In Honor Of
Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage
LABOR History Month

Dim Sum & Desserts

CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER
John Chiang

CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN IN LA
Kuniko Nakamura

LACCD TRUSTEE-ELECT & FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN
Mike Eng

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Shigueru Tsuha, Dolores Huerta Labor Institute (DHLI)
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Special Guest Speaker
The Honorable State Controller John Chiang

WHY WORLD HISTORY MATTERS
Kuniko Nakamura, Japanese Consulate

“Chili Pepper, Soy Sauce, & How Dim Sum Became Chinese Ravioli”
Professor Grace Chee

Dim Sum by Empress Pavilion & Korean Kimbap from HK & Desserts

Classes or large group RSVPs requested: Grace Chee, Adjunct Assistant Professor of History & The Global Studies Initiative Asian Studies Coordinator WLAC, LACCD at gchee99@yahoo.com

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Professor Grace Chee’s History 2 Class, Dolores Huerta Labor Institute, President’s Diversity Council, Associated Students (ASO)
CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER
John Chiang

California State Controller John Chiang has been serving as California’s Chief Fiscal Officer since 2007. Upon taking office, he took immediate action to weed out waste, fraud and abuse of public funds and make the State’s finances more transparent and accountable to the public. He has proposed reforms to the State’s public pension systems, helped local governments during difficult economic times, protected California’s environment, and launched California Strong financial and tax assistance seminars for families, seniors, small businesses and non-profit organizations. As the son of immigrant parents, Chiang strongly believes that every child deserves a quality education and their success is key to California’s future. Chiang received a B.A. with Honors in finance from the University of South Florida and a J.D. from Georgetown University. Chiang and his wife, Terry Chi, live in Torrance, California.

CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN
Consul Kuniko Nakamura

Kuniko Nakamura covers cultural and political affairs as a consul at the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles. She is also responsible for the JET (Japan Exchange Teaching) Program in the California/Arizona area, which recruits young college graduates to assist with language instruction in Japanese schools, with the additional purpose of fostering internationalization. Previously, she served at the Embassy of Japan in Pakistan and at the Consulate in Honolulu. She obtained a B.A. in Political Science from Waseda University and her Master’s in International Public Policy at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins. She speaks Japanese, English, German, Indonesian and some Urdu.

LACCD TRUSTEE-ELECT & FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN
Mike Eng

On March 5, Mike Eng was elected to the Board of Trustees, of the LACCD, the largest community college district in the U.S. spread out over 800 square miles serving over 250,000 students from 40 cities populated by 5 million residents. Mike previously served 6 years in the State Assembly during which time he chaired 3 of the Legislature’s important policy committees and was a member of the Education committee for 3 terms. Prior to that, Mike served as Mayor and Councilman for the City of Monterey Park, and the City Library Board of Trustees for 10 years. Mike Eng has taught labor studies, immigration and civil rights at LA Trade Technical College, UCLA, and University of the West. He earned his Law Degree at UCLA and founded the immigration law firm of Eng and Nishimura. He also earned his B.A. in political science and M.A. in American Studies from the University of Hawaii.