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### **KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL KEYNOTES OPENING OF "RESILIENCE" SPECIAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS**

San Francisco, CA (July 6, 2010) -- The Association of Korean Adoptees - San Francisco (AKASF) is honored to announce the keynote address by Korean Consul General Lee Jeong-Gwan, one of the co-sponsors of the special community outreach events of *Resilience*, a documentary film that takes a unique look at international adoption from the perspective of a Korean birth mother and her American son. Consul General Lee will kick off these events with a special message for the attendees, as well as provide support and encouragement specifically to the adoption community. The opening keynote address will take place on Thursday, July 8, at 7 p.m., at the Sundance Kabuki Cinemas in San Francisco, followed by the film, Q & A with director Tammy Chu, and reception.

Consul General Lee has been serving in the Consulate General's Office in San Francisco since January 2010. He has expressed "I am looking forward to speaking at this special event, as *Resilience* symbolizes the strength and courage of staying connected to ones roots, much of what Korea has had to endure over decades of many adversities." He hopes that these events will help people learn more about the film and provide a space to share their own stories with one another.

The second community outreach event will take place in Oakland, and will include the film and an adoption panel discussion on Saturday, July 10, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Head-Royce School. The adoption panel will begin at 3:30 p.m. followed by a reception at the Silver Dragon Restaurant. The adoption panel will be moderated by Deann Borshay Liem, a Korean adoptee and documentary filmmaker (*In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee, First Person Plural*). Panelists include: Tammy Chu, Korean adoptee and filmmaker (*Resilience, Searching for Go-hyang*); Debra Baker, birth mother and filmmaker (*Lost and Found, Broken Ties*); and Beth Hall, adoptive parent and co-founder of Pact, An Adoption Alliance.

Sponsors include the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea - San Francisco; Pact, An Adoption Alliance; Head-Royce School; Thomas Park Clement; and Busy Worker Bee. Community partners include Center for Asian American Media (CAAM); Concerned United Birthparents (CUB); Cvent Online Registration; Korean Community Center - East Bay (KCCEB); Korean American Professional Society (KAPS); Oakland Asian Cultural Center (OACC); San Francisco Film Society (SFFS); Silver Dragon Restaurant; and Sundance Cinemas.

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