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City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Chosen to Participate in New Generation Seminar in Asia

Baltimore, MD (October 8, 2007) – Baltimore City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake is one of only four rising leaders nationwide chosen to participate in the 17th New Generation Seminar, part of the East-West Seminars program, which will take place over two weeks in Honolulu, Shanghai, and Hiroshima.

The New Generation Seminar is a unique program that brings together rising leaders from Asia, the Pacific, and the United States for two weeks of education and dialogue on issues facing the Asia Pacific and the U.S. The objectives of the program include an increase of awareness on issues and challenges facing each region, and the creation of a network from which participants can draw and develop in their leadership positions.

“It’s important to recognize that in America, we are not alone in the challenges and opportunities we face and there is quite a bit to learn from our international partners,” noted Council President Rawlings-Blake. “I look forward to drawing from the innovative ideas and the unique perspectives of the other participants, and discussing with them how our experiences in Baltimore can help other communities around the world.” The theme for this year’s program is “Education Challenges of the 21st Century.” Council President Rawlings-Blake will deliver a presentation during the Seminar entitled “The Challenges and Opportunities of Urban Education Systems.”

The Council President’s trip is not City-sponsored, and the expenses are carried by the East-West Seminar program. The Council President’s Seminar begins October 14, and she will return to Baltimore Monday, October 29. Council Vice President Robert Curran will preside over the October 15th Council Meeting, as well as the Board of Estimates during Rawlings-Blake’s absence. A complete list of program participants and originating nations can be provided upon request.

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