

**Lt. Governor Owen Remarks**  
**Chinese Community Relief Efforts**  
**Seattle**  
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I am very honored to be asked to be here today to kick off this ceremony. We are fortunate in the state of Washington to have a very strong and active Chinese community, one that I have come to know well over the years through the work of our office on international affairs. A few years ago this same community came together to raise funds for the horrible earthquake in the Sichuan Province of China, and have over the years rallied to help with other disasters around the world.

So when we had our own disaster here in Washington state on March 22 – the terrible mudslide in the Oso area – this community rallied once more from a sense of caring and concern to help out with the tremendous relief effort we have going on in Snohomish County.

As terrible as the mudslide is, we have seen out of it people offering assistance and support across the board and that is the one positive thing we can point to amidst so much loss and heartbreak.

We are happy to have with us here today several leaders from our Chinese family associations, led by Li Wenhui (LEE WHEN-WAY). We have from the United Way of Snohomish County Mr. Mike Tibbits, a board member from United Way of Snohomish County and chair of the organization's Revenue Generating Committee, who is with Karen Crowley, Vice President of Resource Development.

I will ask Mr. Li to speak first ..