SAN ANTONIO, TX- The Paseo del Rio Association will host a new event, Confucius Wishing Lanterns On The Water, on Saturday, February 4th, 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. on the River Walk in the Convention Center Lagoon near Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.

The event will be an ethereal experience of casting lanterns into the river in honor of loved ones, hopes, dreams, and wishes. Admission is free, and lanterns are $5 each (sold at the event).

Lanterns are made of eco-friendly rice paper and contain a floating LED candle. Pens will be available to decorate and personalize your lanterns.

Entertainment includes festival dancing to thematic music. Asian-inspired food available for purchase. Emcee for the event is Sonny Melendrez, noted motivational and inspirational speaker.

This event serves as the grand finale to the 30th anniversary of UTSA Institute of Texan Culture’s Asian Festival held the same day from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more info on the Asian Festival go to: http://www.texancultures.com/festivals_events/asia

Asian Festival attendees going to Confucius Wishing Lanterns On The Water are invited to meet at the iconic flagpoles on the Institute of Texan Culture's grounds at 5:00 p.m. and follow the 50 ft. long dragon through the Hemisfair Park to the River Walk's Convention Center Lagoon.

The event is sponsored by UTSA’s Confucius Institute. Their mission is to promote Chinese language instruction, appreciation of Chinese culture, and understanding of Chinese history and society. The Paseo del Rio Association is a nonprofit organization formed in 1968 to promote, protect and preserve the River Walk. This is done through special events, public education and RIO Magazine. The institute helps to build a bridge between China and the U.S.