

**PRESS RELEASE: VIRGINIA ASIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOST**

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BUSINESS LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT**

**AND INDUSTRY EXPO**

***Thursday January 12, 2012 from 9:30 am until 11:30 am at the Virginia General Building***

(Ashland, Virginia) – Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce will host the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Asian Pacific Business and Community Legislative Summit and Industry EXPO** at The General Assembly Building, 910 Capitol Square, at the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor West Conference Room, at 9<sup>th</sup> and Broad Streets, downtown Richmond, Virginia on Thursday January 12, 2012. The Summit, Breakfast Networking Reception, & Asian Industry Fair will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 am.

A panel of entrepreneurs and business association group leaders from diverse Asian Pacific business communities around the Commonwealth will discuss the current issues they face. Legislators and members of the Executive branch will be in attendance to hear about the most critical issues that Asian Pacific American entrepreneurs are facing and which issues are most important to them and their businesses.

The Summit will also give businesses a chance to hear from the Virginia legislators, policy makers, and representatives from the current Administration. *“Hearing what legislators and the Administration have to say will help business owners better understand the current business and political climate and to strategize for the new year”*, said Tinh duc Phan, the VACC Chairman and Founder.

To reflect the dynamism of the Asian entrepreneurial spirit in Virginia there will be an Asian Industry Expo showcasing industries’ latest products and services and entrepreneurs from diverse sectors advocating on business issues. The Summit and EXPO will be held throughout the morning and normally attract legislators, policy makers, visitors, and the media from around the General Assembly Building and the Commonwealth.

Admission to the summit is free and open to the public. For more event details, please contact: Ms. My Lan Tran at Tel: 804-649-0204 or [aabac@aabac.org](mailto:aabac@aabac.org) or Mr. Romy Mohta at (804) 245-0377 or [romy@richmondtravels.com](mailto:romy@richmondtravels.com)

**About Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce**

Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce is the Commonwealth’s only Asian business advocacy, cultural and economic development agency, providing leadership to build a stronger Virginia economy since 2004.

The mission of the Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce is to support foster, increase, and maximize the economic potential of Virginia’s Asian Pacific American businesses by supporting their domestic and international business development efforts. VACC provides value to its members by helping to create a strong pro-business agenda. We collaborate with the executive and legislative branches to advocate for Asian business and community interest and connect our members to business leaders and policy makers.

VACC represents the concerns of more than 44,500 Virginia’s Asian Pacific American businesses. Headquartered in Ashland, our Asian American Business Assistance Center is located in Richmond (Central Virginia), with satellite offices in Charlottesville, Chantilly, and Newport News. For more information, visit [www.aabac.org](http://www.aabac.org) or contact us at 804-798-3975.