First Asian Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2010

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

International Service Center

21 South River Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

On behalf of the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Asian American Affairs (GAC3A), the International Service Center organized Harrisburg’s first Asian Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, May 15, 2010 in order to identify the interests, issues and concerns of the Asian communities, which will be compiled in a final report to be submitted to the incoming Governor.

Seventy Asian community representatives coming from various parts of the State of Pennsylvania attended this Town Hall Meeting. They included representatives from the Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Pakistani, Thai, and Vietnamese communities.

1. Welcome, Introduction and Meeting Purpose

   • Why the meeting is being held and what we hope to achieve
   • What will be done with this information
   • Why your input is essential

Presenters:  
* Tuan Bui, Program Manager, International Service Center  
* Jessica Thomas, Special Assistant, International Service Center
2. **Mission, Function and Goals of GAC3A**

Presenter: *Harry Kao, Executive Director, GAC3A*

3. **Town Hall Meeting**

- Common Vision: “A healthy and productive Asian community in Pennsylvania”
- Discuss strengths and challenges, and recommend suggestions”

Facilitators:  
* Molly Dougherty, Senior Consultant, PA Office of Administration  
* Amanda Barnes, Senior Consultant, PA Office of Administration
4. Participants’ Input
5. Community Networking