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Guests partake favorite dishes at CAPA's 'Taste of Asia 2013'

Seafood pancake, anyone? Or would you like to try the egg roll? Or the Korean purple rice?

These were just three of the favorite Asian dishes savored by the guests during the "Taste of Asia," an annual cultural event hosted by the Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA). This year's edition was held in the afternoon of August 11 at the Philippine American Community Center of Michigan (PACCM) in Southfield.

Some CAPA officers led by President Robert Riparip were on hand to brief the guests on the different kinds of food and desserts on the table.

There were five kinds of Asian dishes sampled by the guests. These are Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian and Filipino.

The Japanese dishes included 10 different types of sushi such as the California roll and asparagus roll. But the guests' favorite was the tasty Japanese seaweeds.

The Korean foods were stir-fried sweet beef, purple rice, seafood pancake and noodle. The Chinese offering consisted of siomai and noodle, while the Filipino dishes were egg roll and "pancit." The Indian foods were buttered chicken and rice with vegetable.

The food tasting was preceded by entertainment numbers presented by the Chinese, Filipino and Irish groups. The Chinese performers were dancers Nancy Zeng and Anne Xue, while the Filipino performers were Aimee Calasara, Kathleen Aniciete, Ronald Callo and Tyrone Calasara.

The Irish group came from Shannon Irish Dance Company.

The show was produced and directed by Toni Martinez.

The welcome address was given by CAPA President Riparip, while the opening remark was delivered by Coco Zhang-Miske, chairperson of CAPA's membership committee.

The master of ceremonies was Becky Tungol, CAPA executive director.

President Riparip said that the event, which was started in 2005, was part of the efforts to boost CAPA's membership drive.

The guests who enlisted as members paid each a fee of \$25 for lifetime membership.

It was reported that CAPA now has at least 3,000 individual members.



MAPAAC can help Asian groups by co-sponsoring their programs – Hsu

New chairman bares his views on MAPAAC task

Jaime C. Hsu, Ph.D., newly appointed chairman of the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC), said the commission will strive to work hard with various Asian groups in the efforts to tackle problems affecting Asian Americans in Michigan.

Doctor Hsu, who is a professor at Lawrence Tech University, was interviewed by the Filipino Star News last August 11 at the Philippine American Community Center of Michigan in Southfield. The interview was conducted at the sideline of the "Taste of Asia," an annual cultural event hosted by the Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA), of which Hsu is a member of the advisory board.

Hsu, a Taiwanese who immigrated to the US in 1967, said that one concrete way MAPAAC could help Asian groups is for the commission to co-sponsor their programs and activities aimed at benefitting their members, particularly the underserved ones.

He said the task of the commission is to make sure that the programs and projects of Asian groups - such as CAPA, APACC, APIA Vote and Asian Center - are supported by the state government.

He views MAPAAC as a conduit between the state government and the Asian community in the efforts to tackle various issues such as those pertaining to health, civil rights, education, immigration and economic opportunities.

He said that MAPAAC should also promote cooperation and synergy

between the state government and the Asian community.

Doctor Hsu, who migrated in 1973 to Michigan from Rhode Island as an employee of General Motors, proposed the holding of more town-hall meetings during which state officials could get feedback from Asians on issues affecting them and on how government programs aimed at addressing their problems are faring.

He said that social problems like bullying in school could be addressed by educating parents and students, noting that most Asians are naturally shy and as much as possible do not want to complain about abuses. Through dialogues, these social issues could be tackled, he said.

He also expressed concern about the language problem of Asians, suggesting that English should be taught to them as a second language. He noted that many Asians, particularly old people, are computer-illiterate, saying there is also a need to address this problem.

Doctor Hsu was appointed last July 18 by Governor Rick Snyder as MAPAAC commissioner, replacing Sook Wilkinson.

In a statement, Wilkinson said, "It's been my honor to have served as the chair of the commission, first appointed by Governor Granholm and then Governor Snyder. Although I'm stepping down as chair, I plan to serve out my term as a commissioner for another year."

Hsu said he did not apply for the job, adding the Office of the Governor called him and requested him to head MAPAAC. As chairman, he will not receive any salary.

He retired from General Motors in 2004. His last position at GM was executive director for global technology. He held many senior

management and corporate R&D positions at GM. His responsibilities included global collaboration in technology development, advanced product and manufacturing development and corporate technology strategy.

He earned his Ph.D. and M.S. in Solid Mechanics from Brown University and Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from National Taiwan University. He now teaches business subjects at Lawrence Tech University.

Leadership summit set on Nov. 9, 2013 at GM Tech Center

The Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) will hold its annual Statewide Leadership Summit on Nov. 9, 2013 in the GM Tech Center at 3001 Van Dyke Road, Warren.

CAPA President Robert Riparip said the participants in the summit will tackle topics on self-empowerment with the resource speakers leading the discussions.

There will be a guest speaker whose name will be announced later.

Just like in past leadership summits, there will be a whole-day program of activities. Following is the tentative program of activities:

8:30am – Registration; 9:00am – 10:30am: Speakers expounding on leadership topics and issues; 10:30am – 1:00pm: workshops; 1:00pm – 2:00 pm – lunch and networking; and 12:30pm – 1:00pm – question and answer session.

The workshops on various leadership topics will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.



AIWA to hold Leadership Summit on Sept. 28

The Asian Indian Women's Association of Michigan (AIWA) will hold its Second Leadership Summit at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on September 28, 2013 at the Schoolcraft Community College's

Vista Tech Center on Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The theme of the summit is "Facing Future Challenges Together."

State (69th District) Representative Sam Singh and Tina Abbate Marzolf, chief executive officer of Area Agency on Aging 1-B, will be the guest speakers.

The topics to be discussed include programs for senior care.

The registration fee for each non-member is \$20. For AIWA members and students, the registration fee is \$10 each.

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