



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Mayor Christopher B. Coleman

*390 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102*

*Telephone: 651-266-8510
Facsimile: 651-228-8513*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in the Asian Pacific Cultural Center (APCC). As you know, the Asian community is growing dramatically in Saint Paul and throughout Minnesota. The Asian Pacific Cultural Center facility will be a critical resource for both new immigrants and longstanding citizens. Through a variety of cultural, educational, and civic opportunities, thousands of individuals and families from throughout the Midwest will not only be able to learn about and appreciate Asian traditions, but will be able to incorporate Asian values into their lives. The proposed Asian Pacific Cultural Center will help to protect and to preserve many Asian and Pacific Islander cultures, while encouraging integration into our larger community.

The City of Saint Paul is committed to making a home for APCC at the former Hamm's Brewery site on Minnehaha Avenue. This redevelopment opportunity truly reflects the changing faces of Minnesota as it did when Hamm's opened in the late 1800's. We are working hard to forge a public/private partnership for this project. Continued investment from State of Minnesota, at this stage in the project, would ensure the success of the plan and would allow the full Hamm's site renovation plan to move forward as scheduled later in 2008.

Thank you again for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman,
Mayor
City of Saint Paul

ASIAN AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MINNESOTA

November 29, 2007

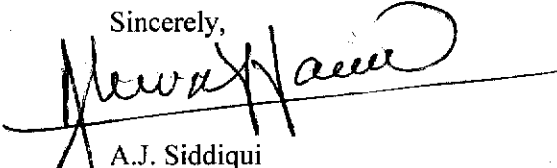
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Asian American Chamber of Commerce which is an umbrella organization for Asian Chambers that represent thousands of Asian owned businesses in the State. The rich heritage that the Asian immigrants have brought to Minnesota needs to be celebrated, preserved, and shared with all Minnesotans. Some of these treasures have been in the making for thousands of years. APCC building project will be the center for showcasing this activity.

We at the Chamber wholeheartedly support the mission of APCC and urge all Minnesotans to support this cause. This will be a major addition to arts and culture in Minnesota. In addition the project will provide economic development opportunities.

Minnesota will be richer culturally for having this center located here. Some of these treasures have been in the making for thousands of years. Please help showcase these in Minnesota. I hope you'll give serious consideration to the project when approached for support.

Sincerely,


A.J. Siddiqui
President

1821 University Avenue W #S-339
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone: 612-636-6655 • 651-645-8434
asianamericanmn.com



CHINESE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

傳龍基金

July 20, 2006

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing in support of the proposed Asian Pacific Cultural Center, a Center that will celebrate the diverse cultural heritages of the many Asians who call the Twin Cities home.

There has been a need for such a Center in the Twin Cities for some time. In addition to its long-time Chinese and Japanese residents, the Twin Cities has become the preferred designation for many more recent Vietnamese, Hmong, Pacific Islanders, and other Asian immigrants. We now are a truly Pan-Asian community and need a place where we can come together to celebrate and showcase our many artistic and cultural treasures, understand and learn from each other, and serve as a resource and a bridge to the greater Twin Cities community.

These are the identical goals of the Chinese Heritage Foundation. We seek to promote and preserve Chinese history, arts and culture, encourage creativity and bring about mutual understanding among all peoples. We look forward to collaborating with the Asian Pacific Cultural Center and utilizing its space for many events in the years to come.

We are therefore excited about the proposed Asian Pacific Cultural Center and sincerely hope that you will help to make it a reality.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ming Li Tchou
President



COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

658 CEDAR STREET, SUITE 160
SAINT PAUL, MN 55155

tel: 651.296.0538

fax: 651.297.8735

www.state.mn.us/ebranch/capm/

March 21, 2006

Ms. Naomi Chu
Executive Director
Asian Pacific Cultural Center
P.O. Box 4097
St. Paul, MN 55104

Re: Letter of Support for the Asian Pacific Cultural Center

Dear Ms. Chu,

On behalf of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, I am pleased to pledge the Council's full support for the Asian Pacific Cultural Center (APCC) and the plan to construct a Pan-Asian facility in St. Paul.

The concept for a Pan-Asian center has been in discussion for many years, and has consistently been identified as a common need for the diverse body of Asian cultures represented in Minnesota. The Council and the Asian populations we represent are greatly indebted to APCC for undertaking this important effort and for bringing the concept of an Asian cultural center to the broader community for support.

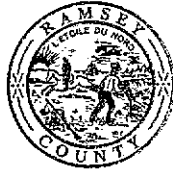
The Council is prepared to support this effort in every way possible and will work with the APCC Board of Directors and community leaders to create a home for Pan-Asian cultures in Minnesota. While APCC will be located in St. Paul, the facility will serve the entire state, and will be a lasting resource for all of Minnesota to share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodie Tanaka".

Jodie Tanaka
Board Chair

Cc: Ilean Her, CAPM Executive Director
San Asato, APCC Board Chair



TONI CARTER
BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT 4

JOHN STILES
ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONER

220 COURT HOUSE
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102
TEL. (651) 266-8366
FAX (651) 266-8370

October 24, 2005

Naomi Chu
Executive Director, Asian Pacific Cultural Center
P.O. Box 4097
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Dear Ms. Chu,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Asian Pacific Cultural Center (APCC), planned for the heart of my district in Saint Paul.

I am excited by the APCC's potential to meet the vital needs of both the longstanding members of Minnesota's Asian Pacific community and of its newest members. Those who have called Minnesota home for some time and are already so much a part of the current fabric of our communities seek ways to remain connected to their cultures and histories of origin. Keeping this connection vibrant can play a key role in ensuring healthy long-term outcomes for youth and adults. At the same time, those who are new to Minnesota and the United States face great challenges in transitioning to their new lives here, and I am pleased that the APCC proposes to offer a wide range of essential cultural and social services to them.

As a mixed-use, intercultural development including residential, office, commercial and program spaces, APCC will offer space and programming to help meet these needs.

At the same time, I believe the APCC also offers the promise educating Minnesotans of other backgrounds about the wide variety of Asian cultures and peoples. In particular, I look forward to the APCC's reaching out to members of other longstanding communities along University Avenue and sharing space to engage with them in joint activities that reflect on and honor history, build community and work toward a common future.

I wish the APCC success in bringing its plans to fruition as Minnesota's Asian-Pacific communities continue to grow and enrich our lives in Ramsey County. We will all benefit from a community center that will engage a multi-ethnic collaboration of individuals and organizations in affirming the cultural heritage of Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, engendering pride and self-confidence among those connecting to these heritages, and providing increased opportunity for others to learn about Minnesota's Asian-Pacific communities. I am pleased to welcome the APCC to my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Toni Carter

Minnesota's First Home Rule County

printed on recycled paper with a minimum of 10% post consumer content



October 16, 2005

Asian Pacific Cultural Center
Ms. Naomi Chu, Executive Director
P.O. Box 4097
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Dear Ms. Chu:

This letter is on behalf of Asian Students In Action (A.S.I.A.) at St. Cloud State University. It is our intention to work cooperatively with the Asian Pacific Cultural Center to promote Pan-Asian Cultures throughout Minnesota.

A.S.I.A.'s mission is to increase the knowledge of Asian Cultures through various events and opportunities, to promote and increase cultural diversity on campus and in the community, to be a voice for underrepresented peoples, create a positive learning environment and to be active in the movement for social change. We see the Asian Pacific Cultural Center as sharing our mission and being very important to the Pan-Asian community throughout the state. A.S.I.A. fully supports the creation of the Asian Pacific Cultural Center and encourages other organizations and groups to give their support.

Sincerely,
Asian Students In Action



(print)

Oct. 6th, 2005

Guoping Mao
3M Center, 201-3N-06
CRML
St. Paul, MN 55144

Naomi Chu
Executive Director
Asian Pacific Cultural Center
P.O. Box 4097
St Paul, MN 55104

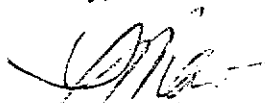
Dear Ms. Chu:

Asian arts and culture are key elements in the fabric of the Twin Cities community. A center that brings together these cultural treasures will be a major addition to arts and economic development opportunities. The 3M China Club is in full support of this concept, and stands ready to utilize the new facility in a variety of ways.

The 3M China Club serves as a bridge between 3M and China and promotes cultural awareness, understanding and diversity within 3M. As such, the mission of the Asian Pacific Cultural Center (APCC) is very in tune with our goals, and we look forward to APCC serving as a bridge between Chinese, Pan-Asian, and American cultures.

We are very excited about the oncoming Asian Pacific Cultural Center, and will work hard to help make this important facility a reality.

Sincerely,



Guoping Mao
3M China Club Chair

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
Tyrone Terrill, Director



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Randy C. Kelly, Mayor

240 City Hall
15 W. Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102-1681

Telephone: 651-266-8964
Facsimile: 651-266-8962
TDD: 651-266-8977

August 22, 2005

Ms. Naomi Chu
Executive Director
ASIAN PACIFIC CULTURAL CENTER
P.O. Box 4097
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Ms. Chu:

I write to thank you for stopping by the Saint Paul Department of Human Rights (Department) to share with me your vision for the Asian Pacific Cultural Center (APCC) in the City of Saint Paul.

As Director of the Department, I strongly support your vision to have the APCC in the City of Saint Paul. I believe the APCC will assist the Department in our efforts to educate the community on the many contributions that the Asian Pacific community has made to the City of Saint Paul and the State of Minnesota. This joint educational effort will reduce the myths and stereotypes that contribute to prejudice, racism and discrimination in our society.

I believe that when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, **"I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education, and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, other-centered men can build up"**, he had in his vision for the future, you and the APCC. The audacity of you and those associated with the AAPC to want three meals for your bodies, education and culture for the total community that will only breath life into ones dignity, and their fight for freedom and equality. What many self-centered men and women in the Asian Pacific community and other communities have torn down over the years, other centered men and women from the Asian Pacific community and other communities will join together to build up starting with educational centers like the APCC.

Should clarification, additional information or a meeting be desired, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned at 651-266-8964.

For Equality and Justice for All,

Tyrone Terrill
Director



한인 복지 센터
KOREAN SERVICE CENTER

630 Cedar Ave S. B1, Minneapolis, MN 55454
Tel. (612) 342-1344 Fax. (612) 342-1341

Nov. 29, 2004

Dear Asian Pacific Cultural Center,

I am writing this on behalf of the Korean Service Center and Korean-American community in Minnesota to support the Asian Pacific Cultural Center.

The Korean Service Center (KSC) was established in 1990 to provide social services to non-English speaking Korean immigrants in Minnesota. Currently, we have programs such as Special Access Program, Caregiver Support Program, Family Enrichment Program and Assisted Living Program. The past fourteen years, KSC has grown as a well known organization that has built a strong relationship with other organizations and communities.

Since we have been established, we have not been able to own a facility for our activities and even an office space, it is very encouraging to know that Minnesotan Asians are together to build a Asian Pacific Cultural Center for organizations like us. This project is of great importance not only to the Korean American community but to all Pan-Asian communities throughout Minnesota.

I can foresee the future of this cultural center used by many individuals and organizations for workshops, performances, exhibitions and even for traditional weddings.

Therefore we wholeheartedly endorse the proposed Asian Pacific Cultural Center and look forward to utilizing this promising new facility in the near future. Thank you for your special consideration on this needed project.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Yoonju Park
Executive Director of Korean Services Center

Social Service Program
(612) 342-1345

Assisted Living Program
(612) 332-3483

Hope Counseling Program
(612) 722-2347



**CƠ QUAN NGƯỜI VIỆT MINNESOTA
VIETNAMESE MINNESOTANS ASSOCIATION**

Saint Paul - Minneapolis - Bloomington
(Non-Profit Organization)

August 30, 2004

Mr. Satoru Asato, President
Asian Pacific Cultural Centre
1030 University Ave. #160C
St. Paul, MN 55104

Mr. Asato,

Asian Arts and Culture are the Key elements in the fabric of the Twin Cities Community. A center that brings together the cultural treasures, will be a major addition to arts and economic development opportunities.

The Vietnamese Minnesotans Association (VMA) is in full support of this concept and stands ready to connect community to utilize the new facility in a variety of ways.

The VMA is an independent community based organization, stated by a group of concerned individuals in October 1992 in corporate July 1993 under chapter 317 of the Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation Act.

The main purpose of the Vietnamese Minnesotans Association (VMA) is to promote the self-sufficiency and well being of the Southeast Asian Refugees and Asian Minnesotans, particularly the Vietnamese and their integration into American Society. Furthermore, to unite the Asian communities. Using the findings from public and private sources, corporate, foundations and individuals, with its non-profit and independent status and through the policies established by the VMA Board of Directors, this agency is dedicated to do its best to diminish the social problems created by an extensive influx of Southeast Asian refugees into the State of Minnesota.

- To provide emergency assistance along with counseling, information and referrals, and advocacy.
- To assist refugees and MAAs in their self-help development and integration into the cultural, social, economic, and political arenas in Minnesota.
- To improve the economic conditions of disadvantaged South East Asian refugees.
- To reach out to employers, industries and business to develop employment opportunities for Vietnamese refugees.
- To work with voluntary and government agencies and MAAs to improve refugee resettlement

The VMA is excited about the proposed Asian Pacific Center, and together with Vietnamese Community, we wish you continue success for years to come.

Sincerely,

John Tranberg
Executive Director

SOUTHEAST ASIAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY HOME (SEARCH)

1421 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404

Tel.: (612) 673-9388. Fax: (612) 673-0840

Email: search-mn@visi.com

A 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
OFFICERS:**

Tu D. Nguyen
Chair of the Board

Laura W. Wittstock
Vice Chair

Phoumh Veeayvong
Treasurer

Punnam Koy
Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS:

Curtis J. Aljets

Frank J. Chuodi

Nghu Huynh

Yusef Mgeni

Sothea Phea Poch, J.D.

Christopher Naphakdy, M.A.

William Yang, M.A.

HONORARY DIRECTORS:

Gutzmann

Dao Van Huynh

Terry M. Louis, Esq.

Vy Pham

Dr. Boudleng Phonmasouranh

Alan B. Ray

Louis N. Smith, Esq.

Clifford Wardlaw, Esq.

Chu Wu

PRESIDENT/P.R. OFFICER

Hoang K. Tran, Esq.

August 26, 2004

Mr. Satoru San Asato
President
Asian Pacific Cultural Center
1030 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55104

Dear Mr. Asato:

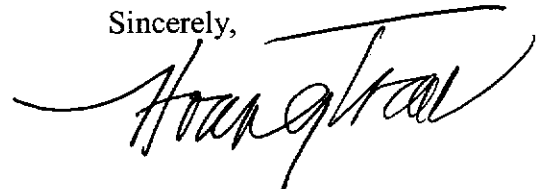
We have learned that you are organizing a Capital Campaign to build an Asian Pacific Cultural Center for the Asian community. Asian arts and culture are key elements in the fabric of the Twin Cities community. A center that brings together these cultural treasures will be a major addition to arts and economic development opportunities. Our organization, Southeast Asian Refugee Community Home (SEARCH) is in full support of this concept, and stands ready to utilize the new facility in a variety of ways.

As you may know that SEARCH is a nonprofit organization. Its mission is to "Assist Southeast Asian and other refugees to become integrated into, and to contribute to, the social and economic well-being of society." For over twelve years, SEARCH has provided comprehensive employment, educational and social services to more than 2,300 disadvantaged community members, the majority being refugee/immigrant families.

We are excited about the proposed Asian Pacific Cultural Center, and we hope you and your organization will be supportive, as well.

Best wishes of continued success.

Sincerely,



Hoang K. Tran
President

Japan America Society of Minnesota

Honorary Chairman

The Honorable Walter F. Mondale
Former US Ambassador to Japan

Honorary Directors

N.L. "Neal" Gault, Jr., MD
Former Honorary Consul General
The Honorable Mitsuo Sakaba
Consul General of Japan at Chicago

Mr. Takuo Takase
Honorary Trade Representative

Mr. Evan B. Williams
Honorary Consul General

Emeritus Directors

Ms. Irene "Inkie" M. Brons

Mr. William Deef

Ms. Mirja Hanson

Ms. Kimi Hara

Mr. Martin Hirabayashi

Mr. James Hoffman

Ms. Shirley Huskins

George Nishida, DDS

Mr. William Strang

Ms. Ruth Tanbara

Ms. Sumi Teramoto

Mr. Hiroshi Yamashita

Officers

Mr. Takuzo Ishida

President

Mr. John Babcock

Vice President

Mr. Satoru Asato

Treasurer

Mr. Kenneth Port

Secretary

Board of Directors

Ms. Chiemi Onikura Bly

Mr. Ross Dahlin

Ms. Tomoko Miwa Drake

Ms. Yuriko Farmer

Mr. Fred Halverson

Ms. Yuko Heberlein

Mr. Geoffrey Klaverkamp

Ms. Jennifer Kocs

Mr. Steven LeBeau

Mr. Dennis Leveris

Mr. Bob Luck

Ms. Yuko Miyamoto

Mr. William Paterson

Mr. Dean Potter

Mr. Richard Sako

Mr. Matthew Schoenfelder

Ms. Hiroko Shade

Ms. Jessica Sherman

Mr. David Smith

Mr. Scott Smith

Mr. John Sugimura

Masanao Takahashi, MD

Mr. Brad Toll

Executive Director

Mr. Darryl Magree

Japan in a Suitcase Coordinator

Mr. Satoru Kitano

Riverplace EH-131

43 Main Street SE

Minneapolis, Minnesota

55414-1031 USA

TEL 612-627-9357

FAX 612-379-2393

jasm@us-japan.org

www.mn-japan.org

July 23, 2004

Satoru Asato, Board Chair
Asian Pacific Cultural Center
1030 University Ave W
St Paul MN 55104

Dear Mr. Asato,

The Japan America Society of Minnesota is pleased to endorse the proposed Asian Pacific Cultural Center. As a member-supported nonprofit organization we are very interested in seeing a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural center with shared facilities we could not support on our own. Our members will benefit from access to programs in these facilities, and we hope that the wider public would benefit as well.

Our mission is to bring the peoples of Japan and the United States closer together in mutual understanding, respect and cooperation. While we are proud of our current program offerings, we would like to offer more mission-related small group activities—language instruction, cooking classes, film screenings, and performing arts workshops—that may require specialized facilities. Relocating to the proposed center would allow us to pursue these programs, and would put us in the company of other nonprofits with similar missions.

Good luck with your capital campaign, and please let us know how we can help the project move forward.

Warm Regards,



Darryl W. Magree
Executive Director



To Whom It May Concern:

Asian arts and culture are key elements in the fabric of the Twin Cities community. A center that brings together these cultural treasures will be a major addition to arts and economic development opportunities. MEDA is in full support of this concept and supports the project to build the Asian Pacific Cultural Center.

MEDA is a not for profit organization providing assistance to businesses that are owned and managed by ethnic minority residents of Minnesota. Unique among economic development organizations, MEDA's services are directed toward new or existing businesses whose owners are committed to generating long-term growth and profitability. These successful business owners in turn create living wage jobs in our communities.

We are excited about the proposed Asian Pacific Cultural Center, and we hope you and your organization will be supportive as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvonne Cheung Ho". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Yvonne Cheung Ho
President & CEO

July 21, 2004

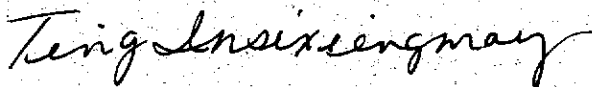
LETTER OF SUPPORT

Asian arts and culture are key elements in the fabric of the Twin Cities community. The Asian Pacific Cultural Center would bring together these cultural treasures and would be a major addition to arts, community, and economic development opportunities. *Asian Pages* is in full support of this concept, and stands ready to utilize the new facility in a wide variety of ways.

Asian Pages is a biweekly, award-winning newspaper that has been serving the Asian community since 1990. *Asian Pages* celebrates the achievements of the Asian community and promotes a cultural bridge among the many different groups that the newspaper serves.

We plan to lease space in the new facility, as well as utilize it for meetings and functions for the community. We are very excited about the proposed Asian Pacific Cultural Center, and we hope you and your organization will be supportive as well. Thank you for your consideration of this important new facility.

Sincerely



C. Ting Insixiengmay
Publisher

Hmong ABC
298 university ave w
St. Paul, MN 55103
August 30, 2004

Dear Mr. Asato:

I've learned of your APCC project. I believe that it is a good project that will help enrich our Asian community.

I'm a business owner on University Avenue, and I hope to see such a new development taking place in the area.

I wish you successful in your project.

Sincerely yours,

Yuepheng Xiong
Owner

