



Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

SOUTHEAST ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTHY AGING: LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY TRAINING/DIALOGUE

- ◆ March 29-30, 2006 (Oakland) ◆ April 5-6, 2006 (Sacramento)
- ◆ April 13-14, 2006 (Fresno)

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC), in partnership with California Health Advocates (CHA) and the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA), is pleased to invite you to participate in its first annual series of *Southeast Asian American Healthy Aging – Leadership & Advocacy Trainings* to be held in various cities throughout the State of California. These leadership and advocacy trainings will provide a forum where Southeast Asian American elders, non-profit professionals, community leaders, supporters and those who provide care to Southeast Asian American elders in California can discuss, interact, and network with each other. Participants will be engaged in an intensive 2 days of advocacy education, leadership strategizing, collaborative networking, and communication with state and local policy makers.

These trainings are a major component of our *Southeast Asian Californian Healthy Elders Leadership Project* (HELP). With initial major funding from The California Endowment, project HELP assists California-based Southeast Asian community organizations with capacity building and training & technical assistance focused on advocacy, aging best practices, and other areas. The goals of project HELP are to bring attention and services to underserved elderly Southeast Asians in California by building the capacity of Southeast Asian community organizations; increasing access to public and publicly funded services to Southeast Asian elders and their families; and, creating new cadres and networks of public policy advocates, including elders and family members, to ensure that California state legislators and other policymakers attend to the needs of Southeast Asian elders and communities.

To register for the training, please complete the enclosed registration form and return to SEARAC California Office by **March 17, 2006**. You can download additional registration forms from our website at www.searac.org/help.html If you have questions about the training or about project HELP in general, contact Khammany Mathavongsy, SEARAC California Director, at (916) 428-7769 or email: khammany@searac.org

Thank you and we look forward your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doua Thor", written in a cursive style.

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