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OAPIA Update

News Updates from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Dear AAPI Community Members,

The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Mayor Gray's vision of ONE City. Our two community receptions brought together key leaders from both the AAPI community and District Government for a unique meet-and-greet opportunity. Our first Community Dialogue between Ward 7 and 8 residents and Asian American business owners was also a great success thanks to your participation. We finished off the month with our Annual May Heritage Month Celebration, which attracted more than 300 District residents!



Most importantly, I am very excited that I have the honor to continue serving you as the Executive Director of OAPIA under Mayor Vincent C. Gray, and I look forward to working with everyone in the new administration.

Warm Regards,

Soohyun "Julie" Koo
Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

One City Summer Fun

This summer, DC Government will be providing a full array of exciting activities, events and programs that will engage everyone in fun, creativity, reading, learning, exploration, healthy living, volunteerism and employment opportunities.

Click [here](#) to go to the One City Summer Fun website.
Click [here](#) for a brochure with all One City Summer Fun events.



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OAPIA Events

OAPIA Celebrates Asian American Appointees

OAPIA introduced City Administrator Allen Lew along with Mayor Gray's other Asian American Appointees to local AAPI community leaders and merchants.

You can find more information on our website, [here](#).



Mayor Celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

On May 26, 2011 Mayor Vincent C. Gray celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month with his Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs through cultural performances, a keynote speech from City Administrator Allen Lew, and the Mayor's Annual Community Service Award presentation. Over 300 people attended the event held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. WJLA/NewsChannel 8 reporter, Kathy Park served as the mistress of ceremonies.

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Community Dialogue With Ward 7 and 8 Residents

On May 24, 2011 the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) and the Office of Neighborhood Engagement (ONE) hosted a community dialogue between Ward 7 and 8 residents and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) business owners specific to those communities. KAGRO (Korean-American Grocer's Association), WALRA (Washington Area Liquor Retailers Association), Anacostia Coordinating Council, Yes! Organic Market, Ward 8 Workforce Development Council, Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, and Congress Heights Main Streets also co-sponsored the event. Over 60 people participated in the dialogue, which took place at the Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus (THEARC).



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Introducing OAPIA Interns for the Summer



Sophie Zhao

Sophie is a current graduate student at American University, majoring in Political Science. Her academic interest is in comparative politics with an emphasis on political culture and civic society. Sophie got her bachelor degree of International Politics at Xi'an International Studies University in China, and speaks fluent Chinese Mandarin. As an intern at OAPIA, Sophie hopes to develop a deeper understanding of the operations of the DC government and the situation of the local Asian community.

Steven M. Lee

Immigrated from Korea in 2000, Steven is an undergraduate student at Boston University, studying international relations. At the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, he is a Language Access Intern, conducting surveys regarding Language Access Act of 2004, and assessing Frontline Centers with their conformity with the Act.

Olivia Gao

Olivia is from mainland China and currently studying Finance in Hong Kong University. She will graduate this year and start working in the banking industry in Hong Kong. Always passionate about community service, she believes she will learn a lot working at OAPIA this summer.

Audrey Park

Audrey is a Korean-American born in Chicago, Illinois currently attending the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities as an undergraduate. She is studying English Literature and Asian Languages and Literature. She is a Communications and Capacity Building intern at OAPIA.

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