

# Annual Asia Day breaks records offering

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The Office of International Programs transformed the U.C. Annex into a small piece of the Asian world on Nov. 18 with food, music, dance, presentations and games.

Asia Day, in its fifth year of existence at UNCP, exposed its

American students to the many wonders of the Asian culture.

China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam and the Philippines were some of the dominant Eastern cultures on display.

The room was filled with displays the international students made themselves. There was also a table that displayed different types of Asian

art. This was done to get visitors to guess which pieces of art were associated with which regions of Asia.

Also part of the wonder was a chop stick race, knot tying, calligraphy and paper cutting exhibitions.

Besides the activities tables, many of UNCP's Asian-American students and scholars put on per-

formances that started with Chinese kung fu, percussion music, poems, singing, taekwondo, a fashion show and a short musical drama.

While attendees watched the presentations, food was served that was prepared by local Chinese restaurants and the Asian international students themselves.

Patrick Forney, who

spent some time in Japan, said, "The scenery reminded me of Japan a little bit."

The Office of International Affairs also had a table for students, faculty and staff who are interested or wanted to know about study abroad or visiting scholar programs that are offered through the University.

"It's great that UNCP

can have culture diversity events such as Asia Day," said Patricia Schwartz.

"I think Asia Day was a very enriching experience and I am very glad to have been invited. These hard working students really laid a great brick to bridging the gap from the U.S. to Asia. I look forward to next year," Courtney Collins said.



Philippine students try out some of the Asian cuisine that drew a huge line at Asia Day. Photo by Glory Attaochu



Asian students perform Tai Chi, which shows the beauty of Asian dance. Photo by Glory Attaochu



Sara Guo and Dan Hong pose during the Chinese student fashion show. Photo by Glory Attaochu



Students test their knowledge of Asian art by taking the how well do you know Asian art survey during Asia Day. Photo by Glory Attaochu