



Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

SEARAC Accepting Applications For
9th Annual Southeast Asian American National
Leadership-Advocacy Training

SEARAC is pleased to announce its Ninth Annual Southeast Asian American National Leadership-Advocacy Training to be held in Washington, DC on July 23 to 26, 2006. The training provides a forum where Southeast Asian American community leaders from across the nation have the opportunity to discuss, interact, and network with their peers. Leaders will participate in four days of advocacy education, leadership strategizing, collaborative networking, and communication with lawmakers.

Past participants have found the training to be rewarding and a life changing experience. Chivy Sok, former Deputy Director of University of Iowa Center for Human Rights said, "The training I participated in provided one of the most valuable opportunities for young leaders to come together to not only learn about advocacy skills and strategies, but to apply it in the nation's capital. To be an effective leader within our communities, we have to know how to access those in power. SEARAC's training is extremely valuable for facilitating such knowledge and coalition building. It was also a treasured opportunity to meet others working on similar issues across the nation."

The application process is open to all members of and individuals currently involved with the Southeast Asian community. Participants residing outside of the DC Metropolitan area will receive financial support, which covers travel and lodging. Due to the overwhelming interest of Southeast Asian community leaders and professionals from previous trainings, this year SEARAC will accept a limited number of applicants who are able to pay for their own travel and lodging accommodations in addition to paying the registration fee.

The deadline date for receipt of applications is **March 6, 2006**. For a hard copy of the application and more information about SEARAC's Ninth Annual Southeast Asian American National Leadership-Advocacy Training for 2006, please go to www.searac.org or contact:

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