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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S LATEST *PREP TALK* PODCAST SPOTLIGHTS HEWETT CHIU, ASIAN AMERICAN LEADER IN PUBLIC HEALTH

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October 23, 2024 — The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community is one of the most diverse racial groups in New York City, representing more than 30 different ethnic groups and speaking more than 50 languages. The COVID-19 pandemic shed light on disparities leaving the AAPI community at a disadvantage and marked the onset of a rise in violence and hostility against Asian Americans. 1.5 million New Yorkers identify as Asian American and two-in-three AAPI immigrants are essential workers in New York City.

After recognizing National Preparedness Month's theme of 'Preparing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities for Risks and Disasters' in September, NYCEM's Ashleigh Holmes and Grace Scullion spoke with President & CEO of RaisingHealth Hewett Chiu, a leader in public health in New York City. Chiu has worked in New York City for decades on improving public health access for immigrant, AAPI, and vulnerable New Yorkers. He's also one of NYCEM's essential community partners as a member of the Strengthening Communities program.

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Profile

Hewett Chiu is co-founder and President & CEO of RaisingHealth Partners. He specializes in transforming public health systems and increasing access to healthcare for vulnerable populations, having served as Executive Director at NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, overseeing the country's largest mental health and primary care integration; Chief Operating Officer at Fern Health, combating the global opioid epidemic; and CEO at CoralHealth, innovating digital therapies to close health disparities among people of color. He is also Adjunct Professor of Health Administration at NYU and a lifelong Brooklynite.

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