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## Welcome!

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) International Affairs Office (International Affairs) is the central hub for matters regarding international policy and guidelines, working relationships and special international projects. International Affairs coordinate and facilitate all foreign delegation visits each year at the Cal OES headquarters, which include program overviews, table top discussions and tours of the California State Operations Center (SOC) and the California State Warning Center (CSWC).

Our International guests have also visited other Cal OES facilities such as the CA Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) in San Luis Obispo, and the Regional Operations Centers located throughout California. These visits help to build mutual understanding, collaboration and enhance a shared commitment to emergency management and disaster mitigation training, awareness and education.



We recognize that the best solutions to the challenges we face are generated by collaboration and mutual exchanges in best practices, technologies, and research. This ensures that linkages are established to further increase capacity, enhance protection and reduce the loss of life internationally. It is essential that we create partnerships that are engaging, and actively participate in discussions that help strengthen and enhance cooperation in response to disasters.

Thank you once again for your interest in visiting Cal OES, should you have any questions or recommendations prior to your visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 845-8534, or my International Affairs Coordinator at (916) 845-8420. We look forward to your visit, and meeting you in person.

Sincerely,

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