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PHOTO DAY

Event To Build Community Relations And Museum Database

LOS ANGELES (June 9, 2003) – Individuals eager to utilize their historical knowledge or to showcase their photographic treasures now have an avenue to do so at Photo Day, a free public event presented by the Chinese American Museum (CAM) in Los Angeles. To be held first on Saturday, July 19, 2003 at the Chinatown Public Library and returning on Saturday, August 2, 2003 at the Chinese Cultural Center in El Monte, the event offers the public a unique and active role in helping the Museum expand its Photo Collection database. The current Collection, which contains over several thousand photographs and images, is a vital component of the Museum's exhibition plans scheduled to be unveiled at the end of this year.

Highly interactive and educational, Photo Day aims to encourage an open dialogue between the Museum and the greater public by gathering and sharing stories of local Chinese American communities in Southern California through the use of old and present-day photographs. Visitors can participate in the event through one or both of the following ways:

Photo Identification

Various copies of the Museum's Photo Collection will be displayed for public viewing. Help is needed in identifying the people, place, date, or occasion of each photograph so that they may be correctly labeled for exhibition.

Photo Donations

The Museum will be collecting photograph donations focusing on Southern California's Chinese American communities from the 1850's to the present, fitting the themes of immigration, community history, early enterprise, and Chinese American family photos. The donations can be originals or reprints and photo credits will be provided if used for exhibitions. *Please note: Donations are not guaranteed to be used in exhibits.

Event dates and locations:

Saturday, July 19, 2003
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Chinatown Public Library
639 North Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Saturday, August 2, 2003
10 a.m. – 1. pm.
Rosemead Chinese Cultural Center
9442 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

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