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OCA New York Chapter Condemns Racist Hot-97 "Tsunami Song"

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New York - The New York Chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), a national Asian Pacific American (APA) civil rights and education group with over 80 chapters and affiliates nationwide, condemns the broadcast of the "Tsunami Song" sung by the radio hosts of the Hot 97 WQHT FM "Miss Jones in the Morning Show" which aired Tuesday morning January 18, 2005. The Hot 97 morning radio hosts sang a song that mocks the pain and suffering of millions of victims of the South Asian tsunami, and made racially inflammatory statements encouraging hatred and violence towards people of Asian descent. The "Tsunami Song" contains racial epithets and profanity with lyrics such as "You can hear the screaming chinks" and "There were Africans drowning, little Chinamen swept away. You can hear God laughing, 'Swim you bitches swim.'" While introducing the song, a Hot 97 host says "I going to start shooting Asians."

At Noon today, OCA-NY President Jerry Cheng and OCA-NY Board Member Kai Yu attended a news conference organized and led by New York City Council Member John C. Liu along with Council Members Charles Barron, Leroy G. Comrie Jr., James F. Gennaro, Alan J. Gerson, Robert Jackson, Dominic Recchia, and Larry Seabrook; The Friends of Jimmy Meng - Democrat for State Assembly; and grassroots advocacy group Asian Media Watch. Together, we denounced the Hot 97 broadcast and called on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to investigate this matter and to take strong disciplinary action against Hot 97.

OCA-NY denounces the "Tsunami Song" as wholly abhorrent and intolerable. We call for and demand that Hot 97 WQHT FM and parent company Emmis Communications eliminate the "Miss Jones in the Morning" show from future broadcast. OCA-NY will work with all concerned organizations to further this objective. We will align ourselves with concerned individuals and groups who value compassion and diversity, and who are appalled and outraged by the Hot 97 "Tsunami Song" which denigrates and dehumanizes Asians and Asian Americans. We call on the FCC to investigate this matter, enforce broadcast decency standards, and penalized Hot 97.

About OCA

Founded in 1973, the Organization of Chinese Americans is a national civil rights advocacy and educational organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Americans of Chinese and Asian/Pacific Islander descent. With over 80 chapters and affiliates across the country, it maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C.