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25th Anniversary Annual Asian American Coalition of Chicago Lunar New Year Celebration
 Saturday, January 26, 2008, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road – 2nd Floor
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE LINE-BY--LINE

(Rd # 9 As of 1/25/2008 3:15 p.m.) – INTERNAL VERSION w/ STAGING NOTES)

All times approximate and subject to change; goal is to adjourn by 10:15 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR ATTENDEES

NEW Venue, NEW 8000-Space Parking Lot This Year! Indoor SkyBridge,
 Logistics, Floor Plans, Maps and Virtual Tour at
http://rosemont.com/meeting/meet_desc.shtml#

PARKING: Elevated enclosed pedestrian walkway connects the Convention Center, two public
 garages and three hotels (Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Sofitel Chicago O'Hare and
 Doubletree Hotel O'Hare-Rosemont); parking validation tickets will be available
 on-site

ATTIRE: *Black-Tie Optional* with **everyone on stage** requested to be in **black-tie**, long evening
 gowns, or native costumes.

MEDIA: Please set early. Battery Packs Advised. PRESS PLATFORM in Stephens North
 Ballroom. Credentials: rsvp@enericom.net

PRE-PROGRAM

By 12 p.m.	Room Available
By 2 p.m.	Set-Up
3 p.m.	General Host Committee Call
By 3:30 p.m.	Final Sound and Tech Check/Run
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Run-Through (Closed to the Public) General Sound and Tech Check Including Performer CD's - Stephens Ballroom (Closed to the Public)
4:15 p.m.	Media Committee and Show Committee Volunteers Call
4:15 p.m.	General Planning Committee Call
4:40 p.m.	Media Committee in Place
	Processional Group to Arrive
5 p.m.	(Cast/Crew Eat/Change Clothes)
5 p.m.	Start Greeting Press
5 p.m.	Holding Area, Briefing/VIP's, Awardees
5 p.m.	Run Advance Details with Governmental Speakers' Aides
5:35 p.m.	Script Update, If Any
5:35 p.m.	Microphone Level Checks

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6:15 p.m. Celebrity Presenter Stage Time Call

EVENING

5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Reception (Cash Bar), Exhibits and Open Microphone – Political Forum	FOYER 2nd Floor FOYER 2nd Floor
6:10 p.m.	Doors Open	STEPHENS NORTH BALLROOM 2 nd Floor
	Pre-Show “ Vibrant Pakistan ” (DVD Video Presentation)	
	Processional Music by The Midwest Ismaili Pipe Band (23 Members)	
6:30 p.m.	Introduction of Celebrity Presenters (<i>Voiceover</i>) * Rehan Aslam , Producer, FOX Chicago TV News * Ravi Baichwal , Weekend Anchor/Reporter, ABC 7 News * Ellee Pai Hong , Weekend Morning Anchor, NBC 5 Chicago News * Eric S. Horng , Correspondent, ABC News (<i>pending final scheduling/breaking Network news</i>) * Jan Jeffcoat , Morning Anchor/Reporter, FOX Chicago TV News; * Nancy Loo , Morning Anchor/Reporter, FOX Chicago TV News * Joanie Lum , Reporter, CBS 2 Chicago News * Mai Martinez , Weekend Anchor/Reporter, CBS 2 Chicago News * Marc Rita , Actor/Director/Producer * Judy Wang , Weekend Morning Anchor/Reporter, CLTV News; and * Linda Yu , 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Anchor/Reporter, ABC 7 News	
6:40 p.m.	OPENING CEREMONIES (<i>Nancy Loo and Ellee Pai Hong</i>)	
6:43 p.m.	The National Anthem Soloist: (Mr.) Shajee Hassan (<i>CD Track</i>)	
6:46 p.m.-6:56 p.m.	Cultural Showcase: Pakistani Dances by Dilshad Khan Dance Academy of Chicago Choreographed by (Mr.) Ustad Dilshad Khan Folk Dance Medley (4 mins.) Sufi Style Dance (5 mins.) Performed by Tia Das Gupta, Mansi Aryan, Sanika Bhargaw, Saisha Talwar, Supritha Prasad, Sareena Jagetia, Janavi Kotamarthi, Anika Ghosh, Anisha Ghosh, Nikita Arora, Mausum Patel, Priya Shah, Deeva Khatiwada, Meghal Patel, Milan Patel, Shan Patel, Sajni Patel, Shivani Patel, Riddhi Patel, Priyanka Nachane, Ishita Aggarwal, Manaswi Kashyap, Keerti Kolakaluri, Lia Nandi and Nirali Dalia	

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- 6:57 p.m.-7 p.m. **Welcome Remarks (Includes Acknowledgment of Major Sponsors)**
- Pamela Leeming**, 2008 Chair, with **Nadia Akhtar** and **Fahad Sami**, Co-Chairs
- 7:01 p.m. **Introduction of Keynote Speaker** (*Mai Martinez*)
- 7:02 p.m.-7:08 p.m. **Remarks by Keynote Speaker** (*Mai Martinez*)
The Hon. Anne M. Burke, Illinois Supreme Court Justice, First District
- 7:09 p.m. Appreciation Plaque Presentation by Chair Pamela Leeming (*Mai Martinez*)
- 7:10 p.m. **Remarks by Dignitaries** (30 Secs. Each) (*Ravi Baichwal and Ellee Pai Hong*)
- The Hon. Lt. Governor
 The Hon. Jesse White
 (*Others Tentative TBA*)
- 7:17 p.m. **Presentation of the Pan Asian American Ping Tom Memorial Award to James Yumin Law** by **Pamela Leeming**, Chair, 2008 AACC and **Linda Yu**
Special Appearance by **Darryl Tom**, on behalf of **The Tom Family**
(*Includes DVD Power Point Presentation “Sweet Home, Chicago”*
Music from “Finally, Elijah” CD - Elijah Levy and the Tatsu Aoki Quartet)
- 7:24 p.m. Acceptance Remarks by **James Yumin Law** (30 Seconds) (*Linda Yu*)
- 7:27 p.m. **Introduction of the Grand Asian Awardee by The Hon. Sandra R. Otaka**
(*Ravi Baichwal*)
- 7:29 p.m. **Presentation of the Grand Asian Award to The Hon. Timothy C. Evans**
Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County by Nadia Akhtar and Fahad Sami,
Co-Chairs, 2008 AACC and **The Hon. Sandra R. Otaka, Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois** (*Ravi Baichwal*)
- 7:33 p.m. Acceptance Remarks by **The Hon. Timothy C. Evans** (30 Secs.)
(*Ravi Baichwal*)
- 7:36 p.m. **Special Friend of the Asian Community Award to**
U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL 9th) by Austriaco Abella-Austriaco
(*Eric S. Horng*)
- 7:39 p.m. Acceptance Remarks by U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL 9th)
(30 secs.) (*Eric S. Horng*)
- 7:41 p.m. (Begin **Acknowledgement of Dignitaries** Time Permitting – Part I)
(*Joanie Lum and Eric S. Horng*)
- 7:45 p.m. **DINNER**
- Cultural Showcase: Bangladeshi Dances by**
Dishad Khan Dance Academy of Chicago
Choreographed by (Mr.) **Ustad Dilshad Khan**
- Peacock Dance Performed by Lia Nandi (3 mins.)

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Sargaam, Taal and Beat: Sung by Kathakali Das Gupta (3 mins.)
 Dancers: Tia Das Gupta, Mansi Aryan, Priya Shah and Deeva Khatiwada

7:55 p.m. Acknowledgement of Dignitaries *(Continued)*
(Joanie Lum and Eric S. Horng)

8:05 p.m. Acknowledgement of the Presenting Sponsor *(Eric S. Horng)*

Special Sponsor Gift Drawing
 (3rd: DVD Player; 2nd: Ipod; 1st: Digital Camera *(subject to change)*)
 Cesar Pinzon, Chicago Metro Sales Director
 American Family Insurance

8:10 p.m. Live Auction *(Marc Rita and Judy Wang)*
 Two Tickets to Shanghai, China, Courtesy of American Airlines

8:20 p.m. Cultural Showcase: Bhangra Dance (8 mins.) *(Joanie Lum)*

Bhangra Team of the University of Illinois at Chicago
 Presented by the **Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago**

Performed by: (Males) Chirag Makwana, Nakul Gulati, Anish Shah and Venkat Murali; (Females) Ankita Matharu, Prashansa Sharma, Prachi Shah and Preetha Kumar

8:30 p.m.- 8:45 p.m. Remarks by Keynote Speaker, Next Generation *(Joanie Lum)*
Isra J. Bhatti, 2008 Rhodes Scholar (Includes DVD Video Presentation)

8:46 p.m. Presentation of Appreciation Plaque by Fahad Sami *(Joanie Lum)*

8:47 p.m.- 8:57 p.m. “Chicago Sister City Lahore” Presentation *(Power Point)* *(Rehan Aslam)*
Dr. Tariq Butt

8:58 p.m. Special White House Proclamation Presentation to Dr. Tariq Butt
 Presented by Fahad Sami, Co-Chair *(Rehan Aslam)*

9:05 p.m. Presentation of 2008 Community Service Awards
 Awarded by Sadruddin Noorani
(Rehan Aslam and Judy Wang)

Recipients

1. (Mr.) * **Mahabubul Kabir**, Entrepreneur; President, JK Group LTD (Naperville, Illinois) and *(Title TBI)*, Imexco USA, Inc. (Naperville, Illinois); Philanthropist, Bangladesh Independence Day and the Bangladeshi Directory, **Bangladeshi American Community Awardee**;

2. (Ms.) * **Ruth Kung**, Retired Human Resource Specialist, Zenith Corporation (Glenview, Illinois); Volunteer, Chinese American Museum of Chicago; Volunteer Crafts Teacher, Chinese American Service League Senior Housing Center, **Chinese American Community Awardee**;

3. (Mr.) * **Ernie J. Lapid, CPA**; Supervisor, State of Illinois Healthcare and Family Services, Pharmacy and Special Project Audit Units; Region Chairman – District 1-A, Lions Club International; Past President and Zone Chair, Chicago Philippine Lions Club; Volunteer Director, “Asian Chronicle USA” TV Program (Comcast Public Access), **Filipino American Community Awardee**;
4. (Mr.) * **Laxman Alreja**, President and Chief Executive Officer, AAA Galvanizing Industries, Inc. (Joliet, Illinois); Member, Hindu Temple (Lemont, Illinois) and Aryasamaj (Chicago, Illinois), **Indian American Community Awardee**;
5. (Ms.) * **Kus Folkers**, Customer Service Representative, USA Docufinish (Plainfield, Illinois); Past President and Trustee, International Ramayana Institute of North America; Public Relations Director, Member, Board of Directors, and Singer, Indonesian Performing Arts Chicago, **Indonesian American Community Awardee**;
6. (Ms.) * **Jean Mishima**, Retired Educator; President, Chicago Japanese American Historical Society; Member, Field Museum Cultural Connections Program; Past Chair and Member, Japanese American Community Day of Remembrance Program, **Japanese American Community Awardee**;
7. (Male) * **Dr. Isaac I. Suh**, Adult and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Attending at Swedish Covenant Hospital; Founding Pastor for New World Leadership Foundation; Advocate for Parenting Leadership and Student Leadership Ministries, **Korean American Community Awardee**;
8. (Male) * **Dr. Kim K. Tee**, Foot and Ankle Surgeon, Thorek Memorial Hospital; Founder and Past President, Malaysian Club of Chicago; President, Chinese American Museum of Chicago, **Malaysian American Community Awardee**;
9. (Mr.) * **Sharda J. Thapa**, Business Consultant, Strategic and Financial Planning; Founding Member and Past President, Secretary and Treasurer, Association of Nepalese in Midwest America, **Nepalese American Community Awardee**;
10. (Ms.) * **Sharmeen Younus**, Clinical Pharmacist in Pediatric ICU and Assistant Director of Operations for Pediatric Pharmacy, University of Chicago Children's Hospital; Chair, 2007 Asian American Coalition of Chicago Asian American Festival, **Pakistani American Community Awardee**;
11. (Mr.) * **Poxie Xumsai**, Data Processing Professional; Delivery Engagement Manager, IBM Global Services; Immediate Past President, Thai American Association of Illinois, **Thai American Community Awardee**;
12. (Mr.) * **Hai Giap**, Retired; Former Vietnamese Military and Civilian Officer (Captain); Volunteer, Nghia Singh International, Inc., **Vietnamese American Community Awardee**.

9:20 p.m.

Cultural Showcase: Dance by the Filipino American Community
 KAPWA Dance Group of Loyola University Chicago (*Judy Wang*)

“La Jota Moncadeña” (With Bamboo Castanets) (6 mins.)

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Performed by: Michelle Chua, Tracy Laluma, Frances Sumulong,
Winelyn Abella, Rochelle Laxamana, Katrina Grospe, Oliver Bolusan,
Kevin Ranchero, Lester Montesa, Arnold Gadia, Patrick Javier and
Francis Aquino

9:30 p.m.

Presentation of Youth Who Excels Awards by Rashid Chaudary
(Rehan Aslam and Judy Wang)

Recipients

1. (Ms.) * **Syeda Shammun Kader**, College Sophomore, Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, Illinois), **Bangladeshi American Community Youth Awardee**;
2. (Ms.) * **Angela Weng**, High School Junior, Whitney Young High School (Chicago, Illinois), **Chinese American Community Youth Awardee**;
3. (Mr.) * **Jonathan Martin Chua**, College Freshman, The University of Chicago (Chicago, Illinois), **Filipino American Community Youth Awardee**;
4. (Ms.) * **Harleen Kaur Saini**, High School Senior, Palatine High School (Palatine, Illinois), **Indian American Community Youth Awardee**;
5. (Mr.) * **Ari Wijanarko Adipratomo**, College Sophomore, Harvey S. Truman College (Chicago, Illinois), **Indonesian American Community Youth Awardee**;
6. (Ms.) * **Laura Yamasaki**, High School Senior, Walter Payton High School (Chicago, Illinois), **Japanese American Community Youth Awardee**;
7. (Ms.) * **Grace J. Kim**, High School Junior, Glenbrook North High School (Northbrook, Illinois), **Korean American Community Youth Awardee**;
8. (Ms.) * **Aruj S. Chaudhry**, College Junior, The University of Chicago (Chicago, Illinois), **Pakistani American Community Youth Awardee**;
9. (Ms.) * **Tanya Pardungkiattisak**, College Freshman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, **Thai American Community Youth Awardee**; and
10. (Mr.) * **Thuy Ai**, College Sophomore, Roosevelt University (Chicago, Illinois), **Vietnamese American Community Youth Awardee**.

9:45 p.m.

Cultural Showcase: Dance by the Korean American Community (5 mins.)
(Jan Jeffcoat)

Midwest Korean Traditional Art Association (MKTAA)
Choomsarang Korean Dance Group
Gi Won Dance

Helen Lee, Sung Lee, Kyung Kim, Young Yang, Jung Jung and Mung Han

9:50 p.m.

Cultural Showcase: Indian Dances by (Jan Jeffcoat)
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Kisna Bhajan (6 mins.)

Performed by Tia Das Gupta, Mansi Aryan, Mausum Patel, Meghal Patel,
Sajni Patel, Shivani Patel, Riddhi Patel, Anita Patel, Gitika Patel and Vipul Patel

Thumri Dance (5 mins.)

Performed by Nirali Dalia, Lia Nandi, Anika Ghosh, Anisha Ghosh and Nikita
Arora

Taal (2 mins.)

Performed by Mausum Patel, Meghal Patel, Milan Patel, Shan Patel, Sanika
Bhargaw, Supritha Prasad, Sajni Patel, Shivani Patel, Riddhi Patel, Sareena
Jagetia, Saisha Talwar, Janvi Kotamarthi, Priyanka Nachane, Ishita Aggarwal,
Manaswi Kashyap and Keerti Kolakaluri

10 p.m.

Farewell and Closing Remarks by Nadia Akhtar and Fahad Sami

(Jan Jeffcoat and Marc Rita)

10:03 p.m.

CLOSING CEREMONIES *(Jan Jeffcoat and Marc Rita)*

Cultural Showcase: Drum Dance/ Korean American Community (5 mins.)

Midwest Korean Traditional Art Association (MKTAA)

Choomsarang Korean Dance Group *(11 Drums)*

Helen Lee, Sung Lee, Kyung Kim, Young Yang and Jung Jung

10:09 p.m.

**Transfer of Gavel to 2009 Host Community by Pamela Leeming,
Nadia Akhtar and Fahad Sami to The Korean American Community**

Remarks by **Charlie Jung**, Representative, 2008 Asian American Coalition of
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President, Korean American Association of Chicago

10:15 p.m.

Adjournment (Parking Reminder)

Tonight's background music features the re-mastered and newly-restored CD version of
"Together, The World Can Count On Us" (Keith Uchima/Irene Cualoping) adopted in 1988
as the Asian American Coalition of Chicago's Unity Song, recorded on cassette single in
1988, and performed live in 1988 and 1989 at the Fifth and Sixth Annual Lunar New Year
Celebrations. Special thanks to composer Keith Uchima and his A&R Recording House for
his assistance.

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