



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Martin J. Golden

## Senator Golden to Host Celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month

MARTIN J. GOLDEN May 9, 2011

Brooklyn- State Senator Marty Golden (R-C, Brooklyn) today is announcing that he will be hosting his 9th Annual Asian Pacific Heritage Festival at McKinley Park on Sunday, May 22 2011, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at McKinley Park, located at Bay Ridge Parkway and Fort Hamilton Parkway, and is inviting the community to join in this special event held in conjunction with the national celebration of Asian American Heritage which is the month of May.

The program will include ethnic dances including the Chinese Lion Dance, demonstration of Buddhist Monk Kung Fu, Thai dance, Malaysian dance, Burma dance and Chinese dance. A wide array of ethnic food, arts and crafts and prizes will be available as well.

This year, the event will feature highlights from Tourism Malaysia, the Malaysian Consulate General and United Nations staff and their families wearing traditional clothing.

Senator Marty Golden stated, " The number of Asians living in Brooklyn is up. Forty-one percent more Asians were counted in the 2010 Census, than a decade ago, to 262,000 Asians. Each year, we celebrate the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and we celebrate the achievements and the success of this culture. Millions of Americans trace their

origins to nations in the Asian/Pacific region and they enrich Brooklyn, New York and our Nation. I look forward to hosting this annual event that recognizes the many important contributions that Asian/Pacific Americans have made to our community."

For more information on the event, contact Senator Golden's office at (718) 238-6044.