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**THE TIMOTHY S Y LAM FOUNDATION
PROVIDES CMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

LAS VEGAS — The Timothy S Y Lam Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) Scholarship, the first ever scholarship program of its kind. Over the next three years, the Lam Foundation will award at least \$29,700 in scholarships to applicants approved to sit for the CMP exam administered by the Convention Industry Council (CIC).

The CMP program was created in 1985 to increase the professionalism of meeting management professionals in all sectors of the industry. The designation recognizes those who have demonstrated their proficiency through a combination of education, experience and passing a rigorous exam.

Starting on November 17, 2014, deserving candidates will be able to apply for need-based financial assistance. "This scholarship opportunity will cover the registration fees for many individuals seeking to earn this certification that would otherwise be unable to," said Gayle Dahlman, Certification Director for the CIC. "This is a great opportunity for our candidates."

More than 10,000 individuals in 54 countries and territories hold the CMP designation and CMPs are considered the leading experts in the global meetings, conventions and exhibitions industry. "Promoting professionalism is at the core of CIC's mission and this scholarship will help us continue to encourage investing in professional development," said CIC CEO Karen Kotowski. "CIC is grateful to the Timothy S Y Lam Foundation and their efforts to advance the CMP designation in the meetings industry."

The CMP Scholarship is an extension of the Lam Foundation's commitment to supporting individuals in the hospitality industry wanting to advance their careers through certification. For more information on the scholarship requirements, submission schedule and to download an application, visit www.timothysylam.org/cmp.aspx. For more information on the CMP requirements, www.conventionindustry.org/CMP/AboutCMP.aspx.

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About the Timothy S Y Lam Foundation

The Timothy S Y Lam Foundation (TSYLF) is a 501(c)(3) – private foundation established in 2012 to honor Timothy S Y Lam’s legacy by supporting the professional development and academic advancement of the hospitality industry. The mission of TSYLF is to support research, education and training within the hospitality industry by bestowing scholarships and grants to those seeking careers or advancement in the hospitality industry; funding education programs that promote the hospitality industry; and awarding research grants to those interested in blending academia with practical industry know-how. For more information on scholarship and grant opportunities visit www.timothysylam.org.

About The Convention Industry Council

The Convention Industry Council’s (CIC) 32 member organizations represent more than 103,500 individuals and 19,500 firms and properties involved in the meetings, conventions and exhibitions industry. CIC facilitates the exchange of information develops programs to promote professionalism within the industry and educates the public on its profound economic impact. CIC’s programs include the Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) program, the Accepted Practices Exchange (APEX) initiative, the Hall of Leaders and numerous industry resource projects. www.conventionindustry.org.

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