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U.S. Asia Center to Host Tampa Bay Symposium to Address the Current State of Asian American and Pacific Islander Businesses

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Asia Center (USAC), in partnership with U.S. Asian Business Council (USABC), announced today the second symposium in a 5-city tour to address the state of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) businesses in the United States. The symposium will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore in Tampa Bay, Florida and is co-hosted by the Indo-U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce.

The symposium will include participation from former commissioners of the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who will discuss a report to President George W. Bush titled “Enhancing the Economic Potential of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.” The panel will include Rudy Pamintuan, former Chairman of the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Joe Melookaran, former Commissioner and lead author of the report.

Angela An, Executive Director of USAC, stated, “The objective of this symposium series is to educate the community about the present state of Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses and its future potential. We aim to showcase the diversity within the community and promote cooperation among the different ethnic groups.”

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.

Angela An continued by stating, “The Asian American and Pacific Islander business community is in a period of great growth. These symposiums will provide a dynamic forum for discussion about AAPI contributions to business and the community’s importance to the domestic and international economy.”

The symposium tour will continue in the regions of Orange County, California and Kansas City, Kansas.

For more information and event registration, go to www.aacctampabay.org.

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