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# Asian chambers' forum to feature Sanwa, Liberty Group CEOs

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Two successful entrepreneurs from the Chinese-American community and one from the Indian-American community will highlight a panel Saturday aimed at providing valuable life lessons for entrepreneurs.

Tony Leung, founder and owner of \$60 million Tampa produce business **Sanwa Growers Inc.**, will be joined on a panel by Ben Meng, an entrepreneur who built **Assured Comfort AC** to a \$1 million company in two years. He now has a HVAC factory in China and sells products to more than 17 states.

Also on the panel is Raxit Shah, chief executive officer of **Liberty Group of Cos.** who has owned and operated major franchises including a **Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn & Express, Courtyard by Marriott, Comfort Inn, Sleep Inn** and **Country Inn & Suites by Radisson.**

The panel will be part of the Fourth Annual Asian **American Business** Forum organized by the **Asian American Chambers of Commerce of Tampa Bay.** The theme of the event, scheduled for March 22, is "Navigating a path to success."

Other speakers include Frank Sanchez, former U.S. assistant secretary of transportation and an expert in negotiation strategies; Sean Burke, president of the **Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Central West Florida** located in Tampa, and Prash Pavagadhi, a management and marketing executive.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. at the **Bayanihan Arts & Events Center** in Tampa. Deadline for early registration with a \$10 fee is extended to March 20. After that, the fee is \$20. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. To register, LINK: **[click here.](#)**

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