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Annual Awards  
Banquet & Fundraiser

Kick-Off  
Annual Award  
Banquet & Fundraiser

May 1, 2025  
5:30pm to 9:00pm

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1. PreK Program
2. Out-of-School Time: After School
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4. Khmer Language & Arts (Culture)  
w/ Cambodian American Girls Empowering
5. Case Management Social Services
6. Community Health Initiative
7. The Legacy Project
8. Amara Philly: Digital Media Dept.
9. Violence Intervention & Prevention
10. The Southeast Asian Market in FDR Park



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Asian Heritage Celebration and award banquet. This event is celebrated annually during the Asian Heritage Month in May. This month is an opportunity for us to celebrate our rich culture, family values and unity.

We gather here today to celebrate our diversified heritage as a unified Asian community and recognize those who have spent time and energy to serve our community. We celebrate our Asian heritage without any social, religious and territorial issues which Asian countries, our mother lands, constantly face. Thank you, America, for an opportunity to be Americans.

We immigrated to this country looking for better life and economic opportunities. We have come a long way since 1960's where we had to deal with glass ceiling, social and economic discrimination and social harassment. Although such issues are diminished, we now face economic realities of refugees who came here to escape religious or political persecution. Asian hate is on the rise and hence it is important to have an organization such as this not only to bring our issues and concerns in the forefront of main stream but to help our population to integrate with the main stream while maintaining our heritage.

It is also important to communicate our contribution to the growth of this nation to achieve social harmony. Immigrants create jobs and make substantial contribution to local economy and social values. We should be proud of such accomplishment.

As this nation is going through transformation, we must work together and support each other to overcome economic and social impediment

**Narasimha B. Shenoy**



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## Best wishes to the Pan Asian Association of Greater Philadelphia's 2025 Awards Banquet!

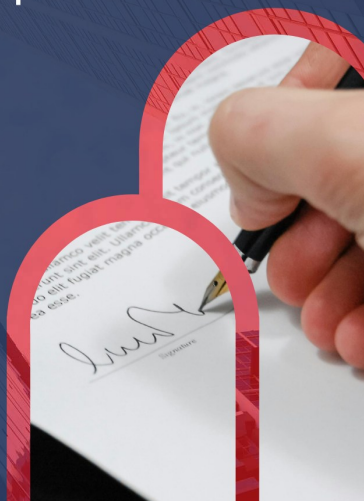
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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Atif Saeed



**Chief Executive Officer , Philadelphia International Airport | Northeast Philadelphia Airport**

Atif Saeed, A.A.E., IAP, is Chief Executive Officer of the City of Philadelphia Department of Aviation, responsible for directing the planning, development and administration of all activities of Philadelphia

International Airport (PHL) and Northeast Philadelphia Airport (PNE). He also oversees the management of airport personnel, including more than 1,000 direct City employees and additional contracted and consulting staff. As CEO, Mr. Saeed is the City's representative in local, state, national and international aviation affairs.

Prior to joining the City of Philadelphia, Mr. Saeed held various leadership positions with the Metropolitan Airport Commission of Minnesota, which operates Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) and six general aviation airports, most recently as their Chief Financial Officer. Previously, he served in management roles at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and City of Minneapolis.

Mr. Saeed holds several airport industry certifications, including Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) from American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), and International Airport Professional (IAP) from Airport Council International (ACI). He also completed the Airport Executive Leadership Program through Concordia University's John Molson School of Business.

In addition to a Master of Business Administration degree from Arizona State University, W.P. Carey School of Business, Mr. Saeed holds an undergraduate degree in business management from the University of Phoenix. He is a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program from Harvard Kennedy School and has completed the Advanced Management Program from Harvard Business School.





## PAN ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

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## IMPACT AWARD

### Dr. Xiaobin LI MD



Founder, president, and medical director at Everest Medical Group, Xiaobin Li, MD, has more than 20 years of experience in internal medicine. She is board certified in internal medicine and is experienced in family care, urgent care, and medical aesthetics services.

Dr. Xiaobin Li is recognized for her ability to care for patients with complicated or difficult health conditions. Her passion is to serve the community and treat each patient with respect, dignity, and personalized care. Dr. Xiaobin Li is dedicated to serving the underserved population and contributing to reducing the healthcare disparity.

Founded in 2006 by Dr. Xiaobin Li and Dr. Guofang Wang, Everest Medical Group aims to provide multi-cultural residents with comprehensive healthcare services such as primary care, urgent care, medical spa, rehabilitation, senior care, etc. Everest Medical Group has multiple healthcare centers in the Greater Philadelphia area of Pennsylvania, providing quality healthcare services to the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.



NORTH EAST

## Brief History of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



In the late 19th century, U.S. federal law openly targeted Chinese immigrants. The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 prohibited the immigration of Chinese laborers to the U.S. for 10 years, and was renewed by the Geary Act, which additionally required immigrants from China to carry permits at all times or face possible deportation. (It was not until more than

60 years later, in 1943, that Congress repealed the exclusion — and even then the law allowed only 105 Chinese people to enter the country each year.) The month of May was selected for two reasons: First, to commemorate the arrival of the first known Japanese immigrant to the U.S. on May 7, 1843; secondly, to honor the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 — the building of which up to 20,000 Chinese workers participated in.

. In 1978, Horton and former California Rep. Norman Mineta introduced a bill that called for the week beginning on May 4 — which would include the dates of the two key events — to be designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. After the joint resolution was passed by Congress, President Jimmy Carter signed it into law and thus the commemorative occasion began as a week.

In 1990, the commemorative week expanded to a commemorative month after a new bill was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George H.W. Bush. Even then, the proclamation did not include an annual designation, and the president had to reauthorize May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month annually in the coming years. It was not until 1992 when Horton, along with multiple co-sponsors, introduced the legislation that would permanently designate May as the commemorative month — a legislation that became law after receiving unanimous support in Congress.



## OUTSTANDING NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR



The Philadelphia Asian American Film Foundation (PAAFF), formerly known as Philadelphia Asian American Film and Filmmakers, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and highlighting the experiences of the Asian and Pacific Islander diaspora through creative community-focused programs, including films, live performances, culinary demonstrations, panels, lectures, and educational workshops throughout the year and at the annual fall film festival.

It was founded in 2008 by a passionate group of Asian Americans who saw a need for a festival space that focused on supporting the growing Asian filmmaking community. PAAFF began as a volunteer-run festival that has relied heavily on the labor of passionate individuals. Under the leadership of arts and culture visionaries and with the support of our sponsors, partners, and community, PAAFF has become one of the largest AANHPI-focused film festivals in the US and an influential platform for Philadelphia's thriving arts scene.





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Hung Young Food Market

Korean Culture Community Foundation USA ( KCCF)

## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



### NILESH AMIN

President, AAABP – Asian Association of Business and Professional, pharmacist | Community Leader | Board Member, Council of Indian Organizations, Greater Philadelphia

Dedicated community leader, healthcare professional, and passionate advocate for Asian businesses and communities across Bucks County and Greater Philadelphia. As President of AAABP and a board member of the Council of Indian Organizations, ABC has consistently demonstrated hands-on leadership, selfless service, and an unmatched ability to build bridges between businesses and diverse communities.

Spearheaded numerous initiatives supporting local Asian-owned businesses, especially during and post the COVID-19 pandemic. Mobilized resources, hosted outreach events, and facilitated connections between professionals to help businesses recover and thrive.

As a Board Member of Council of Indian Organizations in Greater Philadelphia, he played a key role in organizing cultural and community-driven events throughout the region. Known for being a “hands-on” leader—volunteering at ground level to ensure successful execution of every event.

As a Pharmacist, he brings a healthcare perspective to his community service, especially valued during the COVID-19 pandemic where he offered support, guidance, and calm leadership to those in need.

A tireless advocate and role model, Nilesch’s initiatives have strengthened community resilience, uplifted local businesses, and enhanced cultural unity.

Nilesch Amin exemplifies the qualities of a true leader: vision, compassion, and action. Whether leading a nonprofit, advising on public health, or rolling up his sleeves to help on the ground, Nilesch’s impact resonates across communities. He is not just a connector of people—but a catalyst





## Program

### *Annual Award and Fundraising Banquet*

*May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025*

*5:30 to 6:30—Registration and networking*

*Program Begins at 6:30 PM*

**EMCEE:** Chritine Wong

#### **Opening Ceremony**

Korean Daebok, Giant Drum solo

#### **Recognizing sponsors**

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#### **Welcome Remarks**

Narasimha (Nick) Shenoy  
Pan Asian Association, Chairman

#### **Keynote**

Atif Saeed, President & CEO, PHL International Airport

#### **Impact Award**

Dr. Xiaobin Li MD  
Founder, Medical Director of Everest Medicals

#### **Outstanding Non Profit Service Award**

Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival

#### **Outstanding Community Service Awards**

Nilesh Amin  
Mabel Chan  
Marife Domingo  
Alina Hing  
Chongyull Um

#### **Scholarship Award**

Paige Ouano Murray

## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



### **Mabel Chan**

Mabel Chan serves as National Senior Advisor of Hip Sing Association which established in 1856, also she is the supervisor of Chinese Benevolent Association which is established over 100 years. The objective of both organizations is to help and serve Chinese immigrants!

Mabel Chan started restaurant business after immigrated from Hong Kong, her restaurant "Joy Tsin Lau" opened in 1983, was the largest restaurant in Chinatown, during its 36 years of operation, it hosted many cultural celebrations, political events (such as new year banquets, city/state fundraising events)

Mabel Chan has led the Chinese benevolent association (CBA) to join the annual "Wawa Welcome America July 4th" Independence Day parade since 2009, it's the first and only Chinese segment in the history of this parade. Both the Chinese traditional costumes and performances make the parade more colorful and attractive!

Based on her long-time efforts and contributions to the Chinese-American society, she has been awarded as following:

service award by Mayor Cherelle Parker

Mabel Chan has been well recognized by so many different communities and organizations due to her leadership and commitment to the public service, she is really true model for all of us!





## PAN ASIAN ASSOCIATION



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Non Profit Serving Asian Community

Welcome to Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebrations. Pan Asian Association of Greater Philadelphia pleased to host Annual Award Banquet to kickoff Asian Heritage month.

APA Heritage Month was first established in 1977 when Representatives Frank Horton and Norman Mineta and Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced resolutions asking the President to declare the first ten days of May (the month when the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the U.S. in 1843) as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week. In 1978 President Carter made it an annual event and in 1990, President George H.W. Bush proclaimed the entire month of May to be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Pan Asian Association is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization formed in 1983 primarily for cultural and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) and 509 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, specifically, its aims and objectives are:

- a. To provide a common platform to the various Asian member organizations in the Greater Philadelphia area for pursuing their common goals and sharing their concerns;
- b. To promote, coordinate and support joint efforts in the social, cultural, educational and charitable activities of the member organizations;
- c. To provide civic and political education to the people of Asian origin and encourage greater participation by them in public affairs and to enhance their contribution to the society at large;
- d. To foster friendship and understanding between people of Asian origin and others.

## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



**Marife Domingo**

Marife Domingo is a Senior Manager, Business Services at Comcast NBCU. She has been with Comcast for 15 years, starting as a senior engineer and later as manager with Xfinity and Comcast Business. Marife is also part of Team UP Leader Network, a coalition of employees committed to supporting the company's volunteerism and employee engagement program, and uphold its mantra of serve, give, and grow. She led teams at annual Comcast Cares Day projects with various community organizations across the city of Philadelphia. Today with Team UP, she rallies and joins colleagues, friends and community members in activities benefitting Philadelphia Spring Cleanups, Cradles to Crayons and Philabundance, park beautification projects as well as virtual volunteering such as letter and card writing, think tank projects, STEAM programs, and other digital activities like mock interviews, impact research, grant and fellowship application reviews, among many others. Marife serves as Vice President of Asian American Women's Coalition (AAWC) with constant dedication to the other officers and her board responsibilities, namely supporting the group's scholarship, membership, and outreach programs, especially empowering the younger females of our community. She was a pioneering member of the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Philadelphia Chapter and she is currently acting President of the Filipino American National Historical Society - Pennsylvania Chapter.

Marife holds a Bachelor's degree in Information Science and Technology from Temple University. She also hold Master's degrees in Communications from the University of the Philippines and Human Organization Science from Villanova University.



## *Celebrating Asian Heritage*



### Opening Ceremony Performance

## Korean Daebok, Giant Drum solo



## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



### Chongyull Um

Chongyull Um Founder and Visionary Leader of the Korean Culture Community Foundation For over a decade, Chongrull Um has dedicated his leadership and vision to preserving and promoting Korean heritage in the United States as the founding director of the Korean Culture Community Foundation (KCCF). From its inception, Mr. Um recognized the importance of fostering a deeper understanding of Korean culture, not only within the Korean-American community but also in the broader American society.

In 2011, KCCF partnered with the Korean School Association of Eastern U.S. to host seminars on Korean traditional culture for educators, laying the foundation for educational outreach.

Mr. Um's dedication extended further in 2014 with the establishment of the Heungsadan Youth Ethnic School and the Korean Culture Exhibition at Trenton City Hall in New Jersey.

Beyond events, Mr. Um has contributed to cultural education through his support of publications such as "Korean Cultural Heritage: Learning Through Pictures," an educational book for Korean-American youth.

Through his innovative initiatives and unwavering commitment, Chongyull Um has bridged generations and communities, fostering a sense of pride and belonging among Korean-Americans while inspiring the broader community to appreciate Korea's rich cultural legacy. His contributions have strengthened the Korean-American community and positioned KCCF as a model for cultural advocacy, exchange, and education. Chongyull Um's work exemplifies leadership, cultural dedication, and impactful community engagement, making him an outstanding candidate for recognition.





## Asian Fest 2024



## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

### Alina Hing



Alina Hing journey has been an active volunteer, participant, and recipient of community based organizing work since she was a young child. She has dedicated nearly over half of her life to learning, mastering, and preserving Cambodian cultural arts, an art form that was nearly wiped out during the war and genocidal regime of the Khmer Rouge and the killing fields.

As a child of refugees, she helped support and advocate for her family, commit to her studies, all while volunteering in the community. Through her adult life, she persevered as she continued her education, worked and mentored children and youth through educational and enrichment programs through CAGP's Out of School Time Programs and Cultural Arts through Cambodian American Girls Empowering. Her time, mind, dedication, and artistry continues to grow and blossom. :

Passionate about nurturing young minds and preserving cultural heritage, I'm a dedicated early childhood educator and artist with a heart for both teaching and creativity. With a degree in Early Childhood Education and a CDA credential, thanks to CAGP for supporting me, I started as an afterschool coordinator 5 years ago and now the lead preschool teacher, creating engaging, developmentally appropriate environments where children feel seen, heard, and inspired to grow.

Beyond the classroom, I've been dancing for over 15 years, specializing in Cambodian Classical dance. Thanks to CAGE (Cambodian American Girls Empowering), I now joyfully teach the KLA (Khmer Arts and Language) program on Sundays to help pass on its beauty to the next generation.







**Pan Asian Association  
of Greater Philadelphia**

**Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration**

**ASIAN FEST**

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Southeast Asian Market**

**FDR Park, 1500 Pattison Ave, Philadelphia**

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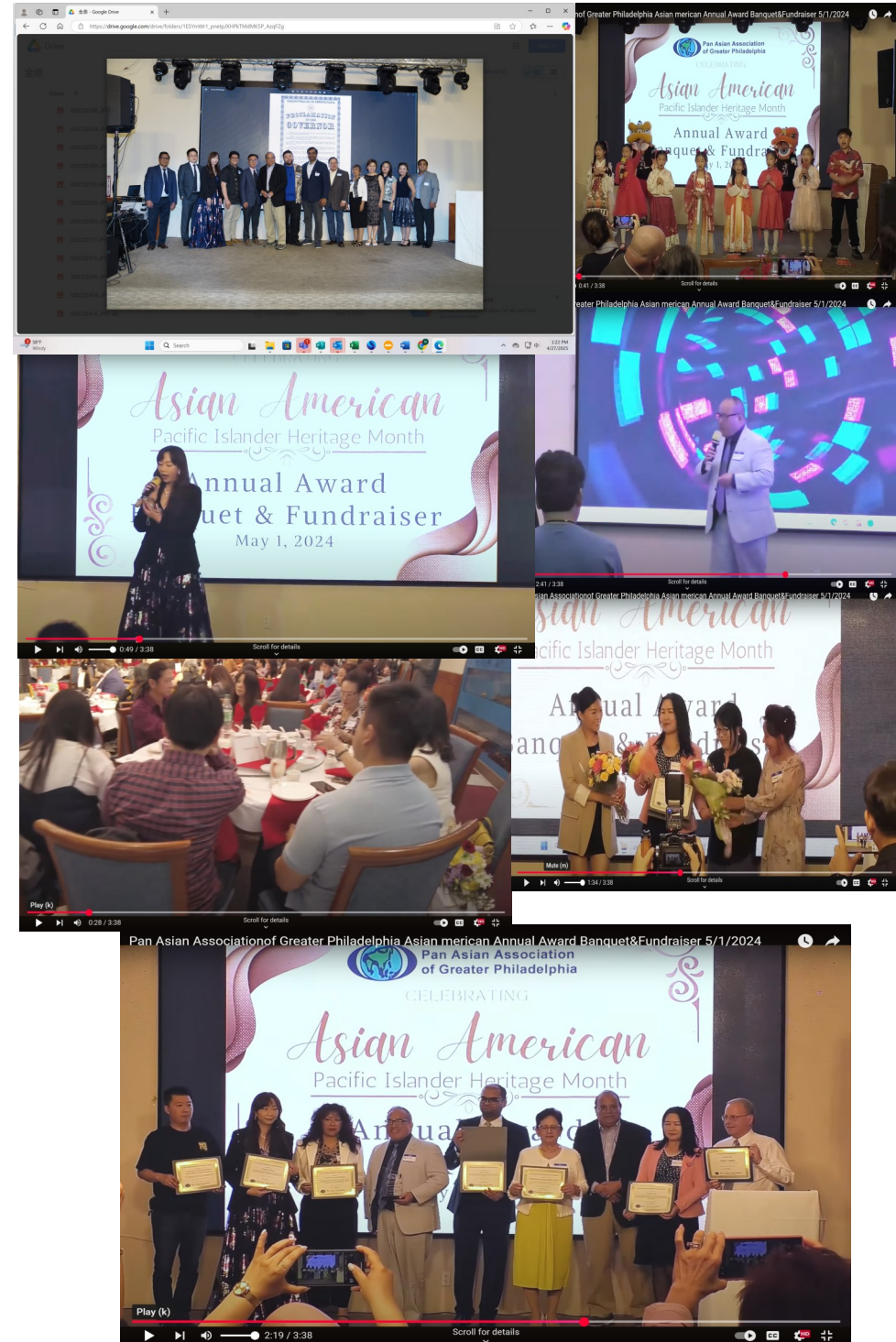
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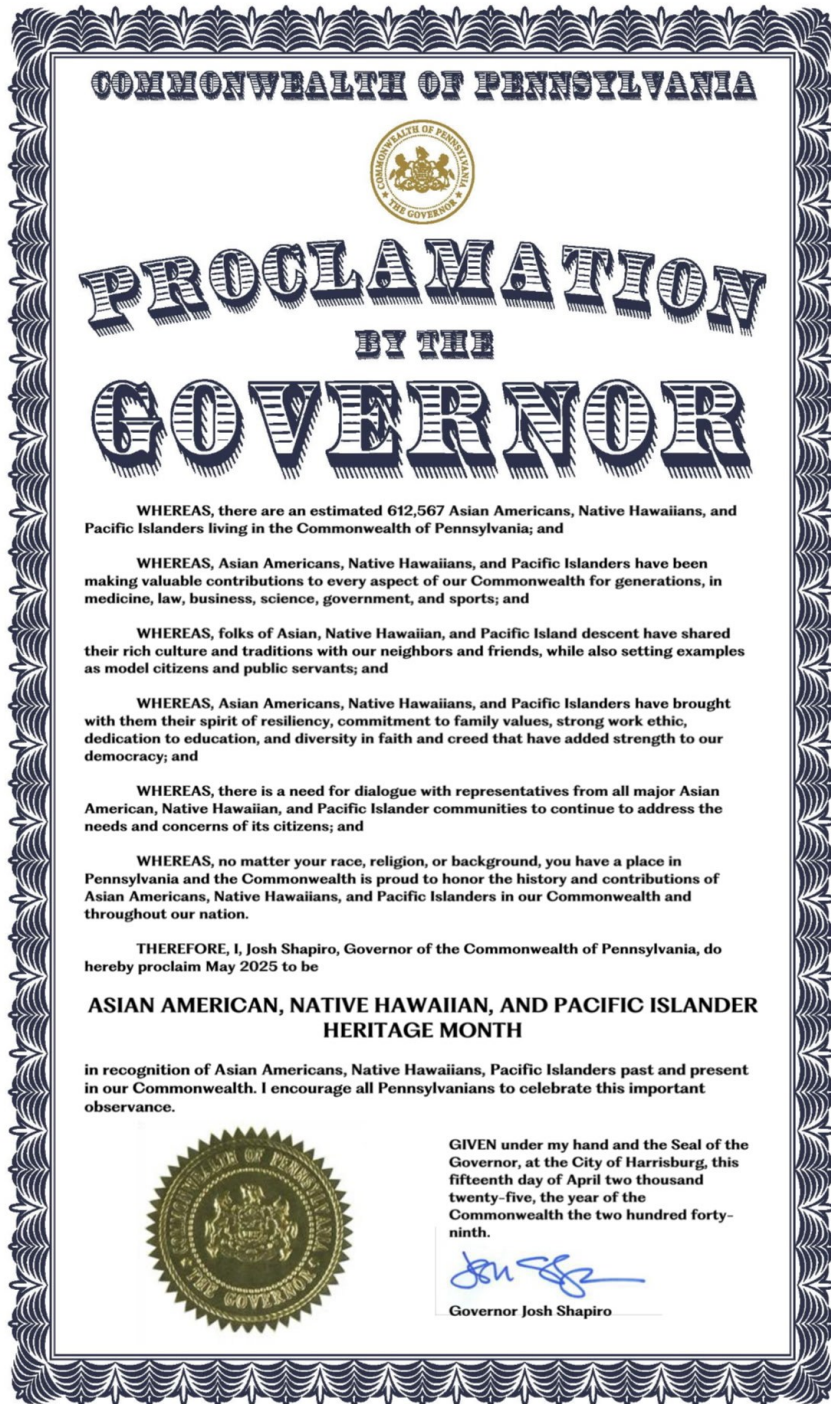
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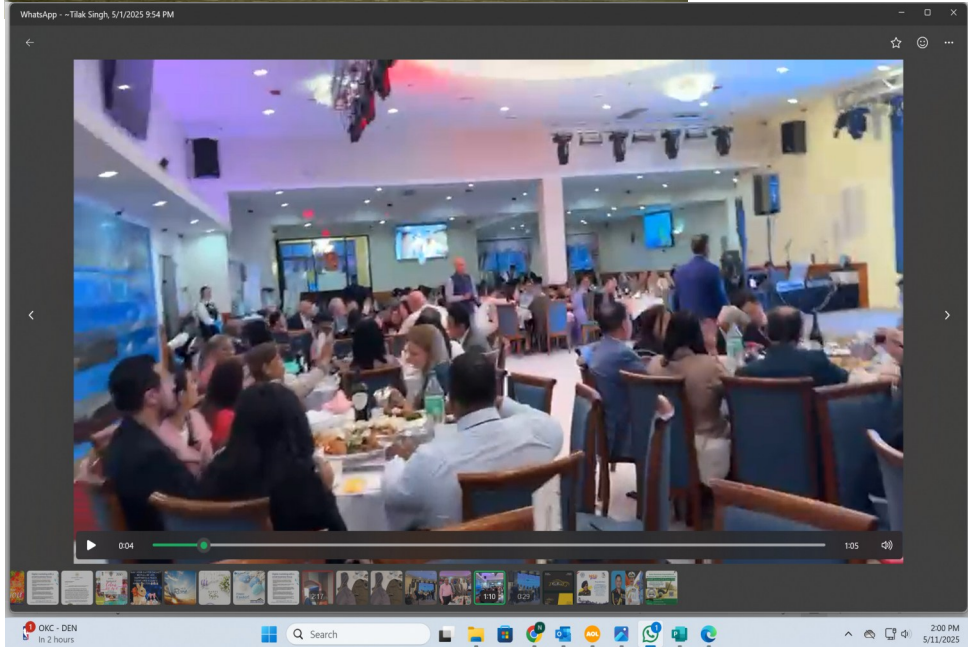


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