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David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

## MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Career Connections, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

### A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank all those that made our toy drive a huge success this year. With generous help from our community members, my office was able to provide food, entertainment, and toys to 150 kids. Being able to give back to the community is one of the things I love most about the holiday season and without your help that would not have been possible so thank you.

As the end of 2015 is quickly approaching and 2016 is almost here, I've been focusing on planning my New Year's resolutions. I have always been an advocate of living a healthy and active lifestyle and what better way to ring in 2016 than by running a 5k? I'll be joining Mayor Bowser on New Year's Day for the [2nd Annual Fresh Start 5K](#) and I'd love to see you there.

Warm Regards,

David Do

Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



# MOAPIA News



## Meet our new Program Coordinator, Sinae Lee!

Sinae Lee joined MOAPIA in 2015 as a program coordinator. Expecting PhD in 2016 in the field of sociolinguistics, she specializes in analyzing language data both from quantitative and qualitative perspectives.

At MOAPIA, she is in charge of facilitating the Language Access Program by providing data-based reports on AAPI community, which will further serve as reference and consultative points for participating District agencies. In an effort to better serve the District's AAPI community, she is planning to launch a project in which she identifies under-represented and thereby marginalized AAPI residents in DC, examining the issues related to Limited English Proficiency and its consequences. She also serves as the subject matter expert on education and mental health. Say hello to Sinae at [sinae.lee@dc.gov](mailto:sinae.lee@dc.gov).

Sinae holds a Master's degree in Linguistics from Korea University ('09) as well as from Georgetown University ('13).

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## MOAPIA is Hiring: Community Outreach Assistant & Community Outreach Specialist



MOAPIA is looking to add two energetic and qualified candidates to serve on MOAPIA's Outreach team as a Community Outreach Assistant (Bilingual) and a Community Outreach Specialist (Bilingual - Vietnamese).

For more information on both positions and to apply, please visit the links below.

- [Community Outreach Assistant](#)
  - [Community Outreach Specialist](#)
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## MOAPIA Created a Google Group

Join MOAPIA's

**Google** Group



Share news and events in your community with fellow DC residents. Get direct updates from MOAPIA.



<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

The MOAPIA Google Group was created so that community members can have a space to connect with fellow like-minded individuals interested in all things AAPI. Members are encouraged to share their own news or events that are happening in DC (whether it be an upcoming happy hour, film screening, workshop, etc). MOAPIA will occasionally post updates on current and upcoming events/initiatives.

The space is also a way for members to get their questions answered regarding government programs and services. Have a question about sidewalk repairs, small business support, safety, language access, or any other topic? Post your questions on the forum! Or if you just want to voice a concern you have or concerns about your neighborhood, post it there and we will be sure to follow-up.

We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways to better serve you.

Feel free to share this great space with others!

Link: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

## MOAPIA in the Community

**9th Annual "Share a Smile, Give a Toy" Toy Drive & Holiday Celebration**



**Director Do, members of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, and community donors pose with raffle ticket winners**

On December 8, MOAPIA held its ninth annual toy drive at the Old Council Chambers of One Judiciary Square. For the past nine years, MOAPIA has collected and distributed 2450 toys to over 2150 District youth. Activities for youth this year included a special guest appearance from a beloved children's character (a Minion from the film "Despicable Me"), balloon twisting, raffle giveaways, and cotton candy treats.

The event was made possible due to the generosity and contributions from: Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, Pizza D'oro, Paul Bakery, Costco Wholesale, Korean American Grocers Association of Washington, DC, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States, Rosemary Abriam, Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Michele DeSando, Walter Lee, and Martha Watanabe.

[View Photos Here](#)

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## Mayor's Annual Senior Holiday Celebration



Performers from the Asian Senior Center

On December 10, MOAPIA assisted with the Mayor's Annual Senior Holiday Celebration at the DC Armory. The celebration featured live entertainment, dancing, health screenings, safety and health information, immunizations, food, giveaways, and various exhibits. The event also included a performance from Asian Senior Center!

## Events and Announcements

### 1/1 - 2nd Annual Fresh Start 5K on New Year's Day

Start your new year off right and join Director David Do alongside Mayor Muriel Bowser for the 2nd Annual Fresh Start 5K on **January 1!** Hundreds of DC residents will gather at the Stadium Armory Metro Station for this fun fitness activity. Whether you want to run, walk, or just cheer folks on, this will be a fun event for all! We hope to see you there. Register [here](#).

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### 12/18 - Snowball Happy Hour



Friday, **December 18** | 5:30 PM  
Ping Pong Dim Sum Chinatown  
900 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Join Serve DC at Ping Pong Dim Sum in Chinatown this Friday evening to learn how YOU can help seniors and people with disabilities shovel out their snow this winter, as you head to or from the next DC Snowball Fight Association's snowball fight or ice carving event.

Enjoy Complimentary Appetizers and Happy Hour Specials, courtesy of Ping Pong North America while signing up for the DC Resident Snow Team. RSVP [here](#).

Help us reach our volunteer recruiting goal of 2,500 volunteers for the Snow Team by signing up at [www.snowteam.dc.gov](http://www.snowteam.dc.gov).

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## Action, Anarchy, and Audacity: A Seijun Suzuki Retrospective



In a career spanning nearly five decades, Seijun Suzuki amassed a body of work ranging from B movie potboilers to beguiling metaphysical mysteries. On the occasion of the publication of *Time and Place are Nonsense: The Films of Seijun Suzuki* by Curator of Film Tom Vick, the Freer and

Sackler Galleries present a touring retrospective of Suzuki's films until **December 20**. For more info, click [here](#).

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## 2015 Downtown Holiday Market



If you haven't had a chance to check out the Downtown Holiday Market yet, there's still time! Bringing a unique and festive shopping "village" to DowntownDC, the market features more than 150 regional artisans, crafters and boutique businesses of ethnically-produced goods. Hundreds of diverse gift items, such as jewelry, pottery, paintings, and textiles will be offered by 60 exhibitors each day.

The market will run until Wednesday, **December 23**. Hours will be from 12 pm to 8 pm each day - See more [here](#).

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### Pledge to End Homelessness

Making **Homelessness** Rare, Brief,  
and Non-recurring in DC



**TAKE THE PLEDGE TO  
END HOMELESSNESS**



Mayor Bowser has a plan, Homeward DC, to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in the District. In her first budget, Mayor Bowser made historic investments in Homeward DC plan and in the solutions that we know will work to end homelessness. Now, Mayor Bowser is announcing a set of legislative and administrative measures to ensure

these investments make the biggest impact on the lives of DC residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Learn more about the Homeward DC by visiting [mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC](http://mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC) that will end homelessness in DC. Sign the pledge to help community members who experience homelessness find a place to call home.



## DC Resident Snow Team Recruitment

Mayor Muriel Bowser hopes you can join the DC Resident Snow Team to help our neighbors who need help clearing snow this winter. Our seniors and neighbors with disabilities need help shoveling snow from their front walkways and sidewalks to get to medical appointments and to receive meals in their homes. Volunteer to shovel for a neighbor by signing up at [snowteam.dc.gov](http://snowteam.dc.gov).

## Hands on Hearts CPR Training Program

"Hands on Hearts" is an initiative to provide free CPR and AED awareness training to District residents. When hands-only CPR is performed immediately during cardiac arrest, it may increase the chance of a person's survival. The District is committed to providing residents with the skills needed to help save a life. For more information or to sign up for "Hands on Hearts" CPR training, visit [handsonhearts.dc.gov](http://handsonhearts.dc.gov) or call 311.



# Career Connections

## AALEAD Volunteer and Intern Opportunities

For more information contact Stephanie Lim at [slim@alead.org](mailto:slim@alead.org) or at (202) 884-0322 ext. 104.



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**Asian American LEAD Youth Leadership Empowerment and Development (AALEAD)** is a youth development organization. Our mission is to support low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth with educational empowerment, identity development, and leadership opportunities through after school, summer, and mentoring programs. **For more information, please visit our web site at [www.aalead.org](http://www.aalead.org).**

#### ***Volunteer Opportunities***

- Want to make an impact on a child's life? Consider being an AALEAD Mentor! Our Mentoring Program matches youth (ages 10-18) with caring adults who support them one-on-one in their efforts to develop the academic and life skills necessary to succeed. AALEAD requires that mentors commit to meeting with their mentees at least six hours a month for a minimum of one year.
- We are looking for program aides to support our after-school programs in DC, Montgomery County, and Fairfax County.
- If you are looking for a one-time volunteer opportunity, please consider leading a workshop at one of our after-school program sites.

#### ***Internship Opportunities***

Looking for an internship? We are currently looking for candidates for the following positions:

- DC Elementary School Program Intern
- MD Programs Intern
- Communications & Marketing Intern

#### ***Contact***

Please contact Stephanie Lim at [slim@aalead.org](mailto:slim@aalead.org) or at (202) 884-0322 ext. 104 for more information.

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