

## **2007 SAPA-GP Annual Picnic Ouyang, Xi**

2007 SAPA-GP Annual Picnic was successfully held at Lower Perkiomen Valley Park, Oaks, PA, on August 18, 2007. SAPA-GP picnic has been the most-welcomed tradition, attracting more than 300 SAPA members and their families each year.

Around 11 am in the morning, Lower Perkiomen Valley Park started getting crowded. The weather was perfect. People sat around and got to know each other. An hour later, the reserved lunch boxes arrived and people started to enjoy their lunches. SAPA-GP also prepared special gifts for one of its most-valued EC members-Yang Jin who recently decided to move back to China-and a newly-wed couple, SAPA-GP member.

Shortly after the lunch, a variety of activities took place, including social networking for members, kid's games, and annual volleyball championship. During networking hours, members got to talk to each other about their daily life and career future, while kids kept busy playing different games. Among all the games, tug-of-war was the highlight of that day. Not only 2-year old kids joined the team, but parents showed their unprecedented energy and team-working spirit. At that moment, winning is not just a result but a recall of sweet childhood memory.

The annual picnic ended with 2007 SAPA-GP volleyball contest. Five teams joined the championship. They were team ACP, team GSK, team Merck, team Upenn, and team United. After two hours of hard work, Merck team took the first place and received the championship prize.

Everybody had a good time there. The good food, interesting games, and the opportunity to make friends and enjoy the summer had to be accredited to SAPA-GP's members and many volunteers. This tradition will sure be well maintained for all of the members and their families.