

# **Miami-Dade County Asian American Advisory Board**

**Office of Community Advocacy  
Board of County Commissioners**

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# About the AAAB

Established on July 22, 1997, the Asian-American Advisory Board (AAAB) was created to work in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners, administration, community and all agencies in Miami-Dade County with respect to matters pertaining to the Asian-American community. In addition, the Board and its staff routinely assist people with their grievances and intervene with the appropriate parties to seek a resolution.

# About the AAAB

The board focus is to empower the Asian community by engaging public officials, connecting with other communities and educating the community at large about the Asian issues and needs. In order to achieve its goals the Board works individually and collectively representing the Asian diversity in Miami-Dade County and also serves as an advocate and supporter of the Asian Americans in civic, cultural, commercial and community affairs.

# About the AAAB

The board is composed of 26 members who are permanent residents and electors of Miami-Dade County and have a knowledge of and interest in the County's Asian Community. The current composition of the Board reflects the diversity of Asia. Nationals of the following Asian nations-states currently sit on the Board: Burma, China, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Japan, Pakistan, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam.



# Cultural Advancement

AAAB cohosting the 31st Annual Chinese New Year Festival with the Chinese Cultural Foundation of Miami at Miami Dade College Kendall Campus. More than 7000 guests from all over South Florida came and enjoyed the festivities.



AAAB cohosting the 29th Annual Asian Culture Festival with Thai-American Association of South Florida and MDC Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces at the Fruit and Spice Park. More than 10,000 guests and participants celebrated the diversity of Asian cultures through an enchanting journey of music and dance, performances, demonstrations, arts, and hand crafts, highlighted by a tasty selection of authentic Asian cuisine.

# Cultural Advancement

Members of AAAB and AAPI Heritage Month Committee at the VA Hospital helped to celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month with staff and guests of Miami VA Hospital through cultural performances.



The Asian-American Advisory Board kicked-off the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebrations on May 7 at the lobby of the Stephen P. Clark Center in Miami. The event provided an opportunity to share the cultural strengths of Asian Americans residing in [#OurCounty](#) and connected our community to our local government.



# Economic Development

AAAB participated Thirsty Third Thursday Event hosted by National Association of Asian American Professionals, South Flo Asians and Apaba South Florida at Dragonfly in Doral. It was an opportunity to strengthen our working relationships with community organizations and to share AAAB's goals for our communities.



Six students as part of Taiwan Youth and Overseas Expatriate Bridging Program Visitation with Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami visited Miami-Dade County Stephen P. Clark Government Center on Tuesday, July 9th.

# Economic Development

AAAB attending Florida Chinese Business Association Annual Meeting & the One Belt One Road Seminar. With the support of the China Culture and Education Foundation, FLACBA aims to establish a high-end platform for the American public, and strives to connect successful business owners, professional elites and various experts.



Tourist Department from Jeollanam-do Tourist Development in South Korea visiting Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau for an meet and greet and Miami Dade tourism business overview.



# Civic Engagement/ Education

AAAB members collaborate with Florida Asian Services to help citizens register to vote. They also educate the public about the 2020 census and the impact it has on our AAPI community and other minority communities.



Attending University of Miami Council of International Students Organizations' International Week: Beyond the Borders - Asian Night. An opportunity to promote and share our Asian culture with student, teacher, staff and visitors of the university and inform and educate regarding 2020 Census.

# Civic Engagement/ Education

Attending and participating at Norman Y. Mineta Leadership Institute Training at the Florida Asian Services Center in North Miami. To provide a framework for civic engagement and political organizing for the Asian community.



Asian American Voting Day with Florida Asian Services and the Asian community. Remember, if you need help voting, you can call 1-888-API-VOTE (1-888-274-8683).



# Avenues We Are Getting Information From

The AAAB have compiled a list of Asian cultural/language schools, places of worship and marketplaces that would be crucial locations that we could target to reach members of the community. Please feel free to contact us for this information.



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