Media Advisory

WHAT: Asian Pacific Heritage Month Events
WHEN: May 5th, 6:30pm - 9pm and May 12th, 10am - 3:30pm
WHERE: Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History
10th Street and Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20560

WHO: Various performing groups and craft demonstrations

The Smithsonian is celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month from May 1 to 31 with more than twenty events - films, performances, talks, tours, and family programs. The Royal Thai Embassy, Tourism Authority of Thailand, Thais for Thai Association, the Office of the Director of the National Museum of Natural History, and the museum's Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee and Department of Public Programs are co-sponsoring the two events. The museum is also celebrating the 5th anniversary of Asian Performances.

The event will be held in Baird Auditorium on Friday, May 5th from 6:30p.m. - 9p.m. Thai Youth Performing Arts of Wat Thai, Washington, D.C., and the Washington Korean Dance Company will be performing traditional Thai dances.

The Natural History Museum will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Asian Arts and Crafts Day in the Rotunda, first floor on Friday, May 12th from 10a.m. - 3:30p.m. The event will feature Asian arts and crafts demonstrations including: Cambodian stone & metal sculpture; Chinese paper folding; Japanese doll making; Korean calligraphy; Mongolian mask making and painting; Filipino weaving; Taiwanese grass weaving; Thai fruit carving; and Thai silver beating.

Both events are free and open to the public.

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