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Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office To Speak At University of Saint Mary

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007 – Saint Mary Social Room

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The Director-General for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Kansas City, Mo. will be speaking at the University of Saint Mary as part of the Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute’s annual lecture series.

Jack Chia-kuen Chen will discuss his role with TECO and his days as a U.S.-Taiwan diplomat for more than 20 years during a unique USM presentation, “Taiwan: A Democratic and Economic Success Story,” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 inside the Saint Mary Social Room, located on the second floor of Saint Mary Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. Call (913) 758-6117 for details.

About the Speaker:

For more than 20 years, Jack Chia-kuen Chen has been a U.S. – Taiwan diplomat. Before joining TECO in Kansas City, Chen served as the chairperson for the Congressional Liaison Office in Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and was also counselor of TECO in Wellington, New Zealand and section chief of the Department of West Asian Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Chen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Department of English at National Taiwan Normal University, and later earned a Certificate in Diplomatic Studies from Oxford University, in Oxford, England.

The University of Saint Mary is a private, co-educational applied liberal arts university founded by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations at 11413 Pflumm in Overland Park and inside Providence Medical Center at 8929 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, Kan.

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