

Good evening,

Thank you very much for coming tonight. It is great to have you here and I am very honored to stand in front of you and represent KPAI tonight.

As you know, we are now experiencing probably the worst economic crisis in recent US history and definitely the worst one since I came to this country 23 years ago. Many people lost their jobs and some even lost their homes. KPAI saw the membership shrinking over the past five years. There is no question that this is a very depressing and challenging time.

Because of the bad economic situation we are in, many people decided to stay home tonight. But, we are here. Why? Have you thought about why we are here tonight? Please look around you and see the people sitting next to you. Do you know them? If you do, how much do you know them? If you don't, what brought us together here and what do we have in common?

Before I continue, I would like to show you a short video clip. Here you go.

<http://www.maniacworld.com/are-you-going-to-finish-strong.html>

So, what do you think about Nick?

This is a very touching story. Compared to Nick, we are so blessed because we are healthy even though we often whine and complain about many things. We simply take everything so granted. For that reason, this story gives a whole new meaning to life from a different perspective. At least, it does to me.

There are many ups and downs in our lives. Sometimes we fall down. In the current economy, it would be fair to say that we are at a very low point, financially and psychologically.

We have many choices in life and definitely we have a choice to make today. When we fall down, we can choose to stay down or to use all the strength we have to rise up over and over, as Nick did. Depending on the choices we make, we will live a different life in the future.

Despite the worst economic time, when I became the President of this prestigious organization last May, I set out three major initiatives, which I knew would be very ambitious and challenging to achieve. They were:

1. First, to re-energize KPAI
2. Second, to Formally register KPAI as a non-profit organization
3. Last, to Create KPAI Scholarship Program

Eight (8) months later since then, we added 73 new memberships.

In last September, with strong legal assistance from lawyers Ms. Skye Suh and Ms. Elissa McDaniels, KPAI formally registered as a Non-profit organization with the state of Michigan.

In September last year, we formally announced KPAI Scholarship program.

Despite the very difficult time, with strong support from my staff, board members and senior members, we achieved all three things together. Considering that KPAI has been a social group and somewhat closed to outsiders, for the first time, we reached out to aggressively promote KPAI to new perspective members. For the first time in KPAI history, we finally broke our own boundary and then came out of our own cage. For that, we all should feel proud of ourselves for these outstanding achievements.

Thanks to what we have achieved together, we are all here tonight to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the KPAI organization and to witness the KPAI scholarship award ceremony for the first time in KPAI's 30 year history.

Therefore, tonight is a very historical and memorable moment to KPAI. I hope it is to you as well. It is our moment!

It is very important for us to remember that we could do all these things because we all chose to work together hand in hand to accomplish these things. I urge you to challenge ourselves and to continue to work together to get out of this difficult time together, as we accomplished so many things in this difficult time.

This is our moment. We have a choice to make. We can choose to stay down or to rise up again as Nick did and rebuild a stronger KPAI that everyone can benefit from. Each one of us holds a key to KPAI's success in the future. It is all up to us. Once we all work together and help out each other, I trust that we will come out of this difficult time and come out stronger together.

With that, I will conclude my welcome remarks. I hope you have a wonderful time tonight.

Thank you.