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Ethnic Heritage Council announces offerings at "Telling Our Stories" conference.

Ethnic Heritage Council is announcing preliminary program details for their full-day conference on recording and sharing local ethnic history. The conference, celebrating the Council's 25th Anniversary, takes place March 11, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Port of Seattle Headquarters, Pier 69. A Celebration Reception with refreshments and ethnic entertainment will follow the close of the conference.

<u>The "how to" conference will feature four tracks, each three sessions long</u>, offering indepth background and instruction on the following subjects. :

- 1. Research and Oral History Techniques
- 2. Identifying, Organizing and Caring for Documents and Collections
- 3. Heritage Technology (audio and visual techniques and processes)
- 4. Developing Heritage Curriculum to meet the new education standards.

Sessions on finding funding for heritage projects will run throughout the day. **HistoryInk will demonstrate HistoryLink**, the on-line history encyclopedia, heading up the "Sharing Your history" Offerings. Additional sessions will feature panels of presenters describing how they produced their publications, exhibits, videos and films, or dramatic pieces. We urge organizations to send 2-3 representatives to benefit fully from the variety and depth of offerings.

The event is co-sponsored by the Port of Seattle and the Museum of History & Industry. Gary Locke, Governor, State of Washington 1997-2005, is serving as Honorary Chairman. Keynote Speaker is Tom Ikeda, Founding Executive Director of Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project-Seattle; and Lead Presenter is Dr. Lorraine McConaghy, Historian, Museum of History & Industry and Instructor, University of Washington

Sponsors to date: Port of Seattle and Museum of History & Industry with Macy's, Pemco, Pulakis-Stafford Families, Charles T. Royer, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Shannon & Wilson, Inc., University Lions Club, Western Washington Toyota Dealers Association.

To register, visit <u>www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org</u> or email <u>ethnic.heritage@seattle.gov</u> Full registration packets available from EHC at 206-443-1410.