

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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Background of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush signed a proclamation officially designating the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

May was chosen because it commemorates the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant to the United States in 1843. May also marks the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869, for which Chinese workers were instrumental in building.

AsiaFest, the Annual Plano Asian American Heritage Festival run by the Celebrating Asian American Heritage Foundation (CAAHF), is held on the first Saturday of May. AsiaFest '20 would have been the 17th continuous running of this festival.

Our goal for the Festival is to showcase the rich cultures from primarily South Asia, East Asia and Southeast Asia.

The numerous cultural demonstrations, performances and vendors provide a fun and engaging time for the entire family.

We look forward to seeing everyone in May 2021 so that you can enjoy the rich culture of Asia.

Best Regards,

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