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Pan Asian American Leadership Caucus Hosted Media Panel and Memorial Tribute Announced Selection of Matt Fong as New President

The **Pan Asian American Leadership Caucus (PAALC)** in partnership with the **New York University School of Law** today hosted a panel discussion with Asian American journalists in the mainstream newsroom to explore a wide range of media-related topics. Presenters were Mae Cheng, Executive Editor of amNewYork; Fred Katayama, Anchor of Reuters Television; Jeff Yang, Columnist, San Francisco Chronicle, and Kyung Yoon, television journalist and documentary producer.

Former California Treasurer Matt Fong, the newly installed president of PAALC, spoke about his new role, "I look forward to providing my efforts to continue the Caucus' longstanding excellence in promoting and developing leadership from the Asian Pacific American community."

The panel discussion was followed by a reception and a memorial tribute for Irwin K. Liu, the late president of PAALC. The tribute held an open forum for attendees to speak on Mr. Liu's passion for life. June 6th celebrates Mr. Liu's birthday.

Founded in 2002, **the Pan Asian American Leadership Caucus (PAALC)** is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of Asian American leaders in the public, private, non-profit and faith-based sectors. The organization is dedicated to promoting civic participation, professional achievement and responsible citizenship among Asian Americans through leadership development, education and partnership building projects. The Caucus provides a forum for emerging Asian American leaders seeking to learn about a broad range of issues from community and economic development to education and career advancement. Our programs include Youth Internship opportunities; Leadership Addresses and Partnership Projects.

New York City Councilman John Liu delivered the Leadership Address and received the Caucus' Fan award. The PAALC Leadership Addresses have featured former Congresswoman **Geraldine Ferraro**, Manhattan Borough President **C. Virginia Fields**, US Ambassador **Sichan Siv**, New York State Secretary of State **Randy Daniels**, US Labor Secretary **Elaine L. Chao**, Director of the US Mint **Edmund Moy**; CEO of the 2004 Republican National Convention **Bill Harris**, New York Governor **George Pataki** and US Senator **Orrin Hatch**.

Today's joint program with the **NYU Law School** builds on the Caucus' past Partnership Projects which include Citizenship Day lecture with the **Wish List**; commemoration of Asian heritage and honoring of APAs in the military with the **Intrepid Museum**; participating at President Bush's address on immigration reform at the **White House**; hosting a one-day Leadership Development Forum at the **Yale Club**; organizing the 2006 Opportunity Conference with the **federal government**, the **National Urban League** and the **U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** and a legislative briefing with the **New York State Legislature**.

Continuing the Caucus' efforts to promote internship and career development opportunities for Asian American youth, we have collaborated with the **Cross-Cultural Internship Program (CCIP)** which hosts students from 3 universities in Hong Kong and Singapore who are in the US as Exchange Visitors. 28 of the students from the internship program are helping with today's event while gaining experience in the American workplace and building their career path.

The PAALC Media Panel and Memorial Tribute was attended by Asian American civic and business leaders, professionals, and students.

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