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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **APALC President & Executive Director Receives 2010 Civic Medal of Honor Award**

*APALC President & Executive Director Stewart Kwoh*

*Honored By Los Angeles County's Largest and Most Influential Business Association*

Los Angeles – On Thursday, February 4, 2010, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce presented its 2010 Civic Medal of Honor award at its 121<sup>st</sup> Inaugural Dinner, held at the Beverly Hilton. Through this award, the LA Area Chamber of Commerce honors an individual who has demonstrated unrivaled civic leadership and public service over a sustained period of time. It is given to persons who, by their commitment, leadership and character, reflect the very best in each of us, and who set examples in civic life for ourselves and future generations. This year, the LA Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes Stewart Kwoh, President and Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), for his leadership and continued commitment to civic engagement.

Stewart Kwoh was honored for his work over the past 26 years, advocating for civil rights. In addition to being the founder of APALC, the nation's largest and most diverse legal assistance and civil rights organization serving the Asian and Pacific Islander communities, he has been described as one of the nation's premier advocates for Asian Americans and as a bridge builder, bringing people together from diverse racial backgrounds. He has worked to establish cohesion among ethnic communities, businesses, government and legal service organizations.

Founded in 1888, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce has championed the needs of the business community and the citizens it serves for more than a century. The Chamber serves a diverse membership of businesses of every size, from nearly every industry, in every community across Los Angeles County. The Inaugural Dinner is recognized as the premier business and civic leadership event in Los Angeles. During the evening, the Chamber will present the Civic Medal of Honor to an individual whose work exemplifies the highest standards of service and leadership to civic life. Past recipients include Warren Christopher, Eli Broad and Richard Riordan and Nancy Daly Riordan.

For more information about the awards ceremony or the honorees, contact Michelle Attebery, LA Area Chamber of Commerce, at 213-580-7585.

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*Founded in 1983, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for civil rights, providing legal services and education, and building coalitions to positively influence and impact Asian Pacific Americans and to create a more equitable and harmonious society. APALC is affiliated with the Asian American Justice Center (formerly known as NAPALC) in Washington, D.C.*