

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On May 12, Democratic Leadership and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) will host the Fifth Annual Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Summit. The theme for this year's summit is "Strengthening Our Economy: Job Creation in Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities."

The Summit will highlight how Congressional Democratic Leadership and CAPAC are working to strengthen Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, which are a critical part of our nation's growth and economic recovery. Today, over 16.6 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make up one of the fastest growing and most diverse populations in the United States. The Census Bureau estimates that by 2050 there will be 40.6 million Asian Americans living in the U.S.

HOSTS:

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
Majority Leader Harry Reid
Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee Chair
Rep. John Larson, Democratic Caucus Chair
Rep. Michael Honda, CAPAC Chair
Members of CAPAC

Remarks by:

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
Majority Leader Harry Reid

WHAT: 2010 Asian American and Pacific Islander Summit

Opening remarks will be followed by panel sessions featuring senior House and Senate staff on job creation with focus on ARRA, health care reform, and future legislation; immigration; and education.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 12, 2009. 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. EDT

Press is invited to opening and closing sessions only. To encourage frank discussion, panels will be closed to press.

Opening: 8am in HVC-215, Capitol Visitor Center, Washington DC
Closing: 12pm in HVC-210, Capitol Visitor Center, Washington DC

WHERE: Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, D.C.

RSVP: Press only, please RSVP to Gloria Chan, gloria.chan@mail.house.gov.

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The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) is a bicameral and bipartisan caucus of Members of Congress of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and Members who have a strong dedication to promoting the well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Founded in 1994 by then Congressman Norman Mineta, and currently chaired by Congressman Michael Honda, CAPAC has been addressing the needs of the AAPI community in all areas of American life. For more information on CAPAC, please call (202) 225-2631 or visit <http://www.honda.house.gov/capac>.