



# AAARI Spotlight



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AAARI Spotlight, is a monthly publication for AAARI members, CUNY personnel, and those who are interested in Asian American, East Asian, South Asian, and Trade and Technology studies.

AAARI members and CUNY personnel are invited to submit articles, news items, and artwork for our forthcoming issues. If you have a submission or question, please contact us by phone at **212-869-0182**, or email at **info@aaari.info**

## Spotlight Focus - of the month



**Wellington Z. Chen**  
Member,  
CUNY Board of Trustee

Originally appointed by Governor George Pataki in June 2000 as a member of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York, Mr. Chen was reappointed by the Governor in June 2005. Mr. Chen was born in Taiwan, and lived in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Brazil before arriving in New York over 30 years ago as an adolescent.

Trustee Chen is conversant in several languages, including Chinese (Amoy, Cantonese, Mandarin), and Brazilian-Portuguese. He is also the Executive Director of the Chinatown Partnership Development Corporation.

## AAARI 2006 Annual Holiday Party



Despite the rain, our holiday party was a success. Greetings were given by AAARI's Vice-Chairperson, Dr. Hiroko Karan and Interim Exec. Dir, Nehru E. Cherukupalli and short video holiday greeting from our guests. Guests enjoyed an assortment of tasty foods and entertainment including a beautiful Tai Dance and Peking Opera-Spears performance. The party ended with a raffle drawing and a few intense games of tennis on the Nintendo Wii.

**Thanks to all those who supported AAARI, we have raised \$38,550. (12/20/06)**



## Twilight Cinema Series

Nothing to do on a Friday night ?? Then come to AAARI and enjoy 4 of the best films that Asians have to offer. **\*Seats are limited so register fast.**

- Jan 5 Three: Extremes (Pan-Asia)
- Jan 12 Saving Face (USA)
- Jan 19 Howl's Moving Castle (Japan)
- Jan 26 The Banquet (China)

Check out <http://www.aaari.info/twilight.htm> for more info.

## 2007 CUNY Asian Film Festival



**Date:** May 24, 2007  
**Time:** 6PM to 8PM

**Place:** CUNY Graduate Center -  
Martin E. Segal Theatre  
365 Fifth Avenue (Corner of 34th  
Street), Manhattan

### Accepting submissions

Check out  
[http://www.aaari.info/  
film2007.htm](http://www.aaari.info/film2007.htm)  
for more info.

## 2007 New CUNY Asian Faculty & Staff Lunar New Year Reception



**Date:** Friday, February 23, 2007  
**Time:** 6:00PM to 8:00PM

**Place:** 25 West 43rd Street, 19th Floor  
between 5th & 6th Avenues, Manhattan

A great opportunity to meet other CUNY Asian Faculty & Staff that share the same interest in Asian American and Asian Studies.

Check out <http://www.aaari.info/07-02-23reception.htm> for more info.



## Asian American / Asian Research Institute

The City University of New York

25 West 43rd street, Room 1000  
New York, NY 10036

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### About Us



The Asian American / Asian Research Institute (AAARI) was established under the aegis of Queens College on November 19, 2001, by The City University of New York Board of Trustees, in a resolution introduced by Chancellor Matthew Goldstein.

AAARI is a university-wide scholarly research and resource center that focuses on policies and issues that affect Asians and Asian Americans.

#### AAARI Board

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Loretta Chin

**Interim Executive Director** Nehru E. Cherukupalli

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#### Members

Ngee-Pong Chang, Wellington Z. Chen, Zhao Chen, Loretta Chin, Charles Kee, Annie Koshi, Daxi Li, Parmatma Saran, Brian Schwartz, Frank Shih, Lene Skou, Sung Ha Suh, Marie Ting & Susan Wong

### Upcoming Events

January 05, 2006 - January 26, 2007 (Four Sessions)

#### Twilight Cinema Series

Admission: Free

February 02, 2007

Friday Lecture Series

#### Tensions in the 'American' Dream: Asian and Asian American Experiences

February 23, 2007

#### New CUNY Asian Faculty & Staff

#### Lunar New Year Reception

March 02, 2007 - April 27, 2007

#### Natural Hazards Revisited

April 20, 2007

#### CUNY Conference on Indo-Caribbean:

#### Immigrants Twice Remove

May 24, 2007

#### CUNY Asian American Film Festival



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for more info.

### Past Events Snapshot Review



Makiko Young



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