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Ambassador Goldberg Inaugurates U.S. Virtual Presence Post in Cochabamba

Today, U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia Philip Goldberg inaugurated the Virtual Presence Post website in Cochabamba.

Virtual Presence Posts are a new outreach method of U.S. diplomacy to bring together all the information about the official activities of the United States, allowing the Embassy to strengthen the connections with important cities outside of the capital. Virtual Presence Posts combine a website with a City Team. This new website is exclusively dedicated to Cochabamba.

During the launching ceremony, Ambassador Goldberg introduced the members of the Cochabamba City Team, which includes Mission employees who work to serve the people of Cochabamba and to implement U.S. cooperation programs in that department such as Consular Agent Bill Scarborough and Peace Corps Director Javier Garza. He also introduced other U.S. Embassy officers who are based in La Paz but travel frequently to Cochabamba.

“These individuals and many other employees of our Mission implement outstanding programs in Cochabamba, programs that make a difference in the lives of Cochabambinos,” said Ambassador Goldberg.

Among the programs the U.S. Ambassador highlighted are those of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which help promote health, education, economic development, and environmental projects in the Department of Cochabamba; the Narcotics Affairs Section’s programs, that operate in coordination with the Government of Bolivia to promote a Bolivian society free of drugs; the educational exchange programs of the Embassy’s Public Affairs Section, as well as its book donations and the grants the Section provides to the Centro Boliviano Americano so that deserving students receive scholarships to study English; and the programs conducted by the Peace Corps’ volunteers, who work with the government and private volunteer organizations on projects in agriculture, natural resource management, integrated education, micro-enterprise and small business development, community tourism development, and water and sanitation projects.

The new website can be visited at: <http://cochabamba.usvpp.gov>