



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,

As we move into October, the District is experiencing cooler weather and less sunshine compared to preceding months. The sun is starting to set earlier in the evenings, so residents are relying more heavily on street lights during this time of year.

At the AAPI Action Forum in 2015, when asked how District agencies can work to better ensure the safety and protection of residents and small businesses, many residents expressed a need for more and better lighting. Last week, my office supported Mayor Bowser in her efforts to identify and report street light outages in all eight wards. We encouraged residents to report broken street lights by texting, calling or tweeting DC311. By making our streets brighter, we are working towards building a safer community for all.

October's cooler weather will not stop our office from continuing to host our weekly Mobile Market, which brings healthy and affordable produce to Chinatown. Please join us on Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at 800 6th Street NW.

Thank you for your support as we work together to build a safer, healthier and more unified community.

Warm Regards,

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

P.S: If you have not connected with MOAPIA on social media, I invite you to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@dcmoapia) to receive updates on upcoming events and announcements.



MOAPIA Welcomes New Staff!

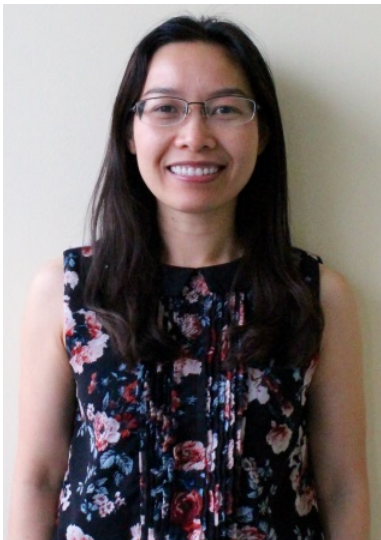


Phuong Nguyen, Communications Specialist

Phuong Nguyen joined MOAPIA as a Communications Specialist/Public Information Officer in September 2016. She will oversee the agency's communications strategy including writing and reviewing official agency documents and managing MOAPIA's social media platforms. She will also serve as the liaison for the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs and assist with the agency's grant monitoring.

Prior to her start with the District government, she worked as a program coordinator at a national non-profit organization that serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Family Science from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Tuyet McDonald, Community Outreach Specialist



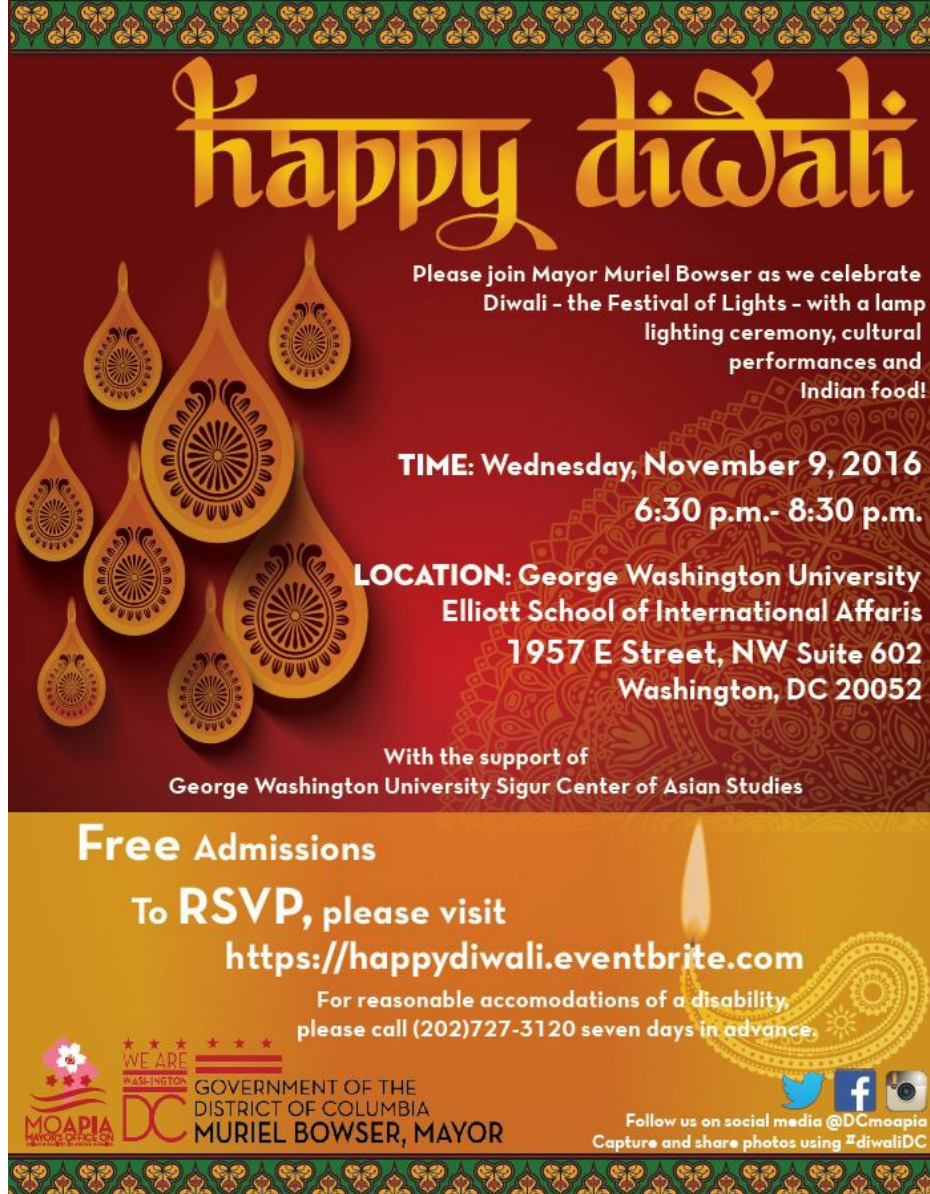
Tuyet T. McDonald joined MOAPIA in October 2016 as a Community Outreach Specialist. Tuyet will work with the District's AAPI community to conduct outreach, plan community events and provide case assistance on health care benefits, transportation, and language access.

Prior to joining OAPIA, Tuyet worked as an interpreter for LanguageLine Solutions where she was recognized as an outstanding interpreter for her strong customer service and interpretation skills. Tuyet also has a strong background in sales with experience working for several multinational companies specialized in exporting agricultural products to Vietnam.

A native of Vietnam, Tuyet is fully bi-lingual in English and Vietnamese and holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Hanoi University, Vietnam. She completed additional coursework at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA and Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA.

Upcoming Events

Diwali Celebration on November 9



Happy diwali


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

TIME: Wednesday, November 9, 2016
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.


LOCATION: George Washington University
Elliott School of International Affaris
1957 E Street, NW Suite 602
Washington, DC 20052

With the support of
George Washington University Sigur Center of Asian Studies

Free Admissions
To RSVP, please visit
<https://happydiwali.eventbrite.com>
For reasonable accommodations of a disability,
please call (202)727-3120 seven days in advance.

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Director Do's Office Hours



Director Do holds office hours throughout all eight wards to meet with residents and business owners. Please join him on October 12th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in Ward 4 at Sala Thai (3716 Georgia Ave NW). Interpretation services will be available on site. For more information, please contact Nam Do at nam.do@dc.gov or 202-576-8577.

Announcements

Want to join MOAPIA's team?





WE ARE HIRING!

If you have a passion for serving the community and wish to pursue a career in public service, join our team!

For more information, please visit: apia.dc.gov/release/join-moapias-team

MOAPIA has a job opening: **Program Coordinator**. If you love meeting community members and want a career in public service, join our team! Must be bilingual in Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, or Cantonese.

To apply for the Program Coordinator position, click [here](#).

Private Security Camera Incentive Program





Help make DC safer and stronger

Install a private security camera system and apply for a rebate

For more info visit ovsjg.dc.gov

The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) wants residents to improve public safety by participating in the **Private Security Camera Incentive Program**. This program encourages residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security cameras.

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 security.cameras@dc.gov or (202) 727-5124.

Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act in Effect



The District of Columbia's **Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act (WTPAA) of 2014** became effective February 26, 2015.

Beginning of **July 1, 2016, the minimum wage in the D.C. will increase from \$10.50 to \$11.50 regardless of size of employer.** The Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act also requires business owners to post Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act and the Minimum Wage Revision Act, and the notice of WTPAA posters where employees can easily read. Also, according to the Act, all employees must receive a written copy of Employer Notice upon employment.

MOAPIA has been conducting door-to-door outreach to over 100 API business owners in the District to inform them about the changes and help them comply the law requirements.

For more information, contact DOES (202-671-1880) or Soojin Ku at MOAPIA (soojin.ku@dc.gov).

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