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Youth Exchange Current Status

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Hi!!

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DoS program since 1949

Peaked at 30,000 – late 1990's

Declined after September 11th

2006-7 – back to 29,688

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Serious new problems

Changing family demographics

Over-crowded schools

Costs of hosting

**Different interpretations of
regulations by sponsor**

Increasing regulation

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- **Numerous allegations of sexual abuse during 2006-7**
- **Objective is to hold the number of students while we help solve the problems**

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- **DoS would like an open and candid self-assessment by sponsors resulting in:**
 - * **Realignment of priorities**
 - * **Modification of procedures**

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- **108 non-governmental, government and academic sponsors**
- **19 are Rotary districts or multidistricts**

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- **Programs range from only 2 to over 3000 students**
- **Greatest numbers – Germany, Brazil and South Korea**
- **Rotary more than 1700**

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Tools provided:

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/jexchanges/>

RO/ARO Guidebook
Updated SEVIS Manuals
Secondary School Student
Discussions Paper

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Points to remember:

Submit annual reports by July 31

Submit placement report by August 31
and January 15th (Excel spreadsheet)

Register on pay.gov

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Items of Interest:

Multiple host family advance reporting

Background check frequency

Audit process review

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An important part of
American diplomacy

