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### People to People International Announces New Travel Provider for Immersive Travel Programs

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**Kansas City, MO, USA** – People to People International (PTPI) is proud to announce a new licensed travel provider in 2016 to replace previous provider Ambassadors Group, Inc., of Spokane, Washington, USA, which announced on July 13 that it will cease operations by the end of 2015.

PTPI has secured the continuation of its travel programming with longtime-trusted travel provider ECE International (Enriching Cultural Experiences) of the United Kingdom. ECE International is a travel company operating educational, cultural, and special-interest group programs that combine unique hands-on enriching cultural activities and outdoor adventures with access to fascinating people, places, and events.

This new partnership will allow PTPI to continue to work towards its mission set forth by U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The educational, immersive travel programs will expand PTPI's global network through the additional connections of ECE International.

"We are excited to carry on our unique, mission-driven programs for our members and continue to expand their world," said Bill Bland, PTPI's interim CEO. "ECE is a well-known leader in the travel industry, and we are honored to be moving forward with them to create cross-cultural connections and spread the mission of PTPI even further. We hope you will join us in 2016 for one of our programs and help us celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary."

Founder of ECE International LLC Mike Clark stated, "ECE International is delighted to be working with People to People International, having been involved with their licensed travel programs for nearly 50 years. Working directly with People to People International developing travel programs true to President Eisenhower's vision is a unique opportunity. Bringing our past experience together, with that of valued partners across the world, to create life-enriching experiences and the opportunities to connect with the youth of the world (fellow global citizens) is challenging and highly rewarding too. Our initial focus will be to create travel programs for US students traveling internationally, and our cooperation is intended to enable students from other countries to share this vision as well."

People to People International (PTPI), with World Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri USA, was established by U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 to enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural, and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures. PTPI, as a NGO with a U.S. not-for-profit 501(c)(3) tax rating, has reached more than 160 countries with people of all ages participating in our programs.

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