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UTSA East Asia Institute to Host Asian-American Youth Leadership Summit and Asia Resources and Cultural Fair

Deadline for applications is September 18

(San Antonio) – On Saturday, October 6th, the UTSA East Asia Institute and the Texas Diversity Council (TXDC) will host an Asian culture, history and leadership educational event for students grades 8-10. The event will bring together 70 students from the greater San Antonio area who have been recommended by school administrators, teachers, parents and/or other community-based organizations. *The event will be held from 8:30 a.m to 5 p.m. in the University Room (2.06.04) in the Business Building on the UTSA Main Campus.*

The summit, “GenerAsian Next Youth Leadership Summit: East Meets West”, will include a sampling of topics such as Asian-American educational prospects and challenges, Asian-American leadership styles, Asian-American women leaders and technology advancements in Asia.

Invited speakers will include **Judge Peter Sakai**, 225 District Court, Bexar County and **Theresa Chiang**, former vice president for academic administration, UT Health Science Center.

“A primary goal of the East Asia Institute is to help build an important educational, cultural and business bridge between the Orient and San Antonio, “ said **Mimi Yu**, associate director, East Asia Institute. “Through our partnership with the Texas Diversity Council, we will

emphasize the importance of Asian-American culture and the tremendous impact it has on business here in the States.”

“On behalf of our CEO and Founder Dennis Kennedy, we are very grateful for the support and partnership with the East Asia Institute,” said TXDC VP of Business Development Angeles Valenciano. “We are thrilled to launch this inaugural summit to bring awareness of Asian culture and heritage to our youth.”

The UTSA East Asia Institute promotes appreciation and understanding of East Asian societies and cultures both on campus and in the community through research, outreach, networking, education, student/faculty exchange and business development and cooperation. The institute organizes seminars, workshops, lectures, conferences, film festivals and visual art exhibitions. It also encourages faculty research collaborations within UTSA and with participating East Asian university researchers. Additionally, the institute promotes business collaborations and cooperation among UTSA, San Antonio, Texas and other East Asian cities and countries.

The TXDC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to fostering a learning environment for organizations to grow in their knowledge of diversity. It is currently made up of four Councils throughout the state of Texas serving the greater Metropolitan Areas of Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

To register or recommend a student, go to www.asiansummit.org.

The University of Texas at San Antonio is one of the largest of nine academic universities and sixth health institutions in the UT System. As a multicultural institution of access and excellence, UTSA aims to be a national

research university providing access to educational excellence and preparing citizen leaders for the global environment.

UTSA serves nearly 31,000 students in more than 135 degree programs in the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education, and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, Sciences and Graduate School. Founded in 1969, UTSA is an intellectual and creative resource center and a socioeconomic development catalyst for Texas and beyond. Learn more at www.utsa.edu.