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U.S. Asia Center Symposium Series Completes Its Tour in Kansas City

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Asia Center (USAC), in partnership with U.S. Asian Business Council (USABC), announces today the final city in its symposium tour to address the state of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) businesses in the United States. The symposium will be held on Tuesday, February 5, from 11:00am – 1:00pm at the University of Missouri- Kansas City. Co-sponsors of the event are the Asian American Chamber of Commerce- Kansas City, Lockton Companies, and the University of Missouri- Kansas City (UMKC).

The symposium will include participation from business owners and former commissioners of the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, who will discuss and expand on a report to President George W. Bush entitled “Enhancing the Economic Potential of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.”

The report to the President was created by the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, whose mandate was to review the current economic participation of AAPI-owned businesses in the United States and recommend ways and means to enhance the economic potential of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders resulting in the improvement of their quality of life.

The panel will include Joe Melookaran, former Commissioner and lead author of the report, Rudy Pamintuan, former Chairman of the Commission, and Young Sexton, President of WingGate Travel. Michael Song, from the UMKC Bloch School of Business and Public Administration will moderate the event.

Rudy Pamintuan, states “We are excited about the symposium in Kansas City, which has a strong Asian American business community. This symposium will give participants an opportunity to examine the relationship between larger national and international business trends and local business practices.”

Pamintuan continued by stating, “Through this symposium, we hope to educate as well as spark animated discussion about the present state and future of Asian American business.”

To RSVP for the event, e-mail rstevenson@asianchamberkc.com or call 913.338.0774

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