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Message from Editor-in-Chief



Happy Lunar New Year!

As we prepare to enter the Year of the Pig on Wednesday, February 5th, I would like to extend my most sincere best wishes to all those participating in this special tradition.

Growing up this was always one of my personal favorite celebrations of the calendar year, most especially because of the opportunity to eat special rice cake delicacies such as Tikoy (Filipino).

Today, I continue to embrace and preserve these very traditions here in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area and everywhere else my travels may take me during this time of the year.

In the end, regardless of your designated zodiac sign, I wish you all much joy, success and peace in all of your respective endeavors. MAFFAA is humbled by your unending support to preserve and present these very cultural customs that we all hold so near and dear in our community.

Happy New Year! □□□□

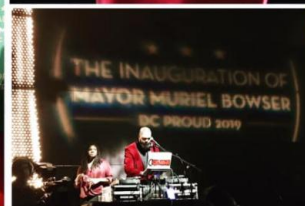
Respectfully,
Patrick Realiza
Co-Executive Director, Mid Atlantic Foundation for Asian Artists, Inc.

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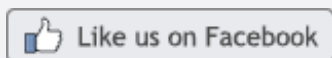
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