

DOT AANHPI Newsletter

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Dear Readers -

Welcome to the first newsletter issue of the USDOT Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Employee Resource Groups (ERGs)/Affinity Groups.

We hope to pique your interest on upcoming events and activities of the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) DOT Chapter, the DOT Asian Pacific American Employees Council (APAEC) and the FAA National Asian and Pacific American Association (NAPA).

We are a newsletter geared to, and comprised of, articles by you, DOT's diverse and talented employees. Please contact us by October 15th, via the links below, if you're interested in contributing an article and/or photo for our next issue. Thank you.

With kind regards,

- **Rachel Rabusa**, President, FAPAC DOT Chapter
- **Thanh Trang**, VP of Membership, FAPAC Toastmasters Chapter
- **Ranmali Fonseka**, Secretary, FAPAC DOT Chapter & DOT APAEC, and Editor, DOT AANHPI Newsletter

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FAPAC 2023 HYBRID STUDENT CAREER FAIR



Federal Asian Pacific American Council

FAPAC

P.O. Box 23184 | Washington, D.C. 20026-3184 | www.fapac.org

When: September 29, 2023

11:00 - 15:00

Its target audience: current college students and recent graduates within the last two years.

For registration and more information, please click the following [link](#).

USDOT's first AANHPI Mentorship Pilot Program for Career Development and Networking Launches on October 3rd.

This six-month program has successfully paired seven mentees with seven mentors and will feature:

- 1:1 sessions
- Shadowing opportunities
- Group workshops for skills development on interviewing, resume building and public speaking
- Opportunities to network with others looking to advance their careers.

Contact [Derrek Chung](#) for more information.



DOT APAEC Hosts 1st “A Seat at the Table” Speaker Series

USDOT Asian Pacific American Employees Council (APAEC) invites you to its new Speaker Series, “A Seat at the Table.”

A Seat at the Table takes a deep dive into the professional lives of our most skillful leaders, who are part of setting the vision and influencing change.

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, APAEC’s Co-Regional Vice Chair Donghee “Tony” Cho sits down with FHWA’s Associate Administrator for Infrastructure **Hari Kalla** to talk about his leadership journey, what drives him, who are his influencers, and his thoughts on the AANHPI experience.

If you had an opportunity to ask AA Kalla a question, what would you ask? Send your question to the **APAEC Board** by Wednesday, October 18.

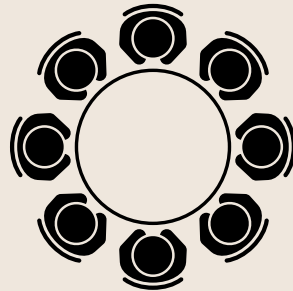
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**Mr. Hari Kalla
Associate Administrator
for Infrastructure
FHWA**

FAPAC Toastmasters Chapter



Want to join your colleagues, in a collegial setting, to improve your professional public speaking and conversational skills? Join FAPAC Toastmasters every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 12pm - 1pm ET. For more information, click on the following link for the FAPAC Toastmasters Chapter website:

<https://28675832.toastmastersclubs.org/>

To email the leadership team, click on the links below:

Chapter President: [Michelle Lo](#)

VP of Membership: [Thanh Trang](#)



HHS Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

- **Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP):** The CCP is a short-term disaster relief grant for states, U.S. territories, and federally recognized tribes. CCP grants are awarded after a presidential disaster declaration. CCP funding supports community-based outreach, counseling, and other mental health services to survivors of natural and human-caused disasters. **Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.** For more information, visit [here](#).
- **Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants:** This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. **Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.** For more information, visit [here](#).

New 2020 Census Data for Nearly 1,500 Detailed Race and Ethnicity Groups, Tribes and Villages

The U.S. Census Bureau today released 2020 Census population counts and sex-by-age statistics for 300 detailed race and ethnic groups, as well as 1,187 detailed American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) tribes and villages.

These data come from the 2020 Census Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A (Detailed DHC-A). Previously, the Census Bureau released 2020 Census data on the Hispanic or Latino population and major race groups such as White, Black or African American, Asian, etc.

Today's release adds information on detailed groups within those major categories such as German, Lebanese, Jamaican, Chinese, Native Hawaiian and Mexican — and on AIAN tribes and villages like the Navajo Nation. The release includes information about more than 200 detailed race and ethnic groups not tabulated from previous censuses.

[Read More](#)

New on America Counts

Visit America Counts to read more about the latest 2020 Census data released today, and stay tuned for additional stories in the coming weeks.

New Population Counts for Nearly 1,500 Race and Ethnicity Groups

More than 350 million detailed responses to the race and ethnicity questions were collected in the 2020 Census — six times more than in the 2010 Census due to improvements to the race and Hispanic or Latino origin (referred to as Hispanic origin) questions design, data processing and coding procedures.

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Asian Indian was the Largest Asian Alone Population Group in 2020

The Asian Indian alone population became the nation's largest Asian alone population group in 2020, growing by over 50% to 4,397,737 between 2010 and 2020.

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Detailed Look at Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Groups

Newly released results from the 2020 Census Detailed Demographic and Housing

Characteristics show that the populations of nearly all the 31 detailed Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHPI) groups grew over the past decade.

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