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## NRCS REACHES OUT TO ASIAN COMMUNITY

Burke Davenport, the Asian American Pacific Islander Special Emphasis Program Manager for the Utah NRCS Civil Rights Advisory Committee, recently invited Kanita Touch, an administrative assistant with the NRCS State Budget Office, to spend the day visiting many members of the Asian Community in the Salt Lake/West Valley/Jordan area. The goal of their outreach effort was to introduce Asian business leaders and students to the agency, its services and career opportunities. A packet of literature with a cover letter from the two ambassadors was delivered during a short visit with each. The accompanying photo shows Kanita with a clerk at one of the Asian markets they visited.



They also made visits to the Asian American Student Association on the University of Utah campus, an organization that hosts the annual Asian Awareness Week. Other visits were made to Asian restaurants.

Davenport said the experience was very positive. "The opportunity to visit one-on-one opened up a greater level of understanding and allowed us to answer specific questions about an agency that they really knew very little about," he added. For specific questions about efforts to reach out to the Asian American Pacific Islander community, contact [Burke Davenport](#) at 435-743-6655.

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