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CAMBODIAN CULTURE HIGHLIGHTED AT NRCS STATE OFFICE EVENT

... Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Today NRCS employees at the state office celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at a special presentation and food sampling highlighting the Cambodian culture. The event was



organized by NRCS employees from the finance office and HR department. Kanita Touch, dressed in her native Cambodian attire (see accompanying photo), described the major attractions found in Cambodia. Sherry Cummings described the agriculture and conservation efforts underway in this developing country. And, Corinne Jenson described the culture surrounding family life. Typical Asian foods were served, including mango, curry, egg roll and bread. A quiz allowed participants to guess which colors are worn on each day of the week for ceremonial and special events. Naturally, NRCS Outreach Specialist Marnie Wilson won!

Kanita, an administrative support assistant, enjoyed telling about her heritage as a Cambodian now living in America. She told of an interesting process of determining which crops to plant. A sacred cow is turned loose and the particular plants eaten by the cow are considered the crops that will be successful

that year. This year it turns out to be corn and beans. And, we thought the USDA Planting Intention Report was sophisticated!

For more information about Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, contact [Burke Davenport](#), NRCS Special Emphasis Program Manager for Asian Pacific Islanders.

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