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2011 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

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Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month is celebrated every May to commemorate the contributions Asians and Pacific Islanders have made to our Nation. During this month, Asian Americans around the Nation celebrate with community festivals, government-sponsored activities, and educational activities. In observance of this event, volunteer Public Health Service (PHS) officers who are members of the Asian Pacific American Officer Committee (APAOC) in the Washington, DC area participated at various gatherings.

Eight PHS-APAOC officers volunteered at the APA Celebration in the Parklawn Building on 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD, on May 19, 2011. The event was well attended, mostly by visitors and employees of various Health and Human Services agencies housed in the Parklawn Building. Inspirational opening remarks were given by Dr. Seji Hayashi, Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration. The keynote speaker, Mrs. Bel Leong-



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Hong, founder, president, and Chief Executive Officer of Knowledge Advantage Incorporated, delivered a motivating speech that included themes of diversity, leadership, and empowerment.

On May 21, 2011, the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center hosted their Semi-Annual Health and Community Services Fairs at Tilden Middle School in Rockville, Maryland. It included seminars and screenings focused on senior health and social issues. A group of 10 PHS officers from the APAOC Public Relations Subcommittee

volunteered in this event with the goal of reaching out to the community and increasing awareness of the US Public Health Service (USPHS) to the general public. In addition, some officers provided translation services to unilingual Chinese speakers at the health screening booths. The PHS officers received many inquiries into the functions of the USPHS, professions needed in the USPHS, and how to join. Attendees picked up brochures for relatives, friends, and themselves. The PHS officers enjoyed reaching out to the public while raising awareness of the USPHS presence in the community.