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## OAPIA Update

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

**Dear AAPI Community Members,**

Although the whirlwind of activity from earlier in the month, such as the One City Summit, has calmed a bit since our last *Update*, OAPIA has been busy preparing for new and future projects, including May Asian Pacific American Heritage Month activities.

But before we get too caught up with future plans, I would like to take a moment to reflect and recognize the most important facet to our office: you. While our endeavors are always driven by the goal of serving you and the entire AAPI community, sometimes the role is reversed.



Two weeks ago we had our Public Oversight Hearing and I really appreciate all the support we received both through oral and written testimony. We always encourage civic participation by AAPI residents and merchants. I highly encourage you to become more involved with the various activities going on in the city, whether it's attending the One City Summit, or testifying at a hearing, or getting involved in the political process.

It is this kind of involvement that I believe encourages and inspires positive changes in our community. So if you have ever considered getting involved with any of our numerous activities or events, please do not be a stranger! You will realize how engaging and rewarding the experience can be, as you meet others who are passionate about making a difference. We are all working together to make this One City.

Please keep in touch for further opportunities and announcements from the District Government and the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. As always, OAPIA is working hard to keep you informed and updated on all of our partnerships and projects.

Join us in creating a better AAPI community within the District!

Warm Regards,

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

### Public Oversight Hearing

On February 15th, at the John A. Wilson Building, OAPIA provided testimony at an annual Public Oversight Hearing conducted by Councilmember Marion Barry.

Notable OAPIA report figures include the 62.9% increase in the District's AAPI population from 2000 to 2010, with Census data showing the AAPI population reaching 26,857.

Councilmember Barry praised OAPIA for its outstanding efforts despite increasing demands from a growing population and a shrinking budget.

The entire recorded hearing can be viewed [here](#). Please select the appropriate video link under the "Committee on Aging and Community Affairs" button.

### OAPIA Welcomes New Interns: Woojin Lee and Tonu Nauage

Woojin Lee is from South Korea and attending Sung Kyun Kwan University, majoring in Consumer and Family Studies and minoring in International Trade. He served 2 years at the Republic of Korea Army, working in military information and strategy administration. He also handled telecommunication equipment and negotiated civil disputes. As an intern for the Korea Export Insurance Corporation (KEIC) he furthered his experience in document translation and population statistics. He is enthusiastic about working at OAPIA.



Tonu Nauage received his B.A. in Government from the College of William & Mary in 2010. Though he was born in Bangladesh, he lived most of his life in the United States. Since high school, he has been involved in various ways to promote diversity and community service. Tonu has previously held internship and professional positions in organizations dealing with international and national issues in the DC Metro area. He is looking forward to serving the AAPI community for the first time at a local city government level through



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Spotlight: Metropolitan Police Department: Asian Liaison Unit

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The Asian Liaison Unit is a team of dedicated officers that focuses on the public safety needs of the Asian Community. They facilitate translation services to patrol officers, various investigative units and the community. Their primary focus is to perform outreach and patrol functions to the community and to respond to all citizens needs.

The members of the ALU staff -- sworn and civilian -- speak Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese Cantonese, and Thai. The unit was officially established as the Asian Liaison Unit on March 4, 1996. The Asian Liaison Unit is not a full police station, but the officers are deployed to provide their police service in all districts. The ALU is an active community-oriented policing unit within the Metropolitan Police Department.

For more information, please visit [www.mpd.dc.gov/alu](http://www.mpd.dc.gov/alu).

### DC Mayor's Commission on APIA Community Development

The DC Commission on APIA Community Development convenes monthly meetings to discuss current issues affecting the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA Office located at 441 4th Street, NW, #721N Washington, DC 20001.

All commission meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions about the commission or its meetings, please contact [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov).

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