



David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

## MOAPIA Newsletter

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

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### A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

Since the last fiscal year, our agency has been focusing on creating new cultural sensitivity training for other DC agencies. We have worked with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and DC Public School (DCPS) to create cultural competency training videos that entail information about the AAPI communities in DC and their different sets of challenges. Both training also include our suggestions and resources on how to better serve and interact with the AAPIs. MPD has already started to use this training video as part of their training course, and all MPD members including approximately 3,500 police officers and 500 civilian staff have watched the video. DCPS will also incorporate our cultural training material into their training webinar series for teachers and school staff.



We are planning to build on these introductory training and keep working with these agencies to develop in-depth cultural sensitivity training in the near future.

In our growing multicultural society, cultural competency is important for all. With increased cross-cultural sensitivity, we all have a better ability to understand our differences and build trusting relationships. We will continue our efforts to work with other DC agencies to address our constituents' needs and enhance cultural competence.

Warm Regards,

David Do  
Director of the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

PS. Join us for our Diwali Celebration at 6:45 PM on November 13th! Check out the Upcoming Events section for more information.

# MOAPIA News

## MOAPIA Outreach



MOAPIA's outreach team frequently visits businesses across the District to offer information about government programs and resources. Resources are provided in the business owner's native language and staff follow-up to help address any issues or complaints.

Check out more photos from our recent community outings and events by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) (@dcmoapia)

## Upcoming Events

Diwali Celebration

Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs  
Presents

# Diwali

Please join Mayor Muriel Bowser as we celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, with a lamp lighting ceremony, cultural performances and light refreshments!

**Free Admission**



RSVP required: [happydiwali2018.eventbrite.com](http://happydiwali2018.eventbrite.com)

**Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 | 6:45 -8:30 PM**

**Location: Freer Gallery of Art, Meyer Auditorium**

**1050 Independence Ave SW, Washington DC**

**Nearest Metro: Smithsonian**

With the support of the Smithsonian's Freer|Sackler Museums of Asian Art

For more information or to request reasonable accommodations, please call (202)727-3120 seven days in advance.  
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Website: <https://apia.dc.gov/>



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MOAPIA will host the 4th Annual Diwali Celebration on November 13th from 6:45 - 8:30 PM at the Freer Gallery of Art, Meyer Auditorium. An RSVP is required: [happydiwali2018.eventbrite.com](http://happydiwali2018.eventbrite.com)

## Career Opportunities

### Public Information Officer

We are seeking a Public Information Officer to join our team! The incumbent will oversee the agency's communications strategy including but not limited to, drafting press releases, writing talking points for the director, reviewing all official agency documents for accuracy, and regularly managing MOAPIA's social media platforms. The incumbent will be the point of contact for all items related to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. To apply, please visit this [page](#).



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