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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 is working hard to make sure that you are up to date on all the things going on in our office. To help keep you up to date, we have created this newsletter to give brief updates on things happening in our office and in District Government.

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

Warm Regards,

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



OAPIA Hosted Free Workshop on Changes to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program

OAPIA, in conjunction with the DC Department of Human Services, hosted a second and final free workshop on changes to the TANF program at the Asian Service Center in Chinatown on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. OAPIA provided AAPI District residents the most updated information on the changes that will occur within TANF, specifically on how it will affect those who are currently receiving benefits, and detailed what people need to do in order to continue receiving benefits.

AARP DC Celebration at the Family Matters Asian and Pacific Islander Senior Center



OAPIA Director Soohyun "Julie" Koo and staff were in attendance at an open house celebration hosted by AARP DC at the Family Matters Asian and Pacific Islander Senior Services Center on Tuesday, December 13th. The open house was a celebration of the continued strong, committed ties between the Asian and Pacific Islander seniors and AARP DC, with AARP unveiling donations to the service center in the form of new chairs, tablecloths, and sound equipment.

OAPIA Director Soohyun "Julie" Koo Featured in Asian Fortune News

OAPIA Director Soohyun "Julie" Koo has recently been featured in Asian Fortune News. The full article can be viewed [here](#).



OAPIA Welcomes New Outreach Specialist Steven Lim

Steven Lim recently joined the staff at the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) as the Community Outreach Specialist and Public Information Officer in December. He will also be serving as the liaison for Housing and Capacity Building matters. Steven offers his communication, programming, and outreach skills from a breadth of experiences, ranging from higher education administration at the University of Maryland, College Park, to public service work at the Aira Town Hall in Kagoshima, Japan.

Having always had a passion for serving the API community, Steven hopes to further his ability and capacity to serve while at OAPIA. He enjoys traveling, photography, martial arts, and meeting people of all walks of life and hearing their stories. He is a graduate of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California.

OAPIA Open House & Toy Giveaway

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) will be hosting its annual Open House and Toy Giveaway on Tuesday, December 20th.

Please join us for our "Distributing Smiles" event at 4pm for our open house, and at 5pm as we give out toys

to DC children, meet with community members and community based organizations, and share in the smiles.

When: Tuesday, December 20, 2011

What: Open House, 4 to 7 pm

"Share a Smile, Give a Toy" Toy Giveaway, 5 to 7 pm

Where: OAPIA, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, 721 N, Washington, DC 20001

Toys will be given out to children who have registered in advance. Child registration is now closed. Reasonable accommodations for disabilities are provided upon request.

Volunteers are also needed from 4:30 to 7 pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ngoc Trinh at ngoc.trinh@dc.gov or call 202 727-9883.

If you would like to donate a toy, or request a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please call: 202-727-3120 or email [Andrew Chang](mailto:Andrew.Chang). Also, please visit our [event page](#).

DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

The DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs convened its monthly meeting to discuss issues going on in the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 25, 2011 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA Office. All commission meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions about the commission or its meetings, please contact oapia@dc.gov.

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