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**AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-01-2024**

AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTER

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome** Tai Vaz
Moment of Silence for the victims of the earthquake in Japan
- 2. Roll Call** Joshua Ho
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** Tai Vaz
- 4. Approval of November 2023 Minutes** Tai Vaz
- 5. Director's Report** Joshua Ho
- 6. Introduction of Guests** Tai Vaz
- 7. Special Presentations:** Tai Vaz
 - National Human Trafficking Prevention Month - "The Right to Know" –
Tania Andre Montanez, Executive Director, The Mavuno Project
- 8. Public Comments:**
- 9. Committee Reports** Committee Chairs
 - **AAAB Executive Committee** – Tai Vaz, Chairwoman
 - **Meeting Report:** 12/19/2023
 - **AAAB Cultural Advancement Committee** – Li Gurau, Chairwoman
 - **Asian Culture Series Sub-committee:** Chair: Tai Vaz
 - **Asian Culture Festival:** March 2 & 3; Tropical Park
 - **AAAB Economic Development Committee** – Sharon Fine, Chairwoman
 - **Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium** – Preeya Disyanan,
ITC Board Member
 - **AAAB Education/Civic Engagement Committee** - Tai Vaz, Chairwoman
 - **Community Recognition Dinner Sub-committee:**
Co-chairs: Tai Vaz, Luna Adachi
 - Financial Report
 - **Health/Wellness Sub-committee:** Chair: Sadrul Fasihi
- 10. Current Business** Tai Vaz
 - **Introducing 2024 AAAB Executive Board**
 - Ms. Phonethip "Tai" Vaz - Chairwoman
 - Mr. Stephen Matsumoto - 1st Vice Chairman
 - Ms. Luna Adachi - 2nd Vice Chairwoman
 - Ms. Josephine Gordy - 3rd Vice Chairwoman
 - Dr. Li Gurau – Immediate Past Chairwoman
 - **Updates from Miami-Dade Police – MDPD Major Patky Changkachith**
- 11. Discussion Items (New Business)** Tai Vaz
 - **Protecting Places of Worship Forum:** Hosted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for
the Southern District of Florida and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and
Facilitated by U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service (CRS)
 - Tuesday, January 30, 4PM – 7PM
 - Charles F. Dodge City Center, located 601 City Center Way, Pembroke
Pines, FL 33025

**EDUCATION/CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**
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**COMMUNITY
RECOGNITION DINNER
SUBCOMMITTEE**
*Tai Vaz, Luna Adachi
Co-Chairs*

**HEALTH/WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE**
*Sadrul Fasihi
Chair*

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**
*Sharon Fine
Chair*

*Luna Adachi
Smita Kulkarni
Stephen Matsumoto
Tai Vaz*

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE
CONSORTIUM**
*Preeya Disyanan
ITC Board Member*

**CULTURAL
ADVANCEMENT**
*Li Gurau
Chair*

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**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**
*Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair*

- **Celebrating Asian Heritage during Lunar New Year**
 - University of Miami Men's Basketball Team: UM Watsco Center, 1245 Dauer Dr, Coral Gables: Saturday, 2/3; 12PM
 - UM vs VT; \$15 per person
 - <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Miamidade75>
 - Ichimura-Miami Japanese Garden: Free Japanese Festival: 1101 McArthur Causeway, Miami (Next to Jungle Island): Sunday, 2/4; 10AM -4PM
 - University of Miami Asian American Students Association: The Year of the Dragon: UM Lakeside Patio, Friday, 2/9; 6PM-10PM
 - Adrienne Arsht Center: 1300 Biscayne Blvd. Miami: Saturday, 2/10; 11AM
 - Norton Museum of Art: 1450 S. Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach: Saturday, 2/10; 12PM – 7PM
 - City of North Miami Beach: Senator Gwen Margolis Amphitheater, 16501 NE 16th Avenue, North Miami Beach: Saturday, 2/17; 12 – 4PM
- **Asian Heritage Community Tour with Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau**
 - GMCVB Multiculture Tourism
 - Saturday, April 6th ; 9:30AM – 2:30PM
 - One Bus – 50 participants
 - Cambodian Temple (Fruit Stand) – Thai Temple (Thai Boxing) – Ikebana Experience – Taekwondo Exhibition – Tai Chi Exhibition – Lunch provided by Tropical Chinese Restaurant
- **Celebrating Asian Heritage with Thai-American Association of Florida: Asian Culture Festival**
 - Saturday, March 2nd & Sunday, March 3rd
 - Tropical Park
 - Fundraise for the earthquake victims in Japan

12. Announcements

Tai Vaz

- 1/11, Thursday: Miami Dade College Wolfson Market & Movie; Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, Outdoor Plaza between NE 1st & 2nd Avenue and 4th Street; 5PM-9PM; For Information Contact Melissa - Dynan mdynan@mdc.edu
- 1/11, Thursday: New Geometries for New Realities in the Middle East and Beyond - A Panel Discussion Exploring Collaboration Between the U.S., Japan, and Israel; Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach; 7PM
- 1/24, Wednesday: State of the County Address - Mayor Daniella Levine Cava; Zoo Miami, 12400 SW 152nd St, Miami; 5PM; RSVP [Mayor Levine Cava State of County Address](#)
- 1/30, Tuesday: Protecting Places of Worship Forum; Charles F. Dodge City Center Pembroke Pines, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines; 4PM -7PM; Free Event; RSVP [Protecting Places of Worship](#)
- 2/3, Saturday: Celebrating Lunar New Year with Miami Hurricanes Men's Basketball Team; UM vs Virginia Tech, Watsco Center, 1245 Dauer Dr, Coral Gables; Noon; Tickets \$15 and up; For Information <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Miamidade75>
- 2/4, Sunday: Free Japanese Festival; Ichimura-Miami Japanese Garden, 1101 McArthur Causeway, Miami (Next to Jungle Island); 10:00AM – 4:00PM; Free Admission; Bring cash for food/tickets; RSVP <https://friendsofjapanesegarden.com/>
- 2/9, Friday: University of Miami Asian American Students Association & Chinese Student and Scholar Association's The Year of the Dragon Festival; University of Miami Lakeside Patio; 6PM -10PM; Free Admission; RSVP to hjoshua@miamidade.gov
- 2/10, Saturday: Chinese New Year Celebration with Adrienne Arsht Center, 1300 Biscayne Blvd. Miami; 11AM; Free Event
- 2/17, Saturday; 2024 Lunar New Year Festival with the City of North Miami Beach; Senator Gwen Margolis Amphitheater, 16501 NE 16th Avenue, North Miami Beach; 12 – 4PM; Free Event; For information 305-753-8791
- 2/29, Thursday; Asian Pacific American Bar Association 20th Anniversary Gala; The Rusty Pelican, 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway, Key Biscayne; 6PM; \$115 per person; Tickets [APABASFL 20th Anniversary](#)
- Sundays: **ACE Talk** Show with Winnie Tang, Josephine Gordy, Jeannie Wong & Joshua Ho on WAVS 1170AM & 107.9 FM, Sunday evening from 9PM – 10PM www.ACETalk.org

Adjournment

Tai Vaz

[Next AAAB General Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)