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UPDATE of EVENTS

**from LUNAR NEW YEAR for ALL,
the group planning the first Asian LGBT contingent in
NYC Chinatown New Year Parade!**

We have continued to receive tremendous support from NYC Chinatown and Asian American organizations and prominent individuals. This outpouring of support shows how important this effort is to the NYC Asian and Asian American community.

We are especially proud to have:

Organizations:

- *Q-Wave (organizer/catalyst of initiative)
- *Asian Women's Giving Circle
- *Organization of Chinese Americans, NY Chapter (OCA-NY)
- *Chinatown Youth Initiative
- *Committee Against Anti Asian Violence (CAAAY)
- *The Metropolitan Community Church of New York
- *Nodutol for Korean community Development
- *Gay Asian Pacific Islander Men of New York (GAPIMNY)
- *Queer Asian Spirit: LGBTQ Asians of Faith
- *Barangay: LGBTQ Filipin@s-NY/NJ
- *Asian Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS (APICHA)
- *National Queer Asian Pacific Alliance
- *NY Association for Gender Rights Advocacy
- *Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
- *Chinese American Planning Council (CPC)
- *Chinese American Planning Council-HIV/AIDS Services
- *Project Reach-Chinese American Planning Council

Individuals:

- *Helen Zia, journalist
- *Joan Chen, actor
- *Rockwell Chin, Esq.
- *Christine Quinn, Speaker, City Council of NY

You can see our growing list of sponsors at www.asianprideproject.org/lunarnewyear , as well as our "[Why We Are Marching](#)" statement.

Here are upcoming events that we invite you, your friends & family, to join:

1. **Press Conference, Saturday, January 30th @ 12 noon-12:30pm**, at Chatham Square
2. **Kite & Prop Making Meeting this Sunday, January 31st @ 1pm-6pm**, at Project Reach
3. **Lunar New Year PARADE: Sunday, February 21st, meet @ 11am**, on Mott Street

1. Press Conference this Saturday, January 30th

Time: 12 noon-12:30pm

Location: Chatham Square (intersection of Mott, Bowery, Worth St, and East Broadway)
Meet at the Statue, right outside Asia Bank & Dim Sum Go Go

To promote this year's parade with the inclusion of Lunar New Year for All, we are holding a press conference this Saturday, January 30th at 12 noon at Chatham Square. The featured speakers will be Rev. Patrick Cheng and his 70-year old mother, Mrs. Deanna Cheng. They will speak about their own family's experience and the Rev.'s work with Asian LGBT youth and families, and why Asian communities must come together to challenge homophobia and celebrate a truly inclusive Lunar New Year. Also featured will be the voices of Chinatown youth: Jamie Tam, Chinatown-born-and-raised transgender male/trans young man (FTM), and Penelope Blum, Chinese-born and recently immigrated bisexual-identified young woman.

Please come join us for this brief press conference on Saturday to show your support of Asian LGBT families. You will not have to speak to any reporters (unless you want to), and your presence will help us have a strong showing for Lunar New Year for All's first public event with coverage from Chinese media.

2. Kite & Prop Making Meeting this Sunday, January 31st

Time: 1pm-6pm

Location: Project Reach, 39 Eldridge Street, 4th floor.

(Take the D or B to Grand Street, walk one block down to Eldridge. It's between Canal St. and Hester St.)

Join us this Sunday afternoon! We'll be constructing our giant rainbow fish puppets and a giant papermache phoenix for the queer contingent of the Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade! We need everyone, especially folks who know how to sew!
We'll have dumplings too!

3. Lunar New Year PARADE: Sunday, February 21st

Time: meet @ 11am

Location: Mott Street (cross street to be announced)

Let all your friends & family know! Save the date, and come out to march with the first Asian LGBT contingent in NY Chinatown. We will be flying our fish kites, phoenix, and handing out resource-cards to the crowds. We want a big, beautiful group, with young and old, that represents the true diversity of Asian LGBT families & community. We have friends & partner organizations joining us from Philadelphia, NJ, Boston, Rhode Island --- so think big and invite everyone to join in!

THANKS! SEE YOU SOON!

LUNAR NEW YEAR FOR ALL Planning Committee