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Dear Distinguished Guests and Judges, Members,  
Friends and Supporters of AABANY:

I would like to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. It is quite an honor to be chosen to serve as AABANY's President. I look forward to working with a great team comprised of the officers and directors of AABANY to provide services and programs to our members and to promote the interests of the 4,000 Asian Pacific American attorneys in New York.

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Tonight, we have the distinct honor of recognizing the accomplishments of Harold Hongju Koh, Dean and Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law of Yale Law School, Federal Magistrate Judge Kiyo Matsumoto, Hon. Jaya Madhavan, Hon. Jeffrey Oing, Judge Alex Jeong and Judge Toko Serita.

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Although AABANY has been in existence only 17 years, the dedicated founders and past officers of AABANY have succeeded in building a vibrant bar association for Asian Pacific American attorneys. When I graduated from law school, I was attracted by the energy of the officers and activities offered and have been active in the bar association for 16 years. Even in the early years of the organization, we had programs for attorneys and laws students, as well as community service programs. We now have our own separate not-for-profit foundation and sponsor over 20 CLE programs a year.

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Although we accomplished a great deal, more remains to be done. I would like to help AABANY by (i) increasing our pro bono legal activities in the Asian community; (ii) creating and developing a mentoring program for law students and junior attorneys and continuing programs such as moot court and continuing legal education; (iii) identifying and supporting Asian Pacific American judicial candidates; (iv) increasing

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membership through participation in our programs and activities; (v) creating a strategic business plan; (vi) focusing on organizational issues; (vii) creating a joint minority bar council; (viii) communicating on a regular basis with the membership through newsletters and enhancing our website; (ix) entering into partnerships with minority bars, other bar associations and the federal and state court systems for joint projects and networking opportunities; and (x) any other programs that are of interest to members.

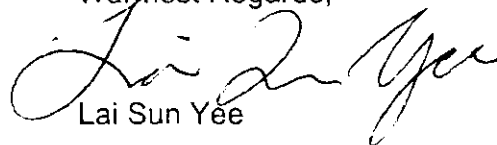
This year, we will host the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Northeast Regional Conference on May 20, 2006 at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. We will also assist in the planning for the NAPABA Annual Conference in Philadelphia this year.

As you can see, we are in the process of planning for an exciting and active year. We invite your input and participation in any and all of these events.

In closing out the Year of the Rooster, best wishes for the outgoing President PC Cheng and Directors Francis Chin, Rex Chen, Veronica Jung and Diane Yu.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead AABANY and to work on nurturing and growing the bar association.

Warmest Regards,



Lai Sun Yee

President