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Annual Awards Banquet*

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June 9, 2011

Dear Conference Participants:

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Asian American Government Executives Network's (AAGEN) 2011 Leadership Conference and Awards Banquet.

Once again we have worked hard to provide you with timely learning opportunities where senior Administration officials and senior executives will share their experience, insight, and expertise on how to manage professional careers and prepare for your future in the Federal government. The year's theme, "Strategies for Innovative Leadership", is especially relevant in this time of constrained resources and is reflected through the three tracks: "The New Basics", "Innovation from the New Baseline", and "Learning from Great Leaders". The very popular one-on-one Executive Coaching sessions, conducted by senior executives will be offered throughout the day.

Following the daytime conference, the AAGEN Awards Banquet will be held in the evening to present three awards to our recognized leaders in the Government:

Distinguished Lifetime Achievement

Honorable Gary Locke, Secretary of the US Dept of Commerce

Leadership in Public Service

Major General Antonio Taguba, US Army (Retired)

Stanley Suyat Memorial Leadership

Dr. Yann King, US Department of Labor (Retired)

Whether you are entering the job market, considering a change in career path, pursuing career advancement, thinking of starting a federal career, or networking to expand your contacts we believe this event has something for you.

As the new AAGEN Chair, I am proud to work with our dedicated Board members and the many committee members and volunteers, without whose staunch commitment we could not succeed. AAGEN is growing through a stronger membership base, increased programs and services, more partnerships, and improved internal effectiveness. We will continue to work hard to advance our mission of promoting, expanding and supporting AAPI leadership in government!

Welcome again and enjoy the conference and banquet!



Sincerely,

An-Ming "Tommy" Hwang
Chair, AAGEN

The White House
Office of the Press Secretary
For Immediate Release
April 29, 2011

Presidential Proclamation--Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

A PROCLAMATION

This month, our Nation celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). Our AAPI communities have roots that span the globe, but their stories of striving and success are uniquely American. As we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we recognize the entrepreneurship and fortitude of individuals who have helped build our country and shape the American dream for centuries.

Generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have helped develop and defend the United States, often in the face of tremendous racial and cultural prejudice. Despite these difficulties, AAPI men and women struggled, sacrificed, and persevered to build a better life for their children and all Americans.

Today, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have a profound impact on our society as leaders in all facets of American life, thriving as athletes and public servants, entrepreneurs and artists. Whether as small business owners or as proud members of the United States Armed Forces, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are helping to write the next chapter of the American story.

Although many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have achieved success, far too many still struggle to overcome obstacles of unemployment, poverty, and language barriers or face significant education, economic, and health disparities. To help address the diverse challenges affecting our AAPI communities, I reestablished the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Initiative coordinates the efforts of agencies throughout the Federal Government to promote increased access to and participation in Federal programs for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who remain underserved, so we can continue to be a Nation where all things are possible for all people. All Americans can

visit www.AAPI.gov to learn more about the important work of this Initiative.

From our earliest days, intrepid men and women from the Asia Pacific region have forged enduring links between America and other nations as they moved across the Pacific. In today's globalized world, these bonds remain critical, reminding the United States of our rich shared history and integrated future with the dynamic Asia Pacific region. During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, let us celebrate the millions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders whose talents and contributions strengthen our economy, protect our security, and enliven our country every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to visit www.AsianPacificHeritage.gov to learn more about the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA





The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

June 2011

Dear Conference Participants:

It is a pleasure to congratulate the Asian American Government Executives Network on your 2011 Leadership Training Conference.

I applaud your efforts in fostering leadership in public service across the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. You should be proud of your achievements and the many contributions Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make each and every day as outstanding executives in local, state, and Federal government.

I wish you all the best for a successful conference.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Chu".

Steven Chu

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MESSAGE FROM U.S. SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA

Aloha to all attendees of the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) 2011 Reception and Award Dinner. As the Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, and as a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I appreciate AAGEN's leadership in supporting Asian Pacific Americans in Government. As you know, I have spent my career in Congress encouraging all Americans to participate in public service.

I am deeply honored to be able to extend my heartfelt congratulations to my friend, the Honorable Gary Locke, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, this year's recipient of the "Distinguished Lifetime Achievement" Award. As many of you know, Secretary Locke is the first Chinese-American to serve as Secretary of Commerce. Before being appointed to this position by President Obama, Secretary Locke served as Governor of Washington state for two terms. As Governor, among many other accomplishments, he built stronger economic ties between Washington state and China. He is now President Obama's nominee to serve as U.S. Ambassador for China, and is uniquely qualified for that post. Secretary Locke represents all that is good about our nation, and is truly deserving of this award.

I would also like to congratulate Major General Antonio Taguba, this year's recipient of the "Leadership in Public Service" Award. As a senior member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services Committees, I am grateful for General Taguba's dedicated and courageous service to our country during a difficult time. In particular, I want to thank General Taguba for his courageous efforts to promote accountability and the highest standards of integrity in the Department of Defense. Although Major General Taguba was born in the Philippines, we in Hawaii claim him as a local boy since he spent much of his childhood there. I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to General Taguba's father, Tomas Taguba, who, like me, served our nation during World War II and for 20 years thereafter, until his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1962. I salute General Taguba, and thank him and his family for their commitment to our nation.

Finally, I congratulate Dr. Yann King, this year's recipient of the "Stanley Suyat Memorial Leadership" Award. Dr. King is certainly well deserving of this award after spending his career in public service, most recently as the Deputy Director of the Information Technology Center at the U.S. Department of Labor.

I commend these public servants for the example they provide to the future generations that will follow in their footsteps, and I applaud AAGEN's recognition of their dedication and commitment to serving America.

Aloha, and best wishes for a truly inspirational evening.

Daniel K. Akaka

DANIEL K. INOUE
HAWAII

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June 9, 2011

**Annual Reception and Award Dinner
Asian American Government Executives Network
Double Tree Hotel
Arlington, Virginia**

Dear Friends:

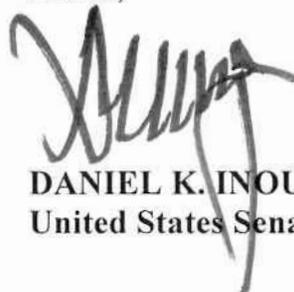
It is a pleasure to extend my warm aloha and greetings to all those who have gathered this evening to join the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) for their Annual Reception and Award Dinner.

I commend the members of AAGEN for their commitment to address community concerns and strengthen public service in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community by promoting strong Asian American and Pacific Islander leadership in the government. Through its many resources and programs it has built an impressive collaborative business network, which I am confident has proved beneficial to countless men and women.

Tonight, I join you in recognizing three individuals who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and excelled in their professional fields: Secretary Gary Locke, MG Antonio Taguba, USA (Retired), and Dr. Yann King. I offer my sincere congratulations and appreciation to these outstanding individuals for their contributions.

Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable and enjoyable event.

Aloha,



**DANIEL K. INOUE
United States Senator**



A Message from

Madeleine Z. Bordallo

Member of Congress

June 09, 2011

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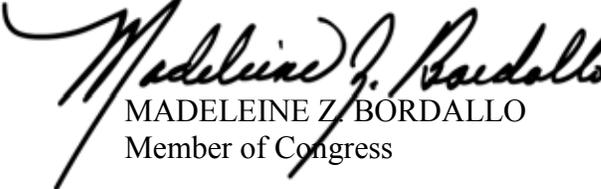
Welcome to the 2011 Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) 12th Annual Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C. I thank you for coming out tonight in support of AAGEN as they continue their important work in promoting, expanding, and supporting Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) leadership in government.

Tonight, as we celebrate 12 years of service by AAGEN, we commend their work in developing a network that promotes increased representation for the AAPI community in the federal service. AAGEN works to encourage and support our next generation of leaders who will continue to address issues important to the AAPI community and ensure more equitable representation in government. I extend my sincere congratulations to the Honorable Gary Locke, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, as he receives the AAGEN Lifetime Achievement Award; to Dr. Yann King, as he receives the AAGEN Stan Suyat Memorial Leadership Award; and to Major General Antonio Taguba (U.S. Army, Retired), as he receives the AAGEN Leadership in Public Service Award.

I congratulate the leadership, staff, volunteers, and supporters of AAGEN for 12 years of promoting political empowerment among Asian Pacific Islander Americans. I wish AAGEN continued success and growth in the years to come.



Sincerely,


MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Member of Congress

June 9, 2011

Asian American Government Executives Network
1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 530
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Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my most heartfelt congratulations to the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) as you hold your Leadership Conference and Banquet on Thursday, June 9, 2011

Since its founding in 1994, AAGEN has expanded workforce diversity for Asian American leadership in the Federal, State, and Local governments. AAGEN has also provided educational scholarships to prepare future Asian American leaders for dynamic positions at various levels of government, and has enabled countless Asian American executives to attain high levels of visibility and construct viable networks in Federal service.

I commend AAGEN for its tremendous efforts in advancing our communities' executive leadership, and I congratulate the organization on its 2011 Leadership Conference and Banquet.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and Members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I offer my congratulations and best wishes for AAGEN's continued success and yours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Chu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JUDY CHU, Ph.D.

Member of Congress

Chair, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC)



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

AL GREEN
9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
HOUSTON, TEXAS

June 9, 2011

Dear Friends:

I would like to express my sincerest greetings to all who have gathered here today with the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN). It is my honor to salute all those in attendance at the Seventh Leadership Conference and 12th Annual Awards Banquet. This is an extraordinary opportunity to recognize those who devote their lives to public service and to strengthen leadership in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. I congratulate all of you for your commitment to making this a memorable event.

Since its founding, AAGEN has played a crucial role for Asian American and Pacific Islanders by supporting our leaders of today and tomorrow in public service. I commend AAGEN and all of its members for the essential work that you do for the American people.

I would like to commend AAGEN and tonight's awardees on their achievements. Thank you for your service to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and to the country. Once again, I would like to express my warmest welcome to all who are attending. I wish great success to you and AAGEN.

Sincerely,

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AL GREEN
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May 13, 2011

Asian American Government Executives Network
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Dear Friends;

It is a pleasure to wish all of you participating in the Asian American Government Executives Network a productive and successful annual conference and awards dinner. I commend the professionals in AAGEN for your dedication to promoting APIA leadership in government. Your work has made our collective voice stronger.

I also congratulate Secretary Locke, General Taguba and Dr. King on their most deserved awards. Their leadership on behalf of all Americans is greatly appreciated.

I am honored to be serving in my first term in Congress on behalf of the people of Hawai'i and the country. I am sure we will have many opportunities to work together to promote leadership and excellence in government.



With much Aloha,

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Colleen Hanabusa

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WHIP AT LARGE

June 9, 2011

Aloha,

Welcome to everyone attending the Asian American Government Executives Network's (AAGEN) 2011 Leadership Conference and 12th Annual Awards Banquet. The theme of this year's conference, "Strategies for Innovative Leadership," emphasizes AAGEN's mission to promote, expand, and support Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) leadership in local, state, and federal government.

Annually, this conference and banquet mark an important opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of AAPI leaders and to learn from AAPI executives in government. Led by Hawaii's own President Barack Obama, it is gratifying to see the commitment to ethnic diversity that has been made by his administration.

Congratulations to this year's AAGEN award honorees. The Honorable Gary Locke continues to make history, becoming the first Chinese American to serve as governor, Secretary of Commerce, and the soon-to-be U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. Dr. Yann King, a past chair of AAGEN, is dedicated to promoting AAPI career advancement and civil rights. Retired Major General Antonio Taguba has had an exemplary military career, demonstrating great courage in the face of opposition. These honorees are an inspiration to generations of young men and women.

I thank AAGEN for its work in advancing the AAPI presence in government and my best wishes for successful conference.



Sincerely,

Mazie K. Hirono

Mazie K. Hirono
Member of Congress
2nd District, Hawai'i



MICHAEL M. HONDA
15TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

June 9th, 2011
Message from Congressman Mike Honda
Welcoming All to the Asian American Government Executives Network 7th
Leadership Conference and 12th Awards Banquet

Dear Friends:

It is an honor for me to extend my warmest greetings to the attendees of the Asian American Government Executive Network's (AAGEN) 7th annual leadership conference and on the occasion of its 12th annual gala. I am grateful for the opportunity to extend my support for this event.

As Chairman Emeritus of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), I am proud to have collaborated with numerous Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community organizations, including AAGEN, over the last decade. Together we are working to ensure issues of AAPI communities are represented in Congress and government.

I commend the work of AAGEN to promote, expand and support Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) leadership in government. Your efforts and contributions are critical to ensuring the leadership in government reflects the experience, history, and diversity of our communities. I urge AAGEN to continue its laudable work to support future young AAPI leaders and ensure they are prepared with knowledge and skills for leadership roles.

This awards banquet celebrates this year's outstanding honorees, who have dedicated their lives to public service and contributed to the advancement of our community. You have chosen to honor very deserving individuals: my good friend the Honorable Gary Locke, Secretary of the US Department of Commerce and nominee for US Ambassador to China, who has had a distinguished career that has shattered many glass ceilings for the AAPI community; MG Antonio Taguba, US Army (Retired), who has shown impeccable character and outstanding leadership during his career under sometimes trying circumstances; and Dr. Yann King. I thank them for their selfless devotion to public service and the AAPI community.

Congratulations once again to the Asian American Government Executive Network on your accomplishments and to tonight's honorees on all of your great achievements. I look forward to continuing our work together.



Sincerely,

Michael M. Honda
Member of Congress
Chairman Emeritus, CAPAC



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DORIS O. MATSUI
5TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

June 9, 2011

Asian American Government Executives Network
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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to members of the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) on the occasion of your 12th Annual Awards Banquet and Leadership Conference.

AAGEN is a distinguished organization, serving our nation through the promotion of public service. Since its founding in 1993, the organization has continued to encourage members of our community to engage in the political process and participate in government at every level. Thanks to AAGEN's efforts, the Asian American community is better represented now more than ever.

I would like to also extend my congratulations to this year's awardees, U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, Dr. Yann King, and Retired Army Major General Antonio Taguba. The contributions of these individuals to our nation and to the Asian American community continue to play an important role in shaping our future and serve as inspiration to fellow leaders.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the attendees of this year's convention. I am pleased to express my sincere support for what will no doubt be a successful event.



Sincerely,

DORIS O. MATSUI
Member of Congress



MEMBER OF CONGRESS

BOBBY SCOTT
THIRD DISTRICT
VIRGINIA



May 13, 2011

Mr. Tommy Hwang
Chairman
Asian American Government Executives Network
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Dear Mr. Hwang, Board Members and Conference Participants:

It is with great pleasure that I offer greetings as you gather for AAGEN's Leadership Conference this year in Arlington, Virginia.

AAGEN is committed to a diverse work place where our human capital is put to its best use. This organization provides valuable resources to help individuals learn from senior executives in local, state and national government. This conference offers conference participants several opportunities to acquire the skills needed to manage professional careers and attain personal and professional goals.

Best wishes for a successful conference and many more years of continued service.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
Member of Congress

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The Director

May 20, 2011

Mr. Tommy Hwang
Chair
Asian American Government Executives Network
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Dear Mr. Hwang:

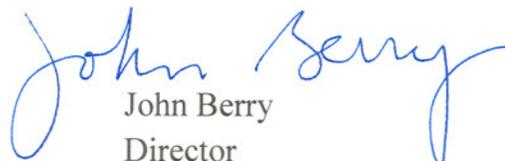
Greetings from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to all the participants, supporters, and friends of the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) as you gather for the 2011 AAGEN Annual Leadership Training Conference. OPM applauds AAGEN's mission to promote, expand and support Asian American and Pacific Islander leadership in the Federal government. Indeed, your efforts are an integral part of helping the Federal government to achieve the goal of recruiting, retaining and honoring a diverse, high quality workforce to serve the American people.

Our country is at its best when it draws on the richness of its diverse population, and we are thankful to the AAGEN membership and supporters for their commitment of time, dedication and talent to this goal. Their devotion to the work of AAGEN serves to foster greater participation in public service and develop the next generation of government leaders.

OPM extends its warmest congratulations to your award recipients: The Honorable Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce, for the *Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award*; Major General Antonio Taguba, United States Army (Retired) for the *Outstanding Leadership in Public Service Award*; and Dr. Yann King for the *Stan Suyat Memorial Leadership Award*. These distinguished public servants have dedicated their lives to our country and serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. I commend you for recognizing their outstanding dedication, commitment and achievement.

Best wishes for a successful conference and a memorable evening!




John Berry
Director



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May 16, 2011

Mr. An-Ming Hwang
Chair, Asian American Government Executives Network
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Dear Tommy:

I join your many friends and colleagues in congratulating you on the seventh annual AAGEN Leadership Conference. We are especially proud at MSPB that AAGEN has selected one of our own outstanding leaders to head this important organization.

Given the current representation at the senior executive and supervisory levels, AAGEN's mission "to promote, expand and support Asian American and Pacific Islander leadership (AAPI) leadership in Government" addresses a critical need in the Federal workforce. At MSPB, we share your goals as part of our responsibility to protect the merit systems principles and the vision of a "workforce from all segments of society."

I am pleased to learn that you will be continuing the successful track of one-on-one coaching sessions for Conference attendees and that you will once again offer break-out sessions on improving professional effectiveness in the workplace. By combining inspiring speakers, informative workshops, and individual executive coaching, this conference will provide employees with effective tools and strategies to advance their careers with the Federal Government.

Congratulations to Secretary Locke, General Taguba, and Dr. King for garnering this year's Leadership awards. These distinguished public servants serve as exemplary role models for all Asian Pacific Americans.



Sincerely,

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Susan Tsui Grundmann

June 9, 2011

To All AAGEN Leadership Conference Attendees:

It is indeed my great honor and pleasure to welcome you all to the Asian American Government Executives Network's (AAGEN) 2011 Leadership Conference. AAGEN continues to make great progress in fulfilling its mission to promote and expand Asian American and Pacific Islander leadership in the Government. This year's theme, "Strategies for Innovative Leadership" is most valuable as we face these challenging times. I am confident that participation in this year's conference will bring value to your professional and personal lives and inspire you to become even more effective and creative leaders. I am awed and motivated to see all the great work you accomplish in recruiting new members to help in AAGEN's greater mission to build a government that reflects our many cultures.

I am equally honored to extend my congratulations to the deserving award recipients: Honorable Gary Locke, MG Antonio Taguba, and Dr. Yann King who will be honored at tonight's gala dinner. Our awardees have furthered AAGEN's mission and will continue to serve as role models for the Asian American community.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful conference!



Sincerely,

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May 12, 2011

Asian American Government Executives Network

Dear Friends:

My very best wishes for another successful conference and for your continued work to achieve greater diversity in the career leadership corps of the Federal Government.

It has been a privilege to contribute to AAGEN's work as a member of the organization's Advisory Board. I regret that other obligations prevent me from being with you, but rest assured that I will continue to support AAGEN and your goals at every opportunity.

I congratulate those who are award recipients this year and especially regret being unable to celebrate their contributions this evening.



Sincerely,

Carol

CAROL A. BONOSARO
President

2011 AAGEN Annual Award Banquet

RECEPTION: 6:00 PM | BANQUET BEGINS: 7:00 PM

Opening and Welcome

MS. SONIA ARANZA, MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Color Guard Presentation of the Flag and National Anthem

Greetings

MR. TOMMY HWANG, AAGEN CHAIR

Recognition of Corporate Sponsors

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Announcement of AAGEN Scholarship Awards

DR. GLENDA NOGAMI

Stanley Suyat Memorial Leadership Award

DR. YANN KING



Dinner



AAGEN Excellence in Public Service Leadership Award

MG. ANTONIO M. TABUBA, USA-RETIRED

AAGEN Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award

THE HONORABLE GARY LOCKE, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Closing Remarks

MS. SONIA ARANZA AND MR. TOMMY HWANG

Awardee Biographies

Yann King, Ph.D.

YANN KING, PH.D., is the the immediate Emeritus Chair of the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN). Prior to his retirement in 2010, he had served as the Deputy Director of the Information Technology Center at the Department of Labor since September 2003. He was responsible for managing the Center in establishing and executing standard operation policies and procedures for providing a full spectrum of customer IT services. He also was responsible for the overall information technology governance and management program within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management. Before joining DOL, Dr. King served as the Deputy Chief Information Officer of the Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture from 2000 to 2003. From 1988 to 2000, he was the Chief of the Information Technology Policy, Planning and Budget Branch at the Food Safety and Inspection Service of USDA. Dr. King received his Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University; M.S. from University of Guelph, Canada; and B.S. from the National Taiwan University, Taiwan.



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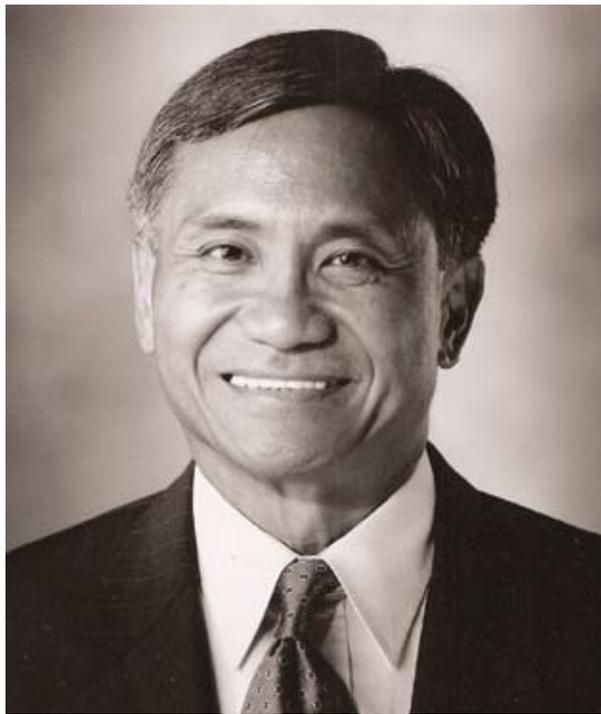
Major General Antonio M. Taguba, U.S. Army, Retired

MAJOR GENERAL ANTONIO M. TAGUBA retired on 1 January 2007 having served 34 years on Active Duty.

Following retirement, he served as Vice President for Army Account, SERCO Inc, from July 2007 to Nov 2008. He is currently the President, TDLS Consulting, LLC that provides consulting services to several small companies. He is the Chairman, of the Pan Pacific American Leaders and Mentors (PPALM), an all volunteer, non-profit organization committed to mentoring and leader development for military and civilian leaders.

Born in Manila, Philippines on 31 October 1950, Major General Taguba was commissioned as an Armor officer following graduation from Idaho State University in 1972. He has served in numerous command and leadership positions from platoon to General Officer level. His service tours included assignments in the continental United States, South Korea, Germany, and Kuwait.

Selected for Brigadier General in 1997, he served as Chief of Staff, US Army Reserve Command, as Assistant Division Commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), and Commanding General, US Army Community and Family Support Command. Major General Taguba was later assigned as Acting Director of the Army Staff, Pentagon—responsible for directing and coordinating the staff actions of the Army's Executive Offices and Senior Staff directorates within Department of the Army, DoD, Congress, and Interagency elements.



During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he served as Deputy Commanding General for Support, Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC)/ARCENT/Third US Army, forward deployed to Kuwait. He was responsible for overseeing the logistical and support services to US and Coalition Forces totaling over 175,000 troops conducting combat operations. His duty included the coordination of host nation support from the Government of Kuwait and security cooperation requirements with Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, and Qatar.

Upon his redeployment, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon. He was later assigned as Deputy Commanding General for Transformation, U.S. Army Reserve Command in his final assignment on active duty.

Major General Taguba is a graduate of Idaho State University with a BA Degree in History; Webster University with a MA Degree in Public Administration; Salve Regina University with a MA Degree in International Relations; and the US College of Naval Command and Staff with a MA Degree in National Security & Strategic Studies. He also graduated from the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College.

He and his wife Debbie reside in Alexandria, VA. They have two adult children-Lindsay, who works for a non-denominational community ministry in South Carolina, and Sean, a US Army Captain.

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Honorable Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce

Gary Locke was appointed by President Obama as the 36th Secretary of Commerce and sworn into office on March 26, 2009.

At the Department of Commerce, Locke is charged with helping implement President Obama's ambitious agenda to turn around the economy and put people back to work.

As the first Chinese-American to hold this post in a president's cabinet, Locke has a distinctly American story. His grandfather emigrated from China to Washington state, initially finding employment as a servant, working in exchange for English lessons. Locke's father, also born in China, was a small business owner, operating a grocery store where Locke worked while receiving his education from Seattle's public school system. His strong work ethic and determination eventually took him to the highest office in the state of Washington.

Prior to his appointment, Locke helped U.S. companies break into international markets as a partner in the Seattle office of the international law firm, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. There, he co-chaired the firm's China practice and was active in its governmental relations practice.



As the popular two-term governor of Washington, the nation's most trade-dependent state, Locke broke down trade barriers around the world to advance American products. He helped open doors for Washington State businesses by leading 10 productive trade missions to Asia, Mexico and Europe, significantly expanding the sale of Washington products and services. He also

successfully strengthened economic ties between China and Washington State. His visits are credited with introducing Washington companies to China and helping more than double the state's exports to China to over \$5 billion per year.

As part of his considerable trade and economic development efforts, Locke launched Washington's Competitiveness Council with business, labor and civic

leaders working together to effectively position Washington State for success at home and around the world. During the eight years of the Locke Administration, the state gained 280,000 jobs.

Locke earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Yale University and a law degree from Boston University. He is married to Mona Lee Locke. They have three children, Emily, Dylan and Madeline.

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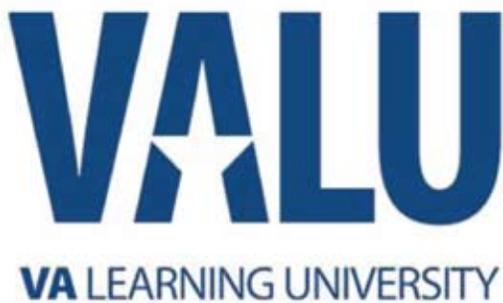
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In early 1993, several Federal Asian American senior executives met informally to become better acquainted, to explore the possibilities of setting a more structured network, and to find ways to identify other executives. It was agreed that through a network, we would be able to establish a high level voice and representation for ourselves and other Asian Americans in Federal service, to help each other, and to maintain visibility that other similar organizations have achieved for their respective interests. In the ensuing months, the group grew quickly with executives representing more than 20 Federal agencies, and the network was formed.

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