



# International Leadership Foundation

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## ILF NEWSLETTER

The International Leadership Foundation (ILF) is a non-profit organization that promotes the civic awareness, public service and economic effectiveness of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. Our mission is to develop young leaders in the United States and other Pacific Rim countries in the fields of public service, entrepreneurship and the international arena through a network of business and community leaders.

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## ILF Honors U.S. Senate Pro Temp Daniel Inouye

On July 22, 2010, the International Leadership Foundation (ILF) hosted the 2010 Leadership and Business Conference with the Coalition of Asian American Business Organizations (CAABO) and held the ILF Annual Awards Gala in Washington, DC. The event had over 450 attendees that included Asian Pacific American (APA) business and community leaders, ILF Fellows, international business delegates and young leaders from Asia. ILF presented a Lifetime Achievement award to **Senator Daniel K. Inouye**, Senate President Pro Tempore, the most senior member of the U.S. Senate and the highest-ranking APA official in the nation's entire history. Additionally, ILF presented City of Irvine **Mayor Sukhee Kang** with the Public Servant of the Year Award and an organizational award to the **National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations**. **HSBC** was also been honored as the CAABO Corporate Award for their dedication and



White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Executive Director **Kiran Ahuja** speaks at the 2010 ILF gala.

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investment in APA community. ILF was proud to welcome these distinguished guests and other APA honorees at its Annual Awards Gala Dinner. It includes ILF Honorary Chairman, Norman Mineta; ILF Honorary Chairwoman Elaine L. Chao; Ed Moy, Director of Mint, US Department of Treasury; Ivan Fong, General Counsel from the Homeland Security; House Representative Judy Chu and Dan Burton, Former FBI Director Louis Freeh, Farook Sait, President of Federal American Pacific Council, Gala Chairman Hank Chao, State Board of Virginia Commonwealth and State Rep. Mark Keam, etc.



The ILF Lifetime Achievement Award presentation. (From left to right) ILF Founder **Joel Szabat**, CAABO Chairman **Wallace Tsuha**, ILF CEO **Chiling Tong**, Senator **Daniel Inouye**, the Honorable **Norman Mineta**, and Chairman **Dr. Paul Hsu**.

**Testimonials**

ILF provided a gateway into the complex world of U.S. government. Thanks to the fellowship, I was given the opportunity to see firsthand that there are leaders to be found all throughout government, and many times the most inspiring ones are the ones left out of the media's gaze. I have gained a better sense of what it means to be an advocate -- whether for something as ambitious as APIA rights or something as basic as employee satisfaction. -James Mao, ILF 2010 Civic Fellow (Department of Veterans Affairs)

This past summer was one of the most memorable of my life. Through ILF, I became acquainted with a community. These people - fellows, area professionals and others dedicated to advancing those of us who seek to advance the world - were an invaluable resource. Various speaker series and professional development groups helped me hone my networking and professional skills. It was a tremendous experience, and I'm eternally grateful - Nirant Gupta, ILF 2010 Civic Fellow (The White House)

The ILF Young Ambassador leadership training program [taught us] practical knowledge and skills on leadership, something that is not taught in school. During the Young Ambassador program we were privileged to have access to successful and prominent leaders in politics and business in the U.S., and to hear their perspective on important issues. What makes the Young Ambassador program even more meaningful is that it brings future leaders from Asia all together to help contribute to a better and more peaceful Cross-Strait relationship through networking and cooperation - William Hsu, ILF 2010 Young Ambassador



Congressman **Mike Honda** (left) and Congresswoman **Judy Chu** (right) speaks at the ILF-CAABO Congressional Reception



ILF Regional leaders from 15 chapters were recognized including: Front row (from left to right) **Clayton Fong, Steven Ma, Anila Ali, Felix Luu, Claire Wu, and Steven Hsu.** Back row (from left to right) **Jerry Lo, James Whang, James Cui, and Jim Chu.**



The Honorable **Norman Mineta** and the Honorable **Elaine Chao** with the 2010 ILF Honorees **NECO Chairman Nasser Kazeminy, Mayor Sukhee Kang, Yibiao Chen, Alex Chi, Lily Fong, Lily Han, Neil Horikoshi, Grace Huang, Dickson Lee, Kelly Luo and Yvonne Mei.**



## 2010 Leadership & Business Conference

On Thursday, July 22, 2010, the International Leadership Foundation and the Coalition of Asian American Business Organizations (CAABO) hosted the 2010 Leadership and Business Conference in Washington, DC. The conference featured a U.S.-Asia Global Strategic Alliance panel, Promoting Small and Medium Enterprises panel, and a Business-to-Government Networking Session.

### U.S.-Asia Global Strategic Alliance Panel

With dynamic economies, growing technological advances, increasingly skilled workforces, and greater transparency, Asia has become a driver of global economic growth and will continue in this role for the foreseeable future. It is of vital importance to the United States and Asia to strengthen their partnership in order to move forward and find solutions to global issues. This panel facilitated discussions on future U.S.-Asia trade relations, business opportunities, and ramifications of the current global economic crisis.

### Promoting Small and Medium Enterprises Panel

The number of successful minority-owned businesses in the United States has increased over the past decade. These businesses are now better positioned to impact local economies and expand into national and global markets. Over the next five years, the U.S. government looks to stimulate the economy by doubling U.S. exports and having federal agencies focus on export promotion and expanding trade and finance opportunities for small- and medium-sized businesses. This panel facilitated discussions by leading entrepreneurs on prospects for enhanced growth and issues affecting minority-owned businesses.

### Business-to-Government Networking Session

The session connected qualified Asian entrepreneurs to program managers and buyers to discuss contracting and subcontracting opportunities. Both Federal agencies and corporate organizations participated.



(From left to right) CAABO Vice Chairman **John Lau**, CAABO Co-Chair **Wallace Tsuha**, Panelist **William Overholt**, ILF CEO **Chiling Tong**, Keynote Speaker **David Loevinger**, Panelist **Derek Scissors**, Moderator **Jeffrey Dutton**, Master of Ceremonies **Rudy Pamintuan** and ILF Chairman **Paul Hsu** at the 2010 Leadership and Business Conference



### 2010 LEADERSHIP & BUSINESS CONFERENCE

#### PANEL I: UNITED STATES - ASIA GLOBAL STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

##### Keynote Speaker:

**David Loevinger**, Executive Secretary and Senior Coordinator for China Affairs and the Strategic and Economic Dialogue, U.S. Treasury Department

##### Panelists:

**Jeffrey Dutton**, Director of the Office of the Pacific Basin, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

**William Overholt**, Senior Research Fellow, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government

**Sanjay Puri**, Founder & CEO, Optimos Incorporated

**Derek Scissors**, Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation, Asian Studies Center

#### PANEL II: PROMOTING SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

##### Keynote Speaker:

**Alejandra Castillo**, National Deputy Director, Minority Business Development Agency

##### Panelists:

**Tomi Hong**, CEO, AmeriSci Group  
**Sherry Hwang**, President and Co-Founder, Pyramid Systems, Inc.

**Wallace Tsuha**, Chairman and CEO, Saturn Electronic & Engineering, Inc.

**James Whang**, Founder, AEPLOG, Inc.

#### BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT NETWORKING SESSION (SPONSORED BY MONTE JADE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION)

##### Participants:

- U.S. Small Business Administration
- Minority Business Development Agency
- Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization (U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- Raytheon

## 2010 ILF Fellowship Program

The 2010 ILF Fellows were placed in the following U.S. government organizations:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Transportation
- Department of The Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- The Smithsonian Institution
- The White House

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The International Leadership Foundation has provided scholarships and leadership training for over 1,000 select Asian Pacific American (APA) college students from across the country over the past 10 years. The Washington, DC Civic Fellowship is the nation's most prestigious civic leadership development program designed specifically to foster the next generation of APA leaders.

This year, ILF awarded fellowships to 26 outstanding college students. Each Fellow participated in a supervised training program, including a public service internship and regular seminars, to learn how to utilize government and public policy to help the community. ILF helps prepare its Fellows to become future leaders in the academic, cultural,

business, community, professional and public arenas. The Fellows also took part in training sessions with Coro, an organization that teaches the leadership skills necessary to assure that our democratic system of government can more effectively meet the needs of its citizens.

The 2010 ILF Fellows are Analia Carpio, Elaine Chen, Jason Chen, Kaiyang Gao, Nirant Gupta, Philip Hsu, Gregory Iwahashi, Fan Kung, Benjamin Lee, Jeanette Ling, James Mao, Willie Joe Marquez, Hassan Mukhlis, Nguyen Pham, Leila Shauk, Jane Sun, Jay Tai, Rebecca Tien, Vivian Troung, Hung Vu, Diane Wong, Kevin Wu, Michael Wu, James Xi, Hewon Yook and Nicholas Zhao.

## 2010 ILF Young Ambassador Program

The ILF's Young Ambassador Program prepares the next generation of international young leaders to address the global business and political issues in our changing world. This year ILF hosted 18 outstanding students from Asia to participate in a unique program in Washington, DC and the Northeast region.

The program was comprised of an exciting series of lectures, excursions and discussions on topics ranging from international business relations to public policy and the legislative process.

Excursions included visits to the White House, U.S. Congress, Federal agencies, the United Nations, the New York financial district, HSBC's New York offices, Human Genome Sciences, and several elite U.S. universities.

The 2010 ILF Young Ambassadors are Hao Bu, Bernice Chen, Vince Chen, Michelle Chiang, Sarah Chin, William Hsieh, Andrew Hsu, Zhe Hua, Lily Huang, Chloe Kao, David Ting, Victor Tseng, Ruoyu Wang, Yuncheng Xia, Anita Yang, Derren Yeh, Albee Zhang and Sylvia Zhou.



The Honorable **Elaine Chao** and the Honorable **Norman Mineta** with the 2010 ILF Fellows and Young Ambassadors

Special thanks to  
**Steven Redfield**  
of **Coro**.

