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David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Career Connections, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

I cannot believe that 2015 is coming to a close. It's almost been a year since I became director and I could not be more proud of what MOAPIA has accomplished this year. When I became director, I wanted to make sure my office improved the life of the District's AAPI community by being inclusive, engaging, and outreaching to populations and communities we have not worked as extensively with in the past.



This year we launched multiple initiatives and hosted cultural events that aimed to do just that. Some of my most memorable ones have been:

- the Chinatown Park Start FRESH! Series;
- the Asian American and Pacific Islander Action Forum;
- the DC AAPI Visibility Project;
- the District's first Filipino American History Month Celebration;
- and the District's first Diwali Reception.

This year MOAPIA took great strides to bridge the gap between the AAPI community, the District government, and other multicultural communities. Thank you for all of your support throughout 2015 and I hope to continue our partnerships through 2016.

I wish you a safe and wonderful Happy New Year!

Warm Regards,

David Do

Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

P.S. Don't forget to join me this Friday for the [2nd Annual Fresh Start 5K!](#)

MOAPIA News

MOAPIA Created a Google Group

Join MOAPIA's
Google Group

Share news and events in your community with fellow DC residents. Get direct updates from MOAPIA.

 <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

The MOAPIA Google Group was created so that community members can have a space to connect with fellow like-minded individuals interested in all things AAPI. Members are encouraged to share their own news or events that are happening in DC (whether it be an upcoming happy hour, film screening, workshop, etc). MOAPIA will occasionally post updates on current and upcoming events/initiatives.

The space is also a way for members to get their questions answered regarding government programs and services. Have a question about sidewalk repairs, small business support, safety, language access, or any other topic? Post your questions on the forum! Or if you just want to voice a concern you have or concerns about your neighborhood, post it there and we will be sure to follow-up.

We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways to better serve you.

Feel free to share this great space with others!

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Events and Announcements

2nd Annual Fresh Start 5K on New Year's Day

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Join Mayor Bowser for the . . .
2ND ANNUAL FRESH START 5K
January 1st at 9 a.m.

The event begins at the . . .
STADIUM ARMORY METRO STATION

For more information visit www.FitDC.com,
or register at <http://2ndannualfresh5k.eventbrite.com>

DOH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DPR fitDC Girls on the Run GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Friday, **January 1** | 9 am
Stadium Armory Metro Station
192 19th St SE, Washington, DC 20003

Start your new year off right and join Director David Do alongside Mayor Muriel Bowser for the 2nd Annual Fresh Start 5K on New Year's Day! Hundreds of DC residents will gather at the Stadium Armory Metro Station for this fun fitness activity. Whether you want to run, walk, or just cheer folks on, this will be a fun event for all! We hope to see you there. Register [here](#).

Seasons Greetings Pollination Station



Holiday cheer abounds at the U.S. Botanic Garden! Despite the cold winter outside, the Conservatory boasts a tropical paradise, one of the largest indoor decorated trees in Washington, D.C., and a showcase of poinsettias. It wouldn't be the winter holiday season without the train display in the East Gallery, where trains chug along tracks around and above you through imaginative structures created with plant materials. Explore Pollination Station where you can visit oversized flowers, bees and butterflies in this year's scenic wonderland. See D.C. landmarks such as the Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, and the Washington Monument, all made from plants, on display in the Garden Court.

Pledge to End Homelessness

Making **Homelessness** Rare, Brief,
and Non-recurring in DC

**TAKE THE PLEDGE TO
END HOMELESSNESS**



Mayor Bowser has a plan, Homeward DC, to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in the District. In her first budget, Mayor Bowser made historic investments in Homeward DC plan and in the solutions that we know will work to end homelessness. Now, Mayor Bowser is announcing a set of legislative and administrative measures to ensure these investments make the biggest impact on the lives of DC residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Learn more about the Homeward DC by visiting mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC that will end homelessness in DC. Sign the pledge to help community members who experience homelessness find a place to call home.



DC Resident Snow Team Recruitment

Mayor Muriel Bowser hopes you can join the DC Resident Snow Team to help our neighbors who need help clearing snow this winter. Our seniors and neighbors with disabilities need help shoveling snow from their front walkways and sidewalks to get to medical appointments and to receive meals in their homes. Volunteer to shovel for a neighbor by signing up at snowteam.dc.gov.

Hands on Hearts CPR Training Program

"Hands on Hearts" is an initiative to provide free CPR and AED awareness training to District residents. When hands-only CPR is performed immediately during cardiac arrest, it may increase the chance of a person's survival. The District is committed to

providing residents with the skills needed to help save a life. For more information or to sign up for "Hands on Hearts" CPR training, visit handsonhearts.dc.gov or call 311.



Career Connections

AALEAD Volunteer and Intern Opportunities

For more information contact Stephanie Lim at slim@aalead.org or at (202) 884-0322 ext. 104.



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AND
DEVELOPMENT

Asian American LEAD Youth Leadership Empowerment and Development (AALEAD) is a youth development organization. Our mission is to support low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth with educational empowerment, identity development, and leadership opportunities through after school, summer, and mentoring programs. **For more information, please visit our web site at www.aalead.org.**

Volunteer Opportunities

- Want to make an impact on a child's life? Consider being an AALEAD Mentor! Our Mentoring Program matches youth (ages 10-18) with caring adults who support them one-on-one in their efforts to develop the academic and life skills necessary to succeed. AALEAD requires that mentors commit to meeting with their mentees at least six hours a month for a minimum of one year.
- We are looking for program aides to support our after-school programs in DC, Montgomery County, and Fairfax County.
- If you are looking for a one-time volunteer opportunity, please consider leading a workshop at one of our after-school program sites.

Internship Opportunities

Looking for an internship? We are currently looking for candidates for the following positions:

- DC Elementary School Program Intern
- MD Programs Intern
- Communications & Marketing Intern

Contact

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