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Sudanese American Society of Monterey, Monterey Institute’s Conflict Resolution Club to Host Sudan Day on April 3
Sudanese Student at MIIS Leads Celebration of Culture, Music, and Food

Monterey, CA – The Sudanese American Society of Monterey and the Conflict Resolution Club at the Monterey Institute of International Studies will co-host “Sudan Day,” a daylong celebration of Sudanese culture, on Saturday, April 3. Activities, which will include food, music, a costume show and exhibition, discussions and the sharing of folklore, will be centered at the McCone Building at 499 Pierce Street in Monterey.

The Conflict Resolution Club is one of many interest-focused student clubs operating on the Monterey Institute campus, supported by funding from the Institute’s student council and voluntary contributions. Conflict resolution is one of several concentrations available to students in the Institute’s international policy studies program.

The club’s co-sponsorship of “Sudan Day” was inspired and coordinated by club member and MIIS student Mawuor Dior, one of the “Lost Boys of Sudan.” A refugee from the violence in southern Sudan, Dior escaped the conflict by walking for three and a half months to Ethiopia, Uganda, and then Kenya. He left Kenya in 2001 as part of a U.S. refugee resettlement program, and will graduate from the Institute this year. For more on Mawuor Dior, see http://www.miis.edu/community/world/stories/node/1301.

This event is free and open to the public.

What: “Sudan Day” celebration featuring folklore, discussion, costumes, food, and music

When: Saturday, April 2, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Where: McCone Building
499 Pierce Street
Monterey, CA  93940

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