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Media Advisory: Carnegie Mellon Students Dress in Traditional Costumes, Release Doves for Peace at Tree Planting Ceremony To Celebrate G-20 Summit

Event: Carnegie Mellon University engineering students Daisy Wang and Dyanna Becker, and members of the Sustainable Earth club will dedicate a tree to honor the upcoming G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh, where the world's finance ministers and central bank governors will meet to discuss the world economy.

“The planting of the G-20 tree is part of a message that we want to convey to the world that we are students from different nations and cultures, but we are unified in the belief that the economy and ecology can and should grow stronger together,” said Wang, president of Sustainable Earth and a student in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Carnegie Mellon.

The students, some dressed in ethnic costumes, will hang small flags representing the G-20 nations on a black gum tree prior to the release of a flock of doves. The G-20 countries include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. The European Union is represented by the rotating council presidency and the European Central Bank.

The students also will launch a photo contest, “Take Your Best Shot,” sponsored by the College of Engineering and the Steinbrenner Institute for Environmental Education and Research. The competition is divided into three categories: people, nature and places.

When: Noon to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Where: Scaife Hall Parking Lot, Carnegie Mellon University, off Frew Street at Schenley Park.

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About Carnegie Mellon: Carnegie Mellon (www.cmu.edu) is a private, internationally ranked research university with programs in areas ranging from science, technology and business, to public policy, the humanities and the fine arts. More than 11,000 students in the university's seven schools and colleges benefit from a small student-to-faculty ratio and an education characterized by its focus on creating and implementing solutions for real problems, interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation. A global university, Carnegie Mellon's main campus in the United States is in Pittsburgh, Pa. It has campuses in California's Silicon Valley and Qatar, and programs in Asia, Australia and Europe. The university is in the midst of a \$1 billion fundraising campaign, titled "Inspire Innovation: The Campaign for Carnegie Mellon University," which aims to build its endowment, support faculty, students and innovative research, and enhance the physical campus with equipment and facility improvements.