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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WELCOMES FIRST ASIAN AMERICAN PRESIDENT

LOS ANGELES, June 3, 2010 – The Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) is proud to announce that George Wee-Keng Ma, MD, will become the association's 139th president on July 1, 2010. This marks the first time in the association's history that an Asian American president will be installed into office. Dr. Ma has been a loyal member of LACMA and the California Medical Association for 32 years. He sits on the Board of LACMA and the Subcommittee on Nominations as well as the Executive, Finance, and Ad Hoc Committees. Dr. Ma is also a CMA Delegate.

"I am honored to be chosen as president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association," says Dr. Ma. "The organization has a rich history and is well-regarded in medical circles. I am proud to have the opportunity to lead the association during the coming year."

"LACMA is lucky to have someone of Dr. Ma's caliber leading us during this challenging time for health care," says Sean O'Brien, Interim Executive Director of LACMA. Dr. Ma was born in Shanghai, China and grew up in Hong Kong. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Southern California on a scholarship and completed his residency at LAC-USC Medical Center in Internal Medicine. Currently, Dr. Ma is in solo practice as a primary care physician at Pacific Alliance Medical Center in Chinatown. Additionally, Dr. Ma holds a teaching appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine at USC.

To celebrate, LACMA is hosting an installation dinner on June 17 at the Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant in the heart of Monterey Park, one of the most culturally rich areas of Los Angeles. The dinner will include authentic Chinese dishes and entertainment, including lion dancers.

About LACMA

The Los Angeles County Medical Association is a professional association representing physicians from every medical specialty and practice setting as well as medical students, interns and residents. For more than 100 years, LACMA has been at the forefront of medicine, assuring that its members are represented in the areas of public policy, government relations and community relations. Through its advocacy efforts in both Los Angeles County and with the statewide California Medical Association, physician leaders and staff strive toward a common goal—that doctors may spend more time taking care of patients and less time worrying about the difficulties inherent in dealing with third-party payers, administrators, regulators, reviewers and any other cause which may intrude upon the physician-patient relationship.

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