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Governor Wolf's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Hosts Community Symposium

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (Commission) today hosted its inaugural Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community Symposium at the Pennsylvania State Museum, which addressed issues such as the opioid epidemic, domestic violence and sexual assault, bullying, safe schools, and microaggressions.

"We wanted to create a platform for engagement between the AAPI community, and state and local agencies, as well as non-profit providers around these issues that greatly impact our community," Bibhuti Aryal, Chair of the Commission said. "These are issues that we heard over the course of the past 19 months during the 12 community town halls that we held across Pennsylvania, and we wanted to be responsive and ensure that the AAPI community had access to local and state resources as well as generate awareness of the progress made by the Wolf Administration on these important and complex topics."

The community symposium was hosted by the members of the Commission in partnership with local AAPI community leaders from across the Greater Harrisburg region. The symposium drew over 350 attendees and was comprised of panels, presentations, workshops, and a resource fair, which the following agencies and organizations participated in:

Capitol Area Consortium for Higher Education
Central Pennsylvania Chinese Association
Community Responders Network
Dauphin County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services
Dauphin County Department of Human Services Director's Office
Dauphin County Children and Youth
Gaudenzia Inc.
International Service Center
Keystone Crisis Intervention Team (KCITS)
League of Women Voters of the Harrisburg Area
Mid Penn Legal Services
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR)
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), Office of Victim Services
Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC)
Pennsylvania Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network (PAIRWN)

Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC)
Pennsylvania Department of Education: Office for Safe Schools
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation: Bureau of Driver's Licensing
Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board: Alcohol Education Program
Pennsylvania Office of Administration, Talent Management Office
Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
Women of Color Network, Inc
YWCA of Greater Harrisburg

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