



Government of the District of Columbia  
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David Do, Director

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Greetings,



On behalf of the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, it is my great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 17th Annual Asian Pacific American Film Festival.

Although the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community is the nation's fastest-growing demographic, AAPIs are often underrepresented in film. This is why APA Film occupies a unique place in Washington DC's diverse community. By showcasing the talents of AAPIs in the film industry, APA Film is working to ensure that AAPI voices and stories are represented. It provides an artistic outlet for AAPIs to tell their story and share their experiences through film.

I would like to congratulate APA Film for organizing this fantastic event and bringing education, enlightenment, and entertainment to the District's diverse audiences. Additionally, I would like to thank them for promoting diversity and inclusivity – values that contribute to the strength and vibrancy of our city.

Enjoy this year's film series!

Warm regards,

David Do  
Director of the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

