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ATHGO Molds Young Professionals in to Agents of Change Symposium Provides the Real World Experience Necessary To Solve Global Issues

Washington D.C (July 23, 2007) – Eight ambassadors and nearly 200 students and young professionals will convene at the World Bank headquarters in Washington, DC from August 1-3, 2007 for ATHGO *International's* second annual international symposium, "the Role of Good Governance in Economic Development."

ATHGO *International* is a global, non-profit organization providing educational programs that go above and beyond anything taught in the classroom. Dedicated to cultivating the next generation of international policy makers, ATHGO provides young, motivated participants with the entrepreneurial skills necessary to address complex global issues and use their voices to be future political, economic and social/environmental leaders.

"This is the solution," stated Sri Lanka Ambassador, Prasad Kariyawasam. "The key to handling these issues is educating the public and people across the world and ATHGO is taking the lead in offering quality education to our future leaders."

The three-day event will focus on anticorruption, corporate regulatory frameworks, and legal and public administration reforms as a means of good governance.

"What is notably striking about previous forums is the energy in the room," stated ATHGO founder, Dr. Armen Orujyan. "The participants' motivation is why we spend time and resources putting these programs together. We want to give these incredibly energetic, emerging leaders the needed platform to exercise their minds."

The Symposium will consist of individual speaker series and panel discussions. Participants will work in small groups throughout the event. Presenters will include local Ambassadors, senior executives from international organizations such as the World Bank and IMF, and experts from think tanks and other nonprofit organizations. The Symposium will culminate with panels composed of the participants themselves and a presentation of the Summary Resolution, which will be signed by all participants and forwarded to the UN permanent missions and other relevant organizations.

ATHGO programs are the platform by which young people can be included in the policy formulation and implementation process alongside countries, private enterprises and international institutions.

Through four integrated programs, ATHGO creates opportunities for young people to develop and implement innovative and practical solutions to the most pressing global issues. These include: interactive symposia/forums focused on international policy making; invitation-only summits where the top symposia/forum participants explore previous symposia/forum ideas further; advanced study centers that focus on specific topics; and internships designed to provide opportunities for independent research or hands on experience through exclusive arrangements with the world's leading public and private organizations.

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