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Grey House Publishing announces the Twelfth Edition of *Nations of the World: A Political, Economic & Business Handbook*

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the 2013 Edition of *Nations of the World: A Political, Economic & Business Handbook*. A valuable reference resource, *Nations of the World* profiles every nation and self-governing territory around the world. It offers political, economic and business information in an easy-to-access, single-volume format, supplemented by maps, charts and tables. This in-depth yet accessible information makes *Nations of the World* a valuable and sought after reference as it provides the researcher with a unique background on every country worldwide.

The year 2012 witnessed continuing improvement to the US economy, while unrest and instability continued to punctuate regions around the world. Significant weather events devastated large swaths of cities, states, and countries. *Nations of the World* offers tremendous insight into current living conditions, social standings and economic climates of 229 nations, from those in the news to those that seldom make headlines. Fifty elections for world leaders have occurred in 2012 and, so far, 46 are scheduled to take place in 2013, including ones to look out for-Australia, Germany, Italy, Kenya, Japan, Philippines, and Chile.

Every country profile in *Nations of the World* has been reviewed and updated. Contributors worldwide have written thoughtful, comprehensive country essays. These international correspondents, true experts in their fields, have contributed to some of the most influential books and periodicals in the world.

Nations of the World is divided into two major sections: the first contains the informative country chapters, arranged in alphabetical order; the second is a Regional World Overview offering an entry on each of five regions around the world.

Each country chapter is divided into three parts. The first is a concise, independently written **Country Overview**. These overviews do not reflect the worldview of any particular government or intelligence agency. You will find current political and economic events, as well as an informed outlook toward the future. Most chapters also include a **Map** with indicators for key places, and **Key Facts** about the featured country such as official country name, ruling parties, language

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The **Regional World Overview** section follows the country profiles, and offers an expertly written narrative on the political and economic climate of each of the five regions covered; Africa, The Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. This narrative includes **Key Indicators**, **Currencies** and a **Map** of the region. *Nations of the World* ends with a **Global Overview**.

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With 2,024 pages of critical political, economic and business information including narrative overviews, charts and maps, this newest edition of *Nations of the World: A Political, Economic & Business Handbook* – in both print and electronic format – is a timely and immensely valuable reference acquisition to all public, academic and special library collections.

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