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**INVITATION TO
OFM'S First Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest
December 8, 2021**

Globally significant for thousands of years, ginger—in its many forms—is significant to cultures around the world. Gingerbread cakes and cookies have been a staple in European cooking for hundreds of years and the creation and construction of gingerbread houses is among the holiday traditions for many Americans.

As a kickoff for the holiday season, OFM invites members of the foreign mission community to attend OFM's first Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest on December 8, 2021, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, on the esplanade in front of 3507 International Place, NW. The contest will be held **outdoors**, under tents, and accompanied by a festive atmosphere with holiday decorations, music and seasonal snacks. Missions that attend this event will be able to obtain any licenses plates, vehicle registrations, or titles that are ready for delivery.

OFM's Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest will showcase the artistic and baking skills of the participating foreign missions. In doing so, such missions will display a gingerbread structure depicting their chancery or a culturally significant building in their country. It is not too late for missions to enter the contest. **If your mission is interested in entering a gingerbread structure in the competition, please complete the attached document and return it via e-mail to OFM-RSVP@state.gov by December 3, 2021.**

Please do not hesitate to contact OFM if you have any questions about this or other matters involving OFM. We can be reached for this purpose by telephone at (202) 647-3417 or at OFM-RSVP@state.gov.

We look forward to seeing you!



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COVID-19 Protocols

Foreign mission members must be able to answer no to the following questions as a pre-requisite for attending this event:

- Have you had any cold or flu-like symptoms in the past 14 days, such as a fever, shortness of breath, or a persistent cough?
- Have you checked your temperature in the last 24 hours and was it outside the normal range? Temperatures at or above 100.4°F/38°C are outside the normal range.
- Have you traveled to or through areas or regions that have a CDC Level 3 Travel Advisory or a State Department Level 4 Travel Advisory in the last 14 days? <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travelnotices.html>; <https://travelmaps.state.gov/TSGMap/>.
- Have you had close contact over the past 14 days with individuals who have traveled within the last 14 days through areas or regions that have a CDC Level 3 Travel Advisory or a State Department Level 4 Travel Advisory? <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travelnotices.html>; <https://travelmaps.state.gov/TSGMap/>.
- Have you had close contact with anyone currently under isolation or quarantine?

Foreign mission members are encouraged to check their temperature prior to their arrival. If your temperature is not within the normal body temperature range of 97F / 36.1C and 99F/37.2C or more, then the visitor should be rescheduled to another time. Temperatures above 100.4°F 38°C are outside the normal range.



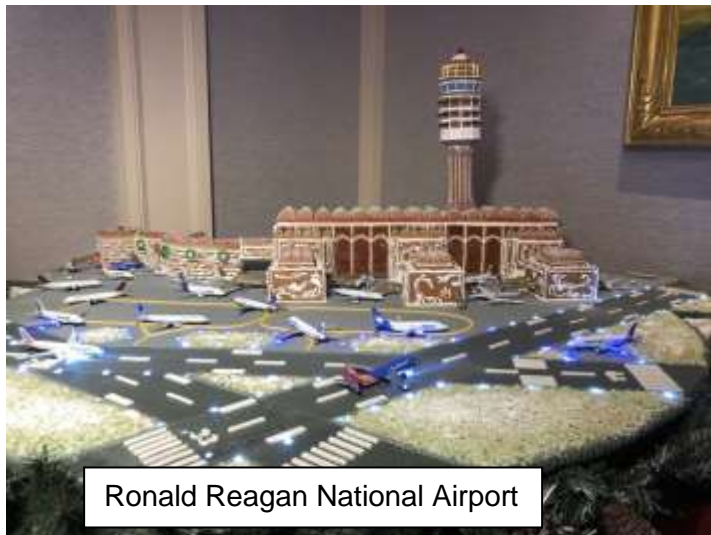
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2021 OFM - Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest Rules

- All Gingerbread Chanceries (or culturally significant building) must be placed on a plywood board base or cardboard. The plywood base must be completely concealed with an edible product; however, the sides of the base do not have to be concealed.



- The exterior of all Gingerbread Chanceries (or culturally significant building) must be 100% edible candy/embellishments/materials except for lights 'inside/outside' the house.
- Gingerbread Chancery must be original - no gingerbread kits allowed.
- Gingerbread Chancery must have MAJOR components, such as a roof & walls, made of gingerbread.



- The Gingerbread Chancery must be constructed in 2021.



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2021 OFM - Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest
Registration Form

Thank you for entering the 2021 OFM Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest!
Registration deadline is December 3, 2021. If you have any questions regarding the contest entry or rules, please email OFMAssistants@state.gov.

Embassy:

Point of contact:

Phone Number:

Email:

Short Description of Planned Submission:

Send Registration forms to: OFM-RSVP@state.gov