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## THE 10th ANNUAL HISTORYMAKERS AWARDS BANQUET Celebrating A Decade Of Achievements

LOS ANGELES (August 1, 2006) – On Sunday, September 10, 2006, the Chinese American Museum (CAM) will celebrate the 10th Annual Historymakers Awards Banquet at the Hilton Hotel, located at 555 Universal Hollywood Drive in Universal City. Themed, *"Showcasing Our Heritage: Stories, Images, Artifacts,"* this year's Banquet marks a significant milestone in CAM's history as it will commemorate a decade-long celebration of extraordinary individuals whose achievements have helped to shape and advance the Chinese American community; since the Banquet's inception in 1997, over fifty individuals/organizations, have been recognized and honored for their outstanding leadership and work.

Prominently recognized as one of the premiere Chinese American events in Southern California, the Banquet heralds the inspiring achievements of individuals/organizations within the fields of art, literature, science, community, business, government, law and athletics who have made significant and lasting contributions to the Chinese American community. Past honorees include U.S. Attorney Debra Wong Yang, Dr. Steve Chu, Michelle Kwan, Honorable March Fong Eu, and Joan Chen. In addition, the Banquet also serves as the chief annual fundraising event for CAM. Proceeds from the event will help propel CAM into its next phase of expansion where over 16,000 square feet of space currently await transformation into additional exhibition and educational and multi-purpose rooms.

The Historymakers Honorees for 2006 are Assemblymember Judy Chu, Excellence in Government; Tim Dang, Excellence in Entertainment; C.Y. Lee, Excellence in Literary Arts, Reverend Dr. Hoover Wong, Excellence in Community Service; and Robert and Edith Jung, Dr. Dan Louie, Jr. Award. In addition, as a special tribute in this milestone year, all past honorees will be invited back to participate in this year's program.

Over 600 guests are expected to attend the evening gala, including government officials, community leaders, museum grantors, patrons, donors and supporters. The evening will formally open

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with a traditional Silent Auction and cocktail hour featuring vacation packages, extravagant gift baskets and certificates, and original artworks donated by past and current artists who have exhibited at the Museum. Such artists include Tyrus Wong, Steve Wong, Cindy Suriyani, Milton Quon, and Diana Wong.

The 10th Annual Historymakers Awards Banquet will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2006 in the Sierra Ballroom at the Hilton Hotel at Universal City, located at 555 Universal Hollywood Drive in Universal City. Cocktail hour and Silent Auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program will commence at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$250 per seat or \$2,500 per table.

The Chinese American Museum (CAM) is jointly developed and operated by the Friends of the Chinese American Museum (FCAM) and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, a department of the City of Los Angeles. Located at 425 North Los Angeles Street within the El Pueblo Plaza in downtown Los Angeles, CAM is housed in the last surviving structure of the City's Original Chinatown. CAM's mission is to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of America's diverse heritage by researching, preserving, and sharing the history, rich cultural legacy, and continuing contributions of Chinese Americans.

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