



Message from Membership Chairperson – Amy Koehler:

Over the course of the last five years, CAPA's membership has grown in size and in its outreach to the Asian Pacific American communities in Michigan. While we celebrate with many of our active members at events like the Splendor of the East and other special events, I bet there are some CAPA members who are looking to get more involved -- that's why CAPA will hold the 2011 Food Tasting Event on the last Saturday in July at the Filipino American Cultural Center in Southfield. We plan to have a sushi demonstration, a 50/50 cash-prize raffle and food from the various Asian countries that participate with CAPA. We also plan to attract new members like family and friends our current membership.

In addition to this summer event, I am looking for a way to help connect the current CAPA members, since building a sense of community fosters support and expands our resources. I will be reaching out to each and every one of you to confirm your contact information and bring the CAPA community closer together. Please take the time to update this important information and let us know how you would like to get involved. I am excited to be a part of such an active organization and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you in the near future! Thanks for your continued support!

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Networking:

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A dinner-gala celebrating APACC's ten years of accomplishments with 450 corporate executives, Asian entrepreneurs, community and civic leaders

Saturday, May 21, 2011

6:00 - Midnight

Royal Park Hotel, Rochester, MI.

Keynote Speaker

Frank McGeorge, M.D. F.A.C.E.P.

Medical Reporter WDIV-TV, NBC-Detroit
Senior Staff Physician, Henry Ford Hospital,
Emergency Medicine

Splendor of the East – May 6, 2011

The Festival

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- ★ MICHIGAN CHINESE FOLK DANCING GROUP (MCFDG)
- ★ PAACM DANCERS OF SOUTHFIELD
- ★ PACIFIC ISLAND DANCERS OF GRAND RAPIDS
- ★ KOREAN CULTURE DANCE TEAM DIRECTED BY SUN-MI CHOI
- ★ TAGUMPAY DANCE ENSEMBLE
- ★ CHINESE DANCE TROUPE
- ★ NUPUR ACADEMY OF DANCE
- ★ ANN HUA DANCE GROUP
- ★ KARMIC ROOTS
- ★ METRO-DETROIT ORIENTAL ART SCHOOL
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- ★ MCWA (MICHIGAN CHINESE WOMEN ASSOCIATION)
- ★ MICHELLE'S ACADEMY OF DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (MADPAC)
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Date: Saturday, April 30th, 5PM – 8PM

Tickets: \$15 per Adult (Students: \$10)

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Fil-Ams, Fil-Canadians urged to join envoys tour in PHL

6th annual tour set on July 17-23, 2010

Filipino-Americans and Filipino-Canadians joining the 6th Ambassadors, Consuls General and Tourism Directors Tour to the Philippines on July 17-23, this year are being urged to skip visiting their friends and relatives back home and instead take a tour to some of the best Philippine tourist destinations.

Here in Michigan, the annual tourism program will be launched at 6 p.m. on April 8 at the Philippine-American Community Center of Michigan (PACCM). Presiding over the launching rites will be Dr. Jose Evangelista, Philippine honorary consul in Michigan, who will be assisted by representatives of the Philippine Department of Tourism office in Los Angeles, California.

Filipino-Americans and Filipino-Canadians are being encouraged to take advantage of tour packages, said Manny Ilagan, an employee of the Philippine DoT office in LA.

The program was conceptualized during the 5th Consuls General Conference held in San Francisco, California in October 2004. It is intended as a flagship tourism project of all foreign service posts in North America, which are actually Philippine embassies, consulates and tourism offices.

Due to the success of the past five annual tours, the organizers expect to draw at least 500 participants this year.

As in the past tours, this year's tour aims to achieve the following:

a) Attract a sizable number of travelers from North America to visit the Philippines and boost the Philippine economy in terms of foreign exchange earnings; b) to deepen the appreciation of participants especially the youth about the beauty of the Philippines and its rich history and culture; c) to entice potential travelers from the United States and Canada to actively engage in tours of various Philippine tourist destinations; and d) to develop and introduce a special tour that gives exceptional experiences to the participants.

It was noted that most of Fil-American and Fil-Canadian families do not take advantage of the packaged tours while in the native country and prefer to stay in the homes of their friends and relatives.

Each post of ambassadors and consuls general in North America will be in charge of organizing air and land tour packages in their areas. They are encouraged to invite participants to take this special tour, which is held every July when schools are closed for the summer break.

Records show that this tour attracted more than 500 participants in the past five editions of the tour held from 2005 to 2009, with delegations coming from Washington, DC, Chicago, Guam, Honolulu, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Atlanta and Florida.

Tour groups from Canada came from Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Each delegation are usually led by the ambassador or consul general of every post together with tourism attaches. This year, more than 500 participants are expected to join the tour.

The basic tour consists of three-night hotel stay, city tour in Metro Manila and a choice of day visit to nearby tourist destinations such as Corregidor, Batangas, Cavite, Pampanga, Bulacan, Laguna, Quezon and Rizal. After the basic tour, a three-night optional tour is organized for destinations such as Boracay, Palawan, Cebu, Bohol and Iloilo/Bacolod. (Filipino Star News)

Seminars on Health-Care Reform Law set

The Asian Center of Southeast Michigan (ACSM) announced that seminars will be held on various dates on the "Dissemination of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) –Health Care Reform Law."

The theme of the seminar is "Empowerment through Education and Awareness: Impact of Health Care Reform on Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations in Michigan."

ACSM has scheduled five seminars for various groups.

The "advocates training" seminar will be held on April 2, 2011 at 9 a.m. –12 noon in the Schoolcraft College, VisTa Tech Center at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The contact persons are Judy Chen, 810.986.0357 or sliu3333@yahoo.com and Yanan Mao, 248-282-8128 (H) or 517-230-7031(C) or jakecn01@gmail.com.

For the Chinese-speaking group, the seminar will be held on April 10, 2011 at 5 p.m.–7 p.m. in the West Bloomfield Library at 4600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. The contact person is Lisa Hou, 248.788.7934 or lisayhou@comcast.net.

For the English-speaking group, the seminar will be held on April 16, 2011 at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. in the Lawrence Technological University at 21000 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield.

The contact persons are Dr. C. Pujara, 248.681.7011 or cpujara@hotmail.com or Remedios Solarte, 248.641.1935 or rasolarte@comcast.net.

For the Vietnamese-speaking group, the seminar will be held on April 24, 2011 at 9 a.m.–12 noon in the Beaumont Urology Center at 31157 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.

The contact person is Kim-Hao Olbrys, 248.879.3480 or kolbrys@yahoo.com. For the Korean-speaking group, the seminar will be held on April 24, 2011 at 3 p.m.-5 p.m. in the Korean American Community Center at 24666 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

The contact persons are Dr. DoSyng Yoon, 248.330.1955 or dosyngyoon@yahoo.com or Mi Dong, 248.935.1598 or dong0221@gmail.com.

House hearing on 'Muslim radicalization' criticized, called un-American

WASHINGTON – The Asian American Center for Advancing Justice (AACAJ) has urged the House committee on homeland security chaired by Congressman Peter King to cancel any future hearings on "Muslim radicalization" and focus instead on security measures targeting individual behavior, not whole communities of faith.



The center was reacting to reports that the committee held recently a hearing on "Radicalization of the American Muslim Community and Homegrown Terrorism."

"Singling out an entire community for its faith is simply un-American," said Karen K. Narasaki, president and executive director of the Asian American Justice Center. "This hearing will lead to further discrimination and violation of rights against Muslim Americans, South Asian Americans and Arab Americans."

AACAJ said it stands in solidarity with the Muslim community. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) have suffered a long history of wholesale race-based discrimination, the center said.

Until 1965, federal laws limited the entry of certain AAPI immigrants based solely on their country. During World War II, Japanese Americans were ripped from their homes and sent to prison.

History has shown that targeting an entire community because of race, religion or political views has always been counterproductive. After 9/11, many citizens and legal permanent residents were detained indefinitely or deported through secret proceedings in the name of "homeland security." However, not one charge of terrorism resulted from the mass detentions.

"Representative King's hearings will jeopardize public safety by instilling fear and mistrust in law enforcement," said Stewart Kwoh, president and executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. "As a result, our communities and nation will be less safe."

Titi Liu, executive director of the Asian Law Caucus, said: "The further targeting of Muslim Americans as a result of this hearing will not only be ineffective in securing our nation's safety, but will divert already scarce law-enforcement resources away from real threats."

The best way to protect the well-being and safety of all Americans is to focus on security measures that target individual behavior, rather

than singling out entire communities based on race or faith. "It is important during these times to maintain our nation's commitment to protecting the very freedoms upon which our nation was founded," said Tuyet Le, executive director of the Asian American Institute.

Usec Hormats speech at Win Win Michigan

Michigan firms can cash in on Asia Pacific trade – Hormats

Mr. Robert D. Hormats, state undersecretary for economic, energy and agricultural affairs, said US economic authorities recognize that the fast-growing Asia Pacific Region led by China "presents tremendous opportunities for our states, including Michigan."

Speaking at the "Win-Win Michigan" forum held on March 10, 2011 at the convention hall of the Summit on the Park in Canton, Mr. Hormats discussed the "administration's economic policies in the Asia-Pacific Region and the opportunities that they create for Michigan businesses."

"Win-Win Michigan: Embracing US and Asia Business Growth in 2011" was a forum organized by the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce (APACC) in cooperation with Comerica Bank, Canton Community and Miller Canfield.

Mr. Hormats, who was introduced by APACC Chairman Peter Wong, observed that the Asia Pacific Region "continues to undergo an impressive economic transformation, driven by tremendous economic growth over the past 30 years."

The undersecretary said, "Collectively, according to IMF (International Monetary Fund) numbers, the emerging economies of Asia, including China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia, posted aggregate GDP (gross domestic products) growth of about eight percent a year from 1980 to 2010."

China's annual economic growth during that period, Mr. Hormats said, was about 10 percent, with annual per capita GDP growth of about nine percent. "The GDP growth of Korea and Singapore was just

under seven percent per year, with annual GDP per capita growth of just under six percent for Korea and a little over four percent in Singapore," he noted. He said that the economies in the Asia-Pacific Region are increasingly dependent on innovation and technological development.

This benefits Michigan because Detroit, the Motor City, continues to serve as a leading area for innovation and technological development, particularly in green energy technology, he said.

He reported that in 2008-2010, Michigan exported to Korea products worth \$626 million. "During the same period, Michigan exported yearly to Korea about \$147 million worth of transportation equipment — including autos, auto parts, aircraft and locomotives."

He also said: "Michigan exported about \$117 million in chemicals per year in 2008-2010 to South Korea — including fertilizers, pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals. Most of these chemicals exports will benefit from tariff reduction, duty free treatment, or a tariff phaseout with the implementation of the new KOR-US agreement — currently duties on chemical exports to Korea can be as high as 50 percent. And Michigan businesses will be in a better position to export more of their quality products."

He expressed hope that "you will support this (KOR-US) agreement as we move toward congressional consideration."

Mr. Hormats likewise cited recent Overseas Economic Cooperation Development (OECD) data which show that the United States and Japan still lead the world in research and development spending and patents.

He said, however, that other economies in the region, such as those of "China, Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea are clearly investing heavily in research and development (R&D), and reaping a rich reward in terms of patentable innovation.

The undersecretary said, "An increasingly prosperous Chinese population is an opportunity for Michigan agricultural exporters, who already export \$1.6 billion worth of products globally."

He noted that "more and more affluent Chinese students seeking American



education will be good candidates for Michigan institutions, pumping tuition and living expenses into the state's economy."

He reported that "China is pursuing an ambitious 'going-out' strategy, meaning they (Chinese companies) continue to increase their outbound foreign direct investment (FDI). China's outbound FDI has surged in recent years, reaching \$59 billion in 2010, up from a yearly average of \$2 billion in the 1990s, he said.

States like Michigan, which actively seek FDI, he said, will benefit from China's outbound investment policies. "Chinese investments in companies like Michigan-based Nexteer, which employs 3,600 people, are keeping Michigan workers employed and giving firms capital to grow their businesses."

He said the US is working with China so that the latter is fully integrated into the global economy, respects World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements and takes a global responsibility commensurate with its rise in business.

He reported dramatic progress in the US-China talks, but said that China will not change overnight.

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