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## FAPAC WILL HOLD ITS 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON

## Theme: Leadership to Meet the Challenges of a Changing World

HOUSTON – The Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC), the premier organization representing Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) employees in the Federal and District of Columbia governments, will hold its 24th National Leadership Training Conference and Exhibits on May 11 – 15, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Houston. The Conference has been in the past approved by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) as appropriate for training for federal employees. With its members representing all the major federal agencies it will be the largest conference of its kind catering to the Asian Pacific Americans in the southwest.

This year's theme, "Leadership to Meet the Challenges of a Changing World" is a fitting one in view of the dynamic changes in global business, domestic politics and the economy. Asian Pacific Americans (APA), with a heritage that spans the Asian continent and the Pacific, are truly members of a diverse community ready for changes to confront the problems of the  $21^{st}$  century. Yet out of the diversity we are striving for unity and harmony.

This conference is a great opportunity for professional and personal development through workshops and plenary sessions, including a new study on Profile of Asian Americans and working with different levels of government. In addition there will be exhibits representing major Federal agencies. There will also be programs to focus on careers in public service. Other session will be on critical issues involving equal opportunities in employment for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FAPAC is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. FAPAC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the interests of over 155,000 civilian and military APA employees in the Federal and District of Columbia governments.

Dr. Kin Wong, the Conference Committee Chair, and Lily Ho, Conference Co-Chair, are devoted to ensure the success of the conference. For suggestions and more information on the conference, FAPAC Scholarships and Awards or the organization, please visit <a href="https://www.fapac.org">www.fapac.org</a>.