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## OAPIA Update

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

**Dear Community Members,**

The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs had much to celebrate as we welcomed Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. We kicked off the month by honoring our District's AAPI first responders and police officers with a reception for those who serve in the public safety sector. This was historic in that it was the first event of its kind to pay tribute to our dedicated officers and first responders. In honor of our community leaders and volunteers we held a reception to highlight the importance of community, collaboration and culture. Following the reception, our office also held a health panel to discuss and explore generational differences among the AAPI community earlier this week. Ending our month long celebration OAPIA is hosting a community reception on Thursday, May 31. The event will include cultural performances along with a Community Service Award presentation by the Mayor.



We are very grateful for the continued support of Mayor Vincent C. Gray. His vision of "One City" is parallel to ours in that we embrace our many distinct cultures. Our office impacts many lives in the District. Our success is built on partnerships of community organizations and inter-agency collaboration. We are very proud of our accomplishments and will continue to provide quality service and excellence.

It is a privilege to be able to work with so many passionate people. I encourage you to visit our website to find out more on how you can get involved. We hope to see you in the near future!

Warm Regards,

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

### Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs New Summer Interns

OAPIA is pleased to announce our first set of interns for Summer 2012. The majority of our interns are college students or college graduates and are provided with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with public service. Interns also get to participate in city wide events and meetings exposing them to municipal government.

Miao Liu is from Shenzhen, China. She spent her junior and senior high

school years at Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire. She has always wanted to become a journalist since age 14, so she decided to major in International Relations and Business at American University. Miao is currently taking Japanese, and plans to study abroad this September in Tokyo during her college junior year. She loves delicious food and eating, which is also part of the reason why she chose to travel to Japan.

Miao is currently planning to attend graduate school, although she has not decided on any particular university. She plans on pursuing a master's degree in journalism or public administration, since her future career ambitions lie in the journalism or government sector.



**Miao Liu**



**Lijie Lu**

Lijie Lu is currently a master's student at George Washington University pursuing a degree in statistics. He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics at Shanghai Finance University in 2011. His academic interests lie in the fields of qualitative and quantitative data analysis, statistical modeling, and model validation. He is fluent in both Mandarin Chinese and English.

As a sales intern at Hareon Solar, he developed certain skill sets: meet and greet customer outreach, maintaining customer relationships, and coordinating the internal staff to ensure fulfillment of orders. After arriving in the United States in July of 2011, he used his free time to volunteer in many different capacities, including serving as a facilitator at the DC Mayor's town hall event, called the "One City Summit," and volunteering at the 2nd annual USA Science & Engineering Festival. Lijie lives by the mantra that life is a process of experiencing new things. He sees himself as either a businessman or an entrepreneur in the future.

Hiji Nam is a rising junior at the University of Maryland, College Park, majoring in art history and government and politics. She was born in Seoul, South Korea, and moved to the United States at age three; since then, she has lived all over the country, including Kansas, Tennessee, Connecticut, and Maryland. In her free time, Hiji enjoys checking out art exhibitions in DC at venues such as the National Gallery of Art and The Phillips Collection, going to concerts, traveling, working out, and reading. Hiji became interested in politics through her father, who is a professor of political science; however, she plans to attend graduate school to study art history, her true passion.

Hiji plans on studying in Berlin this coming fall, and intends to study late 20th to early 21st century Eastern and Central European art. In addition to her summer internship at OAPIA, she will also be interning at the Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery. She looks forward to her internship with OAPIA, and to experience the intricacies and dynamics of DC politics and public administration.



**Hiji Nam**

For more information on the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, or to apply for an internship, please contact [www.apia.dc.gov](http://www.apia.dc.gov).

## May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

***NOTE: The previously scheduled event for May 31, 2012-Cultural Dialogue, has been canceled.***

The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) will be hosting the following events in celebration of [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#). We hope that you can join us.

THURS | MAY 31 | 5:30pm

### **Mayor Gray's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration**

*Join Mayor Gray for an evening of cultural performances, the Mayor's community service award, refreshments, and more.*

The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kenney Auditorium  
1740 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20036

**\*RSVPs are encouraged. Please RSVP [here](#).**

Please contact OAPIA at (202) 727-3120 for any questions.



## Mayor Vincent C. Gray and OAPIA Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

(Washington, DC) - Mayor Vincent C. Gray and the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) honored the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) during OAPIA's annual heritage month event last week. The evening celebration took place at the John A. Wilson Building and began with Fox 5's Annie Yu opening the event as Mistress of Ceremonies. Mayor Gray took to the podium shortly after to pay tribute to the community leaders and groups who attended.

For the full press release, please visit [here](#).



## Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Hosts Asian American and Pacific Islander Family Generations Panel Discussion

(Washington, DC) - On Monday, May 21, 2012, the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) and the American Psychological Association's Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA) hosted a panel discussion on the family dynamic and generational ties within Asian American and Pacific Islander families. The panel discussion was held at AARP Headquarters at the Brickfield Center. Over 50 young professionals, community members, and government officials were in attendance.

For the full press release, please visit [here](#).



Spotlight: DC Chinatown Documentary Project



The [DC Chinatown Documentary Project](#) is a community-supported documentary project that focuses on DC's Chinatown community. Today, only about 400-500 Chinese immigrants remain in the Chinatown neighborhood. The residents in the Chinatown community are maintaining their culture and heritage in a neighborhood that has become a tourist destination, but changes are bringing a community closer. The project hopes to tell the story of Chinatown and to raise public awareness of the neighborhood, its history, and its changes.

For more information, please visit [here](#). OAPIA Director Koo is featured in the documentary project [here](#).

## DC Mayor's Commission on APIA Community Development

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA office located at 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 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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