

MEDIA ALERT

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**“Mirror on the Wall:
A Conversation Between American-Born and Chinese Immigrants”**

*Free panel discussion with translation services in Cantonese and English provided
Friday, May 11 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Chinese Culture Center in San Francisco*

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2, 2007 – KQED and the Chinese Culture Center present “*Mirror on the Wall: A Conversation Between American-Born and Chinese Immigrants*,” a free public forum on Friday, May 11 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to discuss the issues surrounding and dividing the Bay Area’s Chinese American community, including immigration status, language access, and acculturation issues.

“Different generations of immigrants have vastly different perspectives and concerns, yet we all call ourselves Chinese,” said Chinese Culture Center Executive Director Sabina Chen. “As a large extended family, how do we communicate across generations and reach some common ground as a community? How do we address varying, sometimes conflicting interests with respect and understanding?”

The discussion will incorporate clips from two KQED-produced documentaries about the local Chinese American community and will be simultaneously translated in Cantonese and English.

WHAT: “*Mirror on the Wall: A Conversation Between American-Born and Chinese Immigrants*”

- Clips from KQED-produced documentaries “*Immigrant Voices-American Stories*” and “*The Hidden Cities of San Francisco Series: Chinatown*”
- Facilitated community discussion with simultaneous Cantonese and English translation

WHEN: Friday, May 11, 2007
6:00 pm to 6:30 pm Reception
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Program

WHERE: Chinese Culture Center
50 Kearny Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108-1809

PANELISTS:

- Abby Chen, Program Director, Chinese Culture Center
- Terrence Chuck, Counselor, City College of San Francisco
- Christina Wong, Director of Community Initiatives, Chinese for Affirmative Action
- TBD
- Moderator: Darlene Chiu, Board of Directors, Chinese Culture Center & Former Liaison to the Chinese Community at the San Francisco Mayor’s Office

KQED’s Immigration in Focus (www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus) is a collection of thought-provoking programs, special reports and events about the complex issues surrounding immigration. With California at the center of the immigration debate, KQED recognizes the need for accurate, balanced information and provides a platform for productive and inclusive dialogue from all perspectives. Support for Immigration in Focus is generously provided by the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund (www.haasjr.org).

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