T his year, Columbia Presi-
dent Lee C. Bollinger and
senior faculty have trav-
elled throughout the United
States and the world to celebrate
the University's 250th anniver-
sary with alumni and friends.
Bollinger's travels have included
stops in California, upstate New
York and Georgia on the domes-
tic side, and five cities in Asia
overseas. In Tokyo, Seoul, Beij-
ing, Taipei and Hong Kong, the
president addressed the impact
of globalization on U.S. institu-
tions of higher education and
met with senior business and
government leaders as well as
prominent alumni.

Later this month, the presi-
dent, Provost Alan Brinkley and
others will visit London and
Paris to meet with European
Columbians and reaffirm
decades-old partnerships with
European organizations. Colum-
bia College Dean Austin Quigley
will travel to Singapore for a
250th event on June 19, with
guest of honor and keynote
speaker Than Harn Shanmugat-
am, Singapore's acting minister
for education. Earth Institute
Director Jeffrey Sachs will be the
keynote speaker at a 250th
forum, "Challenges of Sustain-
able Development in India," at
the Taj Mahal in Mumbai on
June 16 as well.

In addition to 250th events
overseas highlighting Colum-
bia's rich heritage, the leading
roles alumni now play in their
own communities, and the Uni-
versity's ties to educational insti-
tutions abroad, Columbia faculty
have participated in major global
events this academic year.
Bollinger, along with Business
School and SIPA faculty, attend-
ed the World Economic Forum in
Davos, Switzerland, in January.
Their presence underscored
Columbia's importance in con-
tributing to international debate
on the complex issues facing
global societies today.

The current European delega-
tion, which includes Bollinger,
Brinkley and senior Columbia
faculty, will feature two major
Columbia 250 events in London
and Paris that are expected to
draw thousands of University
alumni from throughout the con-
cept. During the visit, set for
June 21-27, two panels will be
presented in each city: "Con-
cepts of Freedom in Britain and
America" and "Affirmative
Action: A Transatlantic Perspec-
tive."

The intellectual colloquia
highlight the University's role in
contributing to world debate on
contemporary concerns as well
as Columbia's decades-old part-
nerships with European institu-
tions. With the London Business
School, Columbia will host a
dialogue on British and Ameri-
can concepts of freedom, moder-
ated by Brinkley. At a time when
Americans and Europeans are
thinking critically about issues of
technologization and the pro-
motion of democratic principles
abroad, the panelists will explore
freedom as central to both coun-
tries' development and current
policies.

Participants will include Eric
Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor
of History; Timothy Garton Ash;
Gerd Bucerius Senior Research
Fellow in Contemporary History,
St. Antony's College, Oxford
University; Simon Schama, Uni-
versity Professor, Columbia;
Joseph Stiglitz, University Pro-
fessor, Columbia; and Laura D.
Tyson, dean, London Business
School.

In Paris, one year after the
Supreme Court's seminal deci-
sion on affirmative action,
Bollinger will deliver remarks at
"Affirmative Action: A Transat-
lantic Perspective."
The seminar will be cosponsored by Sci-
ences Po (Paris Institute of
Political Science); Ecole Poly-
technique and the Université
Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne—

In April, President Lee C. Bollinger
tavelled to East Asia, 12-day, five-city
visit to solidify the University's long-
standing partnerships with institutions
and people in the region and to explore
new cooperative ventures. Part of Colum-
bia's year-long 250th anniversary
celebration, he was joined at several stops
by senior Columbia faculty members,
including SIPA Dean Lisa Anderson; Jef-
frey Sachs, director of Columbia's Earth
Institute; Professor Emeritus John Chu;
and Columbia Trustee Clyde Wu.

In addition to meeting with distin-
guished alumni, and with civic, political
and cultural leaders, Bollinger spoke to
audience at Waseda University in Tokyo,
Yonsei University in Seoul and Peking
University in Beijing.

Bollinger discussed programs to better
prepare the next generation of world
leaders; scientific and medical research
needed to meet today's global challenges;
new approaches to educating an increas-
ing number of international students; and
the growing mandate of universities to
provide a common ground for civil dis-
course on the complex issues of our
times.

Speaking at Peking University,
Bollinger said, "As the world grows
smaller with new developments in com-
munication and information technology,
leadership education must be empha-
sized and addressed from a cross-cul-
tural and global perspective."

Above left: President Bollinger, SIPA
Dean Lisa Anderson, Yasushi Akashi,
P&S '94, and Yasaburo Mogi, Busi-
ness '91, opened the event in Tokyo with
a traditional “kagamiwari” ceremony.
Top right: Douglass Hsu, Bollinger
and Club President Joshua SiH Pan cut
cake modeled after Low Library, in Bei-
jing.

Middle right: The Beijing celebration
included a traditional Chinese dance.
Bottom right: Bollinger addressed
the audience at Peking University.

Columbians Set June Trip to England and France to Celebrate 250th Anniversary

Columbia University
Celebration

Reid Hall, Columbia's academic center in Paris, will host a day-
long open house on June 26 as part of the anniversary events.

Anniversary events in Europe include a daylong open house on
June 26 at Reid Hall, Columbia's academic center in Paris. Alumni
and their families will be invited to attend a screening of the doc-
umentary Columbia University: A Celebration by Ric Burns, meet other Columbians and share views with New York fac-
ulty and University leaders. Bollinger will participate in a 5K
Fun Run in Paris on June 26. Alumni interested in the events
and to RSVP, should visit
http://alumni.columbia.edu/rsvp
or http://www.c250.columbia.
edu.

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