



## Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

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### **SEARAC APPOINTS NEW BOARD CHAIR**

In September 2005, SEARAC appointed a new board chair – Mrs. Phitsamay Sychitkokhong Uy. Mrs. Sychitkokhong Uy comes to SEARAC with a wealth of community experiences. Early on in her career, she began working with Southeast Asian American teachers in California. She has since worked with the Coalition for Asian Pacific American Youth, National Coalition of Advocates for Students, and the Anti-Defamation League. Phitsamay's board experiences include serving on the Asian American Resource Workshop, the Chea Uy Trust Fund, and the Institute for Asian American Studies. She currently works as a researcher at the Education Development Center and as the Solicits Editor for the Harvard Educational Review while finishing her Ed.D at Harvard University.

SEARAC's out-going board chair, Bouy Te has this to say about Mrs. Sychitkokhong Uy, "Phitsamay will be an invigorating leader to SEARAC. She has the skills and determination needed to advocate for the Southeast Asian community and move forward SEARAC's mission. Overall, she brings a fresh perspective connecting current Southeast Asian American leaders to those of the next generation." Mrs. Sychitkokhong Uy will serve a two-year term, which began October 1, 2005.

In existence for over 26 years, SEARAC is a national organization advancing the interests of [Cambodian](#), [Laotian](#), and [Vietnamese](#) Americans through leadership development, capacity building, and community empowerment. SEARAC serves as a coalition-builder and leader, carries out action-oriented research projects, and strengthens the capacity of community-based organizations such as mutual assistance associations (MAAs) and faith-based organizations (FBOs). SEARAC also fosters civic engagement among Southeast Asian Americans, and represents the communities at the national level in Washington, DC.

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