



# Asian American Environmental Symposium

“Inspiring Future Environmental Leaders”

Saturday, November 4, 2006 @ UCLA

[www.environmentalasian.org](http://www.environmentalasian.org)

Organized by the Southern California Chinese American Environmental Protection Association and the Asian American Environmental Partnership

## EVENT DATE & TIME

November 4, 2006, Saturday, 8:30AM to 5:00 PM

## LOCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Institute of the Environment, a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building. See attached map of UCLA campus for driving, parking, and public transit directions

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

University Students: Environmental engineering, sciences, health, planning, environmental law, environmental management, environmental journalism, MBAs, and other interested parties.

Professionals: Government agencies, private firms, non-profits, elected officials, advisory boards, international environmental professionals

Organizations: Environmental organizations, environmental justice groups and other community organizations who are interested in outreaching to the Southern California environmental field and to the Chinese American community.

## MISSION

- To provide a platform for researchers, students, regulators, industrialists, environmentalists, and technical experts to discuss problems and solutions to relevant environmental issues
- To make connections with university students, the industry and other government and environmental organizations

## VISION

The conference will focus on our future environmental leaders, namely today's college-educated students. This symposium will be an opportunity for students to network with prospective mentors, and to come across possible internship and research opportunities. Those who are currently working in the field can get ideas from fresh minds and have an excellent opportunity for recruiting. Community organizations may see this as an opportunity to establish them as a credible organization in the area of environmental protection. Others such as Asian/Chinese American business owners

may be able to connect with others and learn what significant differences they can make as individuals to the issues affecting their community.

**ORGANIZER:** SCCAEP - Southern California Chinese American Environmental Protection Association

**CO-ORGANIZER:** AAEP-Asian American Environmental Partnership

**PARTNERS/SPONSORS:**

- California Regional Water Resource Control Board – Los Angeles Region
- UCLA-Institute of Environment (IOE)
- USC-School of Engineering
- Heal the Bay
- SMBRC-Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
- City Los Angeles – Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Program
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)
- Association of Environmental Health and Sciences (AEHS)
- Environmental Leadership Program (ELP)

**CALL FOR STUDENT POSTERS**

Poster competition awards: 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$400 (1 winner), 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$200 (up to 3 winners)

**REGISTRATION** (Lunch included)

**Students:** \$20

**Professionals and others:** \$90

**Registration:** online at [www.environmentalasian.org](http://www.environmentalasian.org)

**Deadline:** October 18, 2006

**Late/At-the-door registration:** Students \$40, Professionals and others \$130.

## Program

**9:00-9:15 Introduction and Welcome**  
Yue Rong, Ph.D., President, SCCAEP  
Joe Pan, APR, President, AAEP

### *Opening Remarks*

Mary Nichols, J.D., Director, UCLA Institute of the Environment,  
President, Los Angeles DWP Commission

**9:15-10:45 Session I: Water Resources, Quality, and Management**  
Moderator: J.J. Lee, Ph.D. Viterbi School of Engineering, USC

### *Panel:*

- *Water Resources and Protection*  
Weixing Tong, Ph.D., California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- *Water Treatment*  
Anmin Liu, Retired, Hyperion Water Treatment Facility
- *Water Quality*  
Sun Liang, Ph.D., Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**10:45-11:00 Break, Exhibit/Poster Viewing**

**11:00-12:00 Session II: Land Use**  
Moderator: Donna Chen, Bureau of Sanitation, City of Los Angeles

### *Panel:*

- *California Regulatory Cleanup Programs*  
Rebecca Chou, Ph.D., California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- *Brownfield Cleanup and Redevelopment*  
Jinghui Niu, President, Environ Strategy

**12:00-1:30 Lunch-Small Group Student-Mentor Networking,  
Exhibit-Poster Viewing and Judging**

**1:30-3:00 Session III: Environmental Leadership**  
Moderator: TBA

### *Panel:*

- Carol Kwan, Board Member, MWD
- Ling Ling Chang, Board Member, Walnut Valley Water District
- David Liu, Ph.D., Vice President, Tetra Tech
- Chung Liu, D. Env, Deputy Executive Officer,  
South Coast Air Quality Management District

**3:00-3:15 Break, Exhibit/Poster Viewing**

**3:15-4:15 Session IV: Current Environmental Concerns in China**

Moderator: Jason Wen, Ph.D., Utilities Superintendent, City of Downey

*Panel:*

- *The current state of environmental issues and what's ahead in China*  
Xiang Dong Ye, Ph.D., Technology and Science Consul,  
The People's Republic of China, Los Angeles Consulate General
- *The good the bad and the ugly of building environmental projects in China*  
James Kang, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, URS
- *Red China, Green China? Perception vs. reality in the eyes of the international community*  
Joe Pan, President, AAEP, Partner, LPC Public Relations
- *Looking to China as a concerned citizen and independent consultant*  
Carol Kwan, Board Member, MWD

**4:15-4:30 Scholarship and poster awards**

*The Judging Committee:*

- Ning Wu Chang, Ph.D., Cal/EPA, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- J.J. Lee, Ph.D., Viterbi School of Engineering, USC
- Jason Wen, Ph.D., Utilities Superintendent, City of Downey
- Don Tsai, Ph.D., Director, Overseas Chinese Environmental Engineers and Scientists Association (OCEESA)

**4:30-5:00 Evaluation, networking, and a tour of the IOE LEED "Green Building"**