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**Second Annual MetroForum  
The State of the South Florida Economy**

**October 17, 2011**



**Dr. John Stack, Jr., Director of the School of International and Public Affairs, FIU, welcomes the MetroForum guests. Also in the picture, Dr. Howard Frank, Director of the Metropolitan Center and Dr. Edward Murray, Associate Director**





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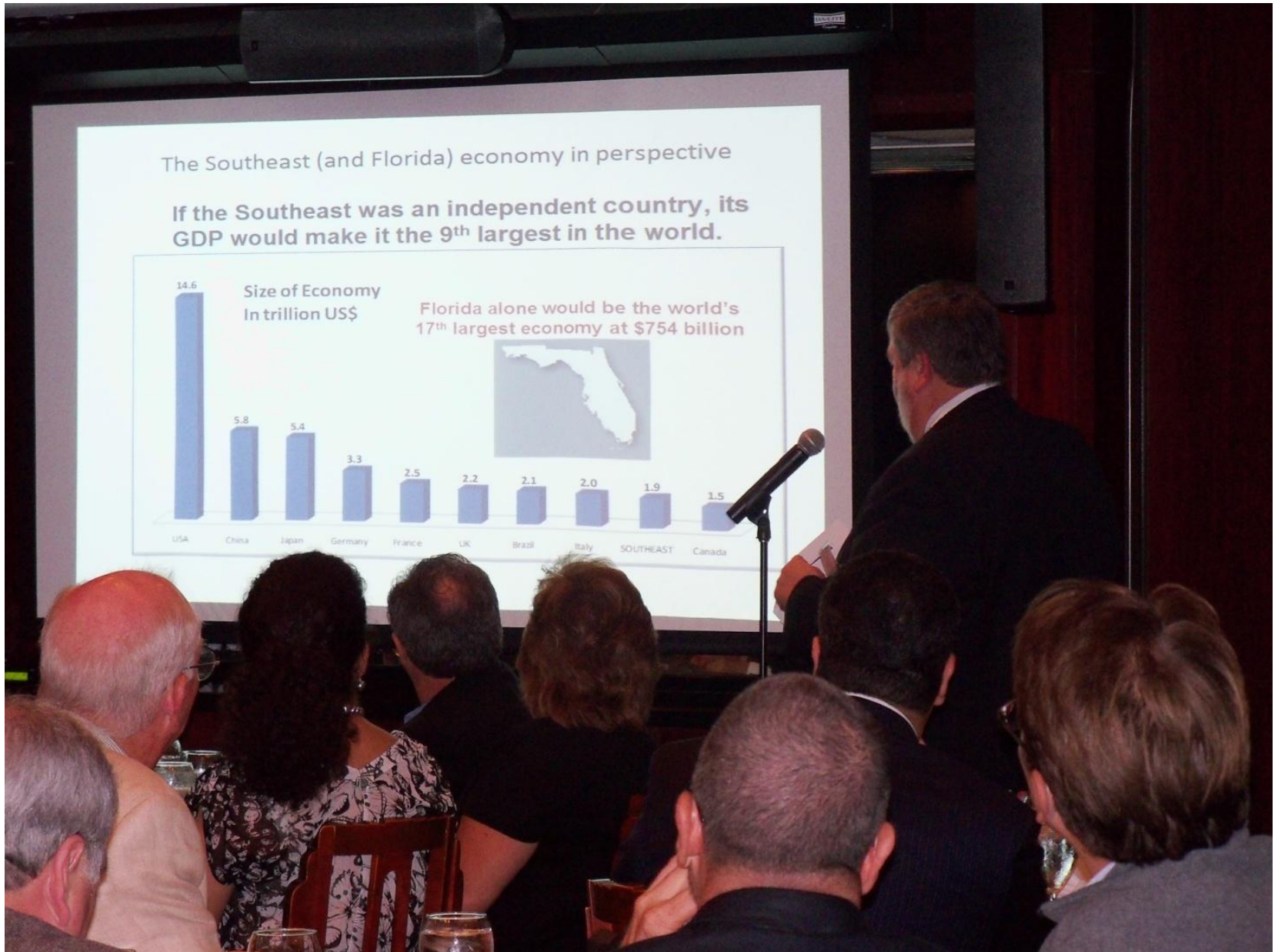


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# Miami-Dade County: Perspective on Economic Conditions and Trends

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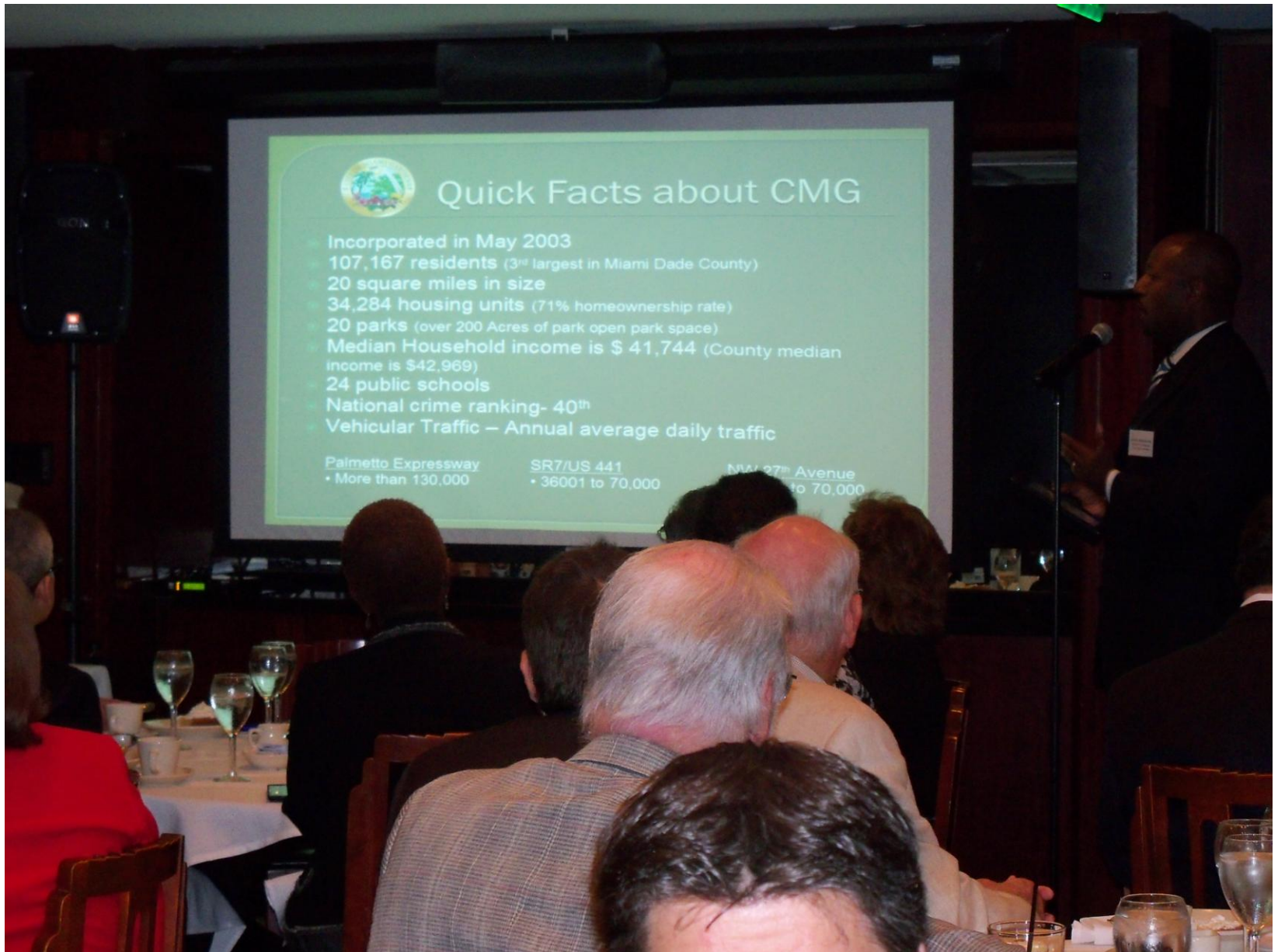


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## Quick Facts about CMG

- Incorporated in May 2003
- 107,167 residents (3<sup>rd</sup> largest in Miami Dade County)
- 20 square miles in size
- 34,284 housing units (71% homeownership rate)
- 20 parks (over 200 Acres of park open park space)
- Median Household income is \$ 41,744 (County median income is \$42,969)
- 24 public schools
- National crime ranking- 40<sup>th</sup>
- Vehicular Traffic – Annual average daily traffic

Palmetto Expressway  
• More than 130,000

SR7/US 441  
• 36001 to 70,000

NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
• 70,000 to 70,000

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