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THE 11th ANNUAL HISTORYMAKERS AWARDS BANQUET

"Making History Today For Tomorrow"

LOS ANGELES (August 1, 2007) – On Sunday, September 9, 2007, the Chinese American Museum (CAM) will celebrate the 11th Annual Historymakers Awards Banquet at the Hilton Hotel, located at 555 Universal Hollywood Drive in Universal City. Themed, "Making History Today for Tomorrow," the Historymakers Honorees for 2007 are California State Controller John Chiang for the Excellence in Government; **Stewart Kwoh, J.D**. for Excellence in Law and Justice; **Southern California Edison** for Corporate Leadership; Lai Y. Lillian Lee Jang for the Judge Ronald S.W. Lew Visionary Award; and the **Southern California Council of Chinese Schools** for the Dr. Dan Louie Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award.

Prominently recognized as one of the premiere Chinese American events in Southern California, the Banquet heralds the inspiring achievements of individuals/organizations within the fields of art, literature, science, community, business, government, law and athletics who have made significant and lasting contributions to the Chinese American community. Past honorees include U.S Attorney Debra Wong Yang, Dr. Steve Chu, Michelle Kwan, Honorable March Fong Eu, and Joan Chen. In addition, the Banquet also serves as the chief annual fundraising event for CAM. Proceeds from the event will help propel CAM into its next phase of expansion where over 16,000 square feet of space currently await transformation into additional exhibition and educational and multi-purpose rooms.

Over 600 guests are expected to attend the evening gala, including government officials, community leaders, museum grantors, patrons, donors and supporters. The evening will formally open with a traditional Silent Auction and cocktail hour featuring vacation packages, extravagant gift baskets and certificates, and

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original artworks donated by past and current artists who have exhibited at the Museum. Such artists include Tyrus Wong, Steve Wong, Cindy Suriyani, Milton Quon, and Diana Wong.

The 11th Annual Historymakers Awards Banquet will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2006 in the Sierra Ballroom at the Hilton Hotel at Universal City, located at 555 Universal Hollywood Drive in Universal City. Cocktail hour and Silent Auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program will commence at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$250 per seat or \$2,500 per table.

The Chinese American Museum (CAM) is jointly developed and operated by the Friends of the Chinese American Museum (FCAM) and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, a department of the City of Los Angeles. Located at 425 North Los Angeles Street within the El Pueblo Plaza in downtown Los Angeles, CAM is housed in the last surviving structure of the City's Original Chinatown. CAM's mission is to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of America's diverse heritage by researching, preserving, and sharing the history, rich cultural legacy, and continuing contributions of Chinese Americans.

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