheon to discuss bilateral trade relations between the United States and Uruguay.

WHEN: Monday, Oct. 29, 2007
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

WHO: **Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce** President & CEO, **Gary Toebben**
President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, His Excellency **Tabare Vazquez**
Uruguay Minister of Finance Danilo Astori
Uruguay Minister of Industry and Energy Jorge Lepra
Uruguay Ambassador to the United States Carlos Gianelli Derois
More than 75 international business leaders, elected officials and high-level diplomats.

WHY: From 2005 to 2006, growth in bilateral trade between Los Angeles and Uruguay increased 71.8 percent. The United States has recognized the importance of strengthening economic ties with the country and in January of 2007, the U.S. signed a 'Trade and Investment Framework Agreement' (TIFA) with Uruguay. Top U.S. exports to Uruguay include information technology, telecommunication, chemicals and medical equipment.

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