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## Media Advisory

**WHAT:** Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program Briefing on “HomeSpun” project

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Nov. 14  
6:30-8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Smithsonian Castle Building, Library  
1000 Jefferson Drive S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**WHO:** Cristián Samper, Smithsonian Acting Secretary  
Richard Kurin, Smithsonian Acting Under Secretary for History and Culture  
Franklin Odo, Director, Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program

The Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program is providing a community briefing about the preliminary details of “HomeSpun: Made in America,” a project to showcase Indian-American history and experience in America.

This marks the beginning of an ambitious project to establish a permanent presence within the Smithsonian dedicated to the history, achievements and contributions of the United States’ rapidly growing Indian-American population.

The project will include a national traveling exhibition; related public programming at the Smithsonian; a dedicated Web site; and a middle-school curriculum guide for the Institution’s younger visitors.

The briefing and reception is organized to engage the Indian-American community and others and garner support for the project.

Press who want to attend the briefing should RSVP to Krishna Aniel at (202) 633-2690 or [anielk@si.edu](mailto:anielk@si.edu) by Nov. 13. Please provide your name and affiliation.

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