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## **Council of Asian Pacific Americans proudly delivered an extraordinary “Splendor of the East 2015”**

On Friday, May 15, 2015, the **Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA)** successfully hosted its popular annual signature event, the “**Splendor of the East 2015**” at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center at 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126.

**CAPA** ([www.capa-mi.org](http://www.capa-mi.org)) brings Asian Pacific Americans together with the community at large through our culture, education and community services.

This year’s event theme: “*Where Dreams Begin*”, was an exotic collaboration of music and dance, capturing diversity through fashion, wedding ceremonies, cultural courtship, traditions and cross-cultural influences. It showcased the extraordinary talents from several different Asian Pacific American communities such as China, India, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Polynesia, Taiwan and the community at large. *Where Dreams Begin*, a celebration of love and wedding traditions, enticed everyone in attendance with the different traditional wedding outfits and customs and wedding dances that were both traditional and contemporary in composition and artistry. CAPA sincerely appreciates the outstanding efforts of its Art Director/ Production Manager, CAPA sponsors, choreographers and performers, the production staff, board members, and volunteers who contributed to the success of the Splendor of the East 2015.

Distinguished guests and sponsors also attended the VIP reception for the Splendor of the East. At the VIP reception the Mayor of Dearborn, Mr. O’Reilly, the Counsel General of Japan, Mr. Katayama and State Representative Stephanie Chang addressed the guests, highlighting the important role CAPA plays in showcasing Asian cultural heritage and diversity every year to celebrate the Asian Pacific American Heritage month. The CAPA Education Committee announced the APA Scholars Award at the VIP reception. The three lucky students, Vincent Thieu from Troy High School, Anchita Sanam from Novi High School and Nina Cedro from the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills, received their awards at the reception and became part of the CAPA Youth Leadership Committee.

The Asian Pacific American community in Michigan is growing in size and strength, contributing to the State’s economy, diversity and vitality. CAPA’s signature events including the **Splendor of the East** continue to showcase the growing strength of the APA communities and their increasing contributions to the economy and society at large.