

# *The Asian American Community Across the Commonwealth*

Honors  
**The 2006 General Assembly  
&  
Executive Elected Officials**

**2nd Asian Pacific American  
Legislative Briefing & Reception**

Ushering in the

**Year of the Dog**



**Thursday, February 2, 2006  
Richmond, Virginia**



## **HÓNG BĀO “Red Envelopes”**

*During Lunar New Year, a hóng bāo is typically given by the grown-ups and seniors to the visiting children and juniors.*

*Similar customs also exist in other countries. In Vietnam red envelopes are called lì xì, similar to the Cantonese pronunciation, laisee. In Japan, a monetary gift, called otoshidama, is given to children by their relatives during the New Year period. A white envelope, however, is used instead in Japan and Korea, with the name of the receiver written on its obverse. In Malaysia, ethnic Malays give monetary gifts in green packets inscribed with Islamic motifs.*

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*Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia  
Virginia Asian Advisory Board  
Asian American Society of Central Virginia  
National Congress of Vietnamese Americans*

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Philippine American Chamber of Commerce - DC  
Prince Michel Vineyard & Winery  
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Vinifera Winegrowers Association*

## Individuals

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*We hope you will continue to support the  
Asian Pacific American community in the Commonwealth of Virginia*

# The Asian Pacific American Community Legislative and State Briefing Forum

## VISITOR'S EVENTS

10:00-11:15 Constituent meetings with elected officials  
11:15-11:35 Greet General Assembly Members  
**Patrick Henry General Session Building**  
12:00-1:45 Virginia Asian Advisory Board meeting  
**Bank of American Building**  
*(Open to the public - box lunches provided)*

## POLICY BRIEFINGS

**Bank of America Building - 1111 E. Main Street, 18th Floor Conference Room**

2:00-2:05 Greeting - *Eric Liang Jensen, CAPAVA*  
2:05-2:20 Briefing on State Legislative Process - *House Clerk*  
2:20-2:35 Briefing - *Majority Party Caucus*  
2:35-2:50 Briefing - *Minority Party Caucus*  
3:00-3:55 How to Access State Programs and Services  
Dept. of Education - *Hon. Tom Morris, Secretary*  
Dept. of Business Assistance - *Mike Eisenman, Director*  
Dept. of Housing and Community Development - *Nikki Nicholau  
Deputy Director*  
Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources - *Kathy  
Cooper, Office of Newcomer Services*  
4:00-4:10 Briefing on Anti-minority Legislation - *Lakshmi Challa*  
4:10-4:15 Briefing - *Virginia Asian Advisory Board*  
4:15-4:20 Briefing - *Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia*  
4:20-4:25 Briefing - *Asian American Society of Central Virginia*  
4:25-4:45 Briefing - *APA Community Groups*

## RECEPTION

5:30-8:00 Reception at Peking Restaurant  
1302 E. Cary Street, Richmond

