

# **ALABAMA ASIAN CULTURES FOUNDATION**

## **VISION STATEMENT**

The Alabama Asian Cultures Foundation (AACF) envisions bringing to the city of Birmingham, the metro area, and the state of Alabama, an Asian Cultural Education Center, classical Chinese Garden, and International Friendship and Peace Plaza. These will be venues where all Alabamians can enjoy, appreciate, and learn about Asian arts and cultures. Tangible results over the next five years include:

- Increased first hand experience of Asian art and culture for citizens of metro Birmingham and the state of Alabama;
- Increased educational and exchange opportunities with Asia for metro Birmingham and Alabama citizens;
- New development in the city of Birmingham with accompanying jobs;
- Enhanced recruitment of Asian professionals, students, entrepreneurs, and companies to metro Birmingham and the state of Alabama, with resulting increase in Asian populations;
- Improved quality of life for metro Birmingham and Alabama residents;
- Increased environmental sustainability in the city of Birmingham by modifying buildings and/or building LEED-certified facilities;
- Improved national and international perception of metro Birmingham and the state of Alabama;
- New meeting, banquet, and performance facilities in the garden and cultural center easily accessed from I-459/I-20 from U.A.B.;
- Increased national and international tourism to metro Birmingham and the state of Alabama.