

## \*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY \*\*\*

# Dr. Xiaoxing Xi and Sherry Chen to Join Press Conference on Wrongful Targeting of Chinese American Scientists as Chinese Spies

### Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 Time: 9:30-10:30 AM Location: H-137 (Capitol)

**Washington, DC** – On **Tuesday, November 17, 2015**, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) Chair Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27) and CAPAC Member Rep. Ted Lieu (CA-33) will hold a press conference to call on the Department of Justice (DOJ) to investigate the recent cases against Chinese American scientists who were wrongfully suspected of economic espionage. The press conference comes one day before a CAPAC meeting with Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

These most recent cases include the arrests and indictments of Sherry Chen, a U.S. citizen and employee of the National Weather Service in Ohio, as well as Dr. Xiaoxing Xi, a U.S. citizen and Chair of the Physics Department at Temple University. Sherry Chen and Dr. Xiaoxing Xi were suspected of economic espionage only to have those charges later dropped. As a result of these accusations, Sherry Chen and Dr. Xiaoxing Xi not only suffered irreparable damage to their reputations and careers, but must also live with the stigma of being targeted as un-American spies by their own government. Both Sherry Chen and Dr. Xiaoxing Xi will be joining Rep. Chu, Rep. Lieu, and Rep. Michael Honda (CA-17) to share their stories.

#### WHO:

Congressmember Judy Chu (CA-27), CAPAC Chair Congressmember Ted Lieu (CA-33), CAPAC Member Congressmember Michael Honda (CA-17), CAPAC Chair Emeritus Dr. Xiaoxing Xi, Professor and former Chair of the Physics Department at Temple University Sherry Chen, Hydrologist at the National Weather Service

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