



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)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting Japan as part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' "Kakehashi Project," which aims to strengthen mutual understanding between the U.S and Japan. During the trip, other Asian American leaders and I visited Japanese government agencies, local businesses, and cultural sites to learn more about Japanese politics, economy, culture, history and foreign policy.

We also met with Japanese State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Satō Masahisa, to share mutual interests and exchange ideas and policies that would improve the lives of those that we serve.

The Kakehashi Project also sends middle school, high school and college students from across the country including Washington, DC to Japan on fully funded, 10-day study tours of the country. The project aims to help participating students create and nurture an interest in international relations while experiencing all that Japan has to offer. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the [website](#).

Warm regards,

David Do

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

P.S: Happy Diwali to the many Washingtonians that are celebrating the Festival of Lights this week! Thank you to those that RSVP'd for our upcoming [Diwali Reception](#) on October 25th. We look forward to celebrating with you!



MOAPIA News

IlluminAsia Festival



Last weekend, the Freer|Sackler museum celebrated their reopening with a grand festival of Asian art, food, and cultures. The IlluminAsia festival transformed the museums' grounds with an Asian food market, cooking and art demonstrations, live music, and interactive activities for all ages including a free tai chi class sponsored by MOAPIA.

Community Walk with the Mayor



On October 16, MOAPIA joined the Mayor-led community walk in Ward 1 to check in with local business owners and residents. For more information about these community walks, please visit the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services' [website](#).

MOAPIA Outreach



Twice a week, MOAPIA's outreach team 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

2017 Diwali Celebration

DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
Presents

Diwali

Please join us as we celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights,
with a lamp lighting ceremony, cultural performances and food!

Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 6:30-8:30PM
Gallery Tour at 5:30PM: Arts of the Indian Subcontinent

Freer Gallery of Art, Meyer Auditorium
1050 Independence Ave SW, Washington DC, 20560
Nearest Metro: Smithsonian

Free Admission

RSVP required: happydiwali2017.eventbrite.com

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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MOAPIA will host the 3rd Annual Diwali Celebration on October 25th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Freer Gallery of Art. Registration is now full. If you would like to be added to the waitlist, please contact Lanting Qin at Lanting.Qin@dc.gov.

Citizenship Application Workshop

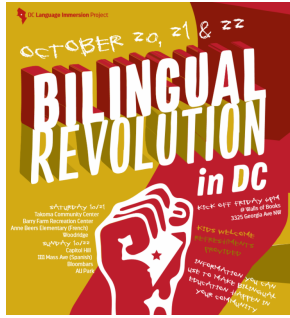
The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center and Asian Americans Advancing Justice will hold a free [Citizenship Day Workshop](#) on Saturday, October 21st from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 441 4th Street NW, Room 1107. APALRC attorneys and trained bilingual volunteers will assist participants with completing naturalization applications. Please call the APALRC at (202) 393-3572 to make an appointment. Assistance will be available in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Spanish and English.

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US Citizen**

Free legal assistance to help you apply for naturalization

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DC Language Immersion Project's Bilingual Revolution

The DC Language Immersion Project is hosting a free series of District-wide events in multiple languages to offer information on how to get a dual language program started. Please visit their website for more [information](#).

Announcements

Supporting DC's Immigrant Community

In Washington, DC we value diversity and inclusivity and the Bowser Administration remains steadfastly committed to supporting DC's immigrant community and ensuring all Washingtonians feel welcome and secure. Read more [here](#).



New Minimum Wage

Effective July 1, 2017, the minimum wage is \$12.50 per hour for employees that do not receive tips and \$3.33 per hour for tipped employees.

For more information, please visit the Department of Employment Services' [website](#).

Private Security Camera Incentive Program

The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) wants residents to improve public safety by participating in the Private Security Camera Incentive Program.

The program provides a rebate of up to \$200 per camera, with a maximum rebate of up to \$500 per residential address and \$750 for all other addresses.

Information about the program and the application can be found at www.ovsjg.dc.gov. For additional information, contact the Program at security.cameras@dc.gov (202) 727-5124.



MPD's Text Tip Line

Send anonymous text, pictures and video messages to the Metropolitan Police Department's Text Tip Line. You can send tips that may help solve a crime or non-emergency safety issues. Text your message to 50411. Messages are monitored 24/7.

50411 is a non-emergency number. If it's an emergency, please call 911.





Sign Up for Mayor Bowser's Newsletter

Want to get updates on new programs, policy, and opportunities to get involved? [Sign up](#) for the Mayor's weekly newsletter!

Career Opportunities

Join Our Team!

MOAPIA is currently seeking a Bilingual Community Outreach Specialist to coordinate community outreach activities (e.g. door-to-door visits, workshops, meetings) targeted to the District's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community to promote government programs. For more information, please visit this [website](#).

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