

Creating Opportunities
SINCE 1900



HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FOSTERING FRIENDSHIPS • CONNECTING B2B • MĀLAMA KA ĀINA

Leadership Programs History

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

2454 S. Beretania Street, Suite 201
Honolulu, HI 96826

www.hjcc.org

 Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce
 @HonoluluJapaneseChamber
 @hjcc808



HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MISSION STATEMENT

**We are an organization founded for the
promotion of business and economic growth
in Hawaii based upon the principle,
"Members Supporting Members"**

**The organization provides leadership and
programs which promote membership
interaction, resulting in growth and the
continuation of its legacy.**

**We continue creating opportunities since 1900
to promote fostering friendships, connecting
"B2B" (business-to-business), and mālama ka
'āina ('caring for the land').**



A Message from the Chair



"This booklet will provide an overview of the organization's history, leadership, and the various programs available to its members. Its primary focus is on our members, and our programs and events are designed to add value to our membership, whether through networking events or seeking assistance from fellow members or member companies.

As the 2026-2027 Chairperson of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express my commitment to the promotion of business and economic growth in Hawaii based upon the principle of Members Supporting Members."

Leading with Aloha, Building Connections That Last a Lifetime

My theme this year is "**Leading with Aloha, Building Connections That Last a Lifetime.**"

At my company, Hawaiian Electric, we have a Declaration that starts with "we are a company of, and for, Hawai'i." We are deeply rooted in this place that we all call home and its people. It is the same with the Chamber, which just turned 125 years old last year. This is why I wanted to focus this year on "Leading with Aloha." To me, leading with aloha is a privilege and kuleana unique to Hawai'i. It is more than a philosophy—it is a way of being. Aloha is tangible, often quiet, but hugely impactful. Aloha is present whenever we show up with respect, kindness, humility, and a sincere commitment to others. In a world that often moves quickly, aloha reminds us to slow down, to truly see one another, listen to one another, and care for one another.

"Building Connections That Last a Lifetime" has been my personal experience with the Chamber. Since I joined the Chamber in 2018, I have made countless friends and business connections, many of whom are in this room, who I will cherish over my lifetime. I know this is a shared experience by Chamber members. It is truly one of the best things about joining the Chamber – the people you meet. They are like gold. The connections we make through this Chamber go beyond business transactions or networking opportunities. They are relationships built on trust, shared values, mutual support, and a collective desire to strengthen this organization and our community. This is what we mean when we say, "Members Supporting Members." It is not just a slogan—it is something we live every day through how we show up for one another. I have no doubt the friendships and connections that are shared in this room will last a lifetime.

As Chair, my hope is to continue to bring people together—to strengthen the relationships we already have while creating new ones across generations, businesses, and communities. To honor our heritage while embracing innovative ideas and creating opportunities for the future generation of leaders in Hawai'i. And to lead in a way that reflects the values that have brought all of us here tonight.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your trust, your support, and the opportunity to serve.

Aloha!

Kaiulani Shinsato

Chair of the Board FY 2026-2027

*Director, Customer Energy Resources
Hawaiian Electric Company*

Follow us!



LinkedIn

Honolulu Japanese
Chamber of Commerce



Facebook

@HonoluluJapaneseChamber



Instagram

@HJCC808

Corporate Members

As of June 2026

Chairman's Circle

Central Pacific Bank
Island Insurance Co., Ltd.
Servco Pacific Inc.
Y. Hata & Co., Limited

President's Circle

ABC Stores
First Hawaiian Bank
Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd.

Director's Circle

Hawaii Pacific Health
N&K CPAs, Inc.

Executive Circle

Accuity Advisors, LLC
Edward Enterprises, Inc.
Finance Factors, Ltd.
HEI
JTB Hawaii, Inc.
Occidental Underwriters of Hawaii, Ltd.
Pacific Guardian Life Insurance Company, Ltd.
Philip Morris International

Corporate Circle

31AIKALIMA LLC
American Savings Bank
Atlas Insurance Agency
Behavioral Essentials
FCH Enterprises, Inc.
Hawaii Energy / Leidos
Hawaii National Bank
HEMIC
Kawailoa Development LLP

Small Business Circle

Ace Auto Glass
AHL
Aloha Shoyu Company, Ltd.
Becker Communications, Inc.
Cetra Technology
ConnectWorks Group Hawaii
Flora-Dec Sales, Inc.

Island Energy Services
Kotake Shokai
Raymond James
Remedy Intelligent Staffing
Sodexo
U.S. VETS Barber's Point
Wilson Okamoto Corporation

Join the HJCC!

**Individual & Corporate Memberships
Available**



*Scan the QR code to learn more about
becoming a member of the HJCC.
Download a printable application form or
register for membership online!*

LEADERSHIP

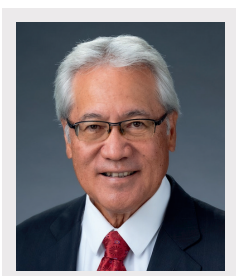
Executive Committee



Chair of the Board

Kaiulani Shinsato

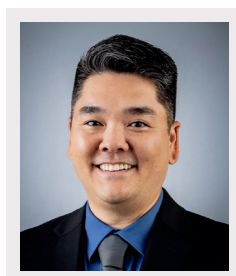
*Director, Customer Energy Resources
Hawaiian Electric Company*



President & CEO

Steven Teruya

*President & CEO
Honolulu Japanese
Chamber of Commerce*



Chair-Elect

Dean Yoneshige

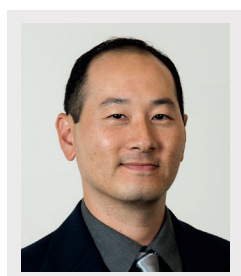
*Broker Sales Manager
Pacific Guardian Life Insurance
Company, Ltd.*



First Vice Chair

Paul Yokota

*President (retired)
FCH Enterprises*



Vice Chair,
Administration / Secretary

Brice Ueda

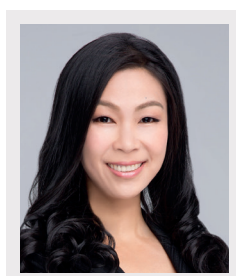
*Attorney
Law Offices of Gary Y. Shigemura*



Vice Chair,
Finance / Treasurer

Randi Tsushima

*Senior Vice President,
Commercial Banking Manager
Central Pacific Bank*



Vice Chair

Ina Chang

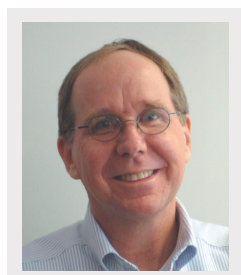
*President
Aloha Data*



Vice Chair

Ryan Kawamoto

*Underwriting Supervisor
Island Insurance Co., Ltd.*



Vice Chair

Michael McMurdo

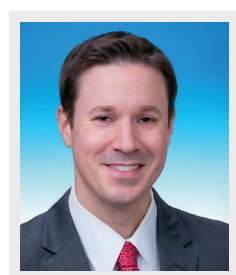
*CEO
Cetra Technology*



Vice Chair

Sanford Morioka

*President
Edward Enterprises, Inc.*



Vice Chair

Rob Nelson

*President & Chief Operating Officer
Finance Factors, Ltd.*



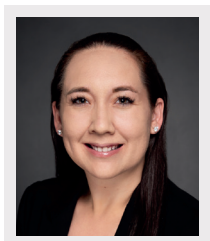
Immediate Past Chair

Derek Kaneshiro

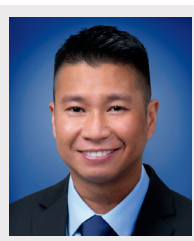
*VP, ATM Product Manager
Central Pacific Bank*

Board of Directors

Elected Directors (2 Year Term)



Kristin Alm
Managing Director
Remedy Intelligent Staffing



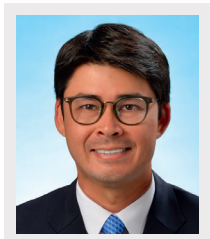
John Paul Bautista
Audit Principal
N&K CPAs, Inc.



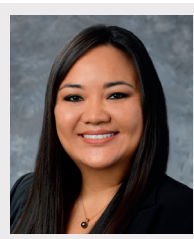
Christopher Buto
Commercial Banking Officer
First Hawaiian Bank



Benson Choo
EVP - Chief Information Officer
Finance Factors, Ltd.



Zak Denzer
VP, Commercial Banking Officer
American Savings Bank



Kathryn Fujitani
VP, Marketing Manager
Hawaii National Bank



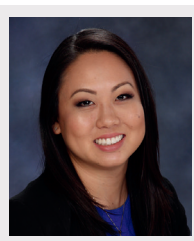
Craig Hirasaki
Owner / Creative Director
ConnectWorks Group Hawaii



Kacie Hirotsu
Employee Benefits Consultant
PSH Insurance, Inc.



Blake Isobe
CPA, Managing Principal
N&K CPAs, Inc.



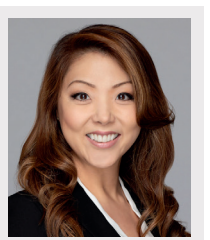
Crystine Ito
Marketing Director
Rainbow Drive-In



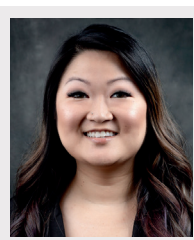
David Jones
Senior Vice President & Division
Manager, Properties
Central Pacific Bank



Brandon Kamigaki
Director, Auto Retail Strategic
Initiatives & Operations
Servco Pacific, Inc.



Chenise Kanemoto
Owner / Principal Attorney
Ziva Law



Sheri Morishige
Marketing & Communications
Administrator
Bank of Hawaii



Kristine Okada
Marketing Manager
Servco Pacific Inc.



Jennifer Okubo Polido
Attorney
Law Office of Jennifer R. Okubo
Polido LLC

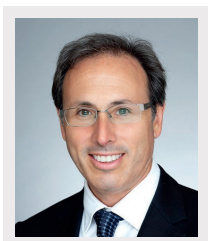
Board of Directors

Elected Directors (2 Year Term) (continued)



Jennifer Onishi

*Executive Director, Foundation
Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific*



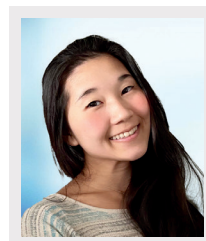
Michael Saines

*Partner, Vice President of
Development
Form Partners*



Claire Tong

*Senior Vice President of
Communications
Hawaii Pacific Health*

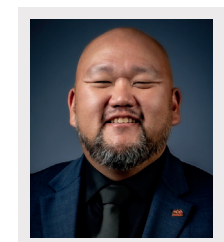


Tobie Wada

*Proposal Manager, Marketing
Hawaiian Dredging Construction
Company, Inc.*

Board of Directors

Appointed Directors (1 Year Term)



Eric Imada

*President
Honolulu Japanese Junior
Chamber of Commerce*



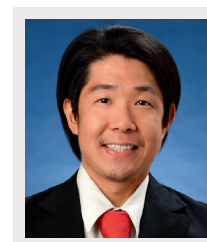
Aaron Muraki

*Vice President, Land Surveyor
AFM Surveying LLC*



Joanna Oshiro

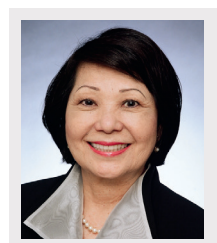
*Managing Director
Deloitte & Touche LLP*



Jared Say, Esq.

*Claims Manager
Hawktree International |
Kotake Shokai*

Advisors to the Chair



Kathryn Inkinen

*Founder (retired)
Inkinen Executive Research*



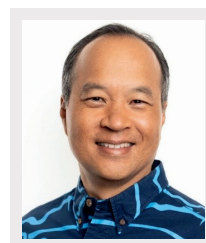
Jason Ito

*Vice President of Administration,
Labor and Community Relations
Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd.*



Brian Nishida

*President & CEO
Step Stone Business Development*



Scott Seu

*President & CEO
HEI*

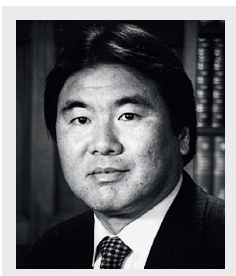
Board of Directors

Advisory Council



Walter Saito

Past Chair FY 1980
President Emeritus
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii



Wayne Miyao

Past Chair FY 1990
Chairman
Hiroshima-Hawaii
Sister City Committee



Arnold Hirotsu

Past Chair FY 2004
President
PSH Insurance, Inc.



Kathryn Inkinen

Past Chair FY 2008
Founder (retired)
Inkinen Executive Search



Sidney Hamada

Past Chair FY 2010
President
Flora-Dec Sales, Inc.



Gordon Kagawa

Past Chair FY 2014
Chairman & CEO
Occidental Underwriters
of Hawaii, Ltd.



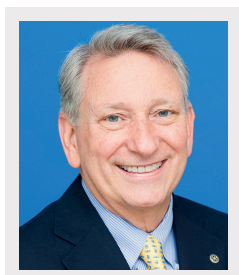
Candice Naito

Past Chair FY 2015
Senior Vice President and
Oahu Region Manager (retired)
First Hawaiian Bank



Tyler Tokioka

Past Chair FY 2016
Chair of the Board
Island Insurance Co., Ltd.



Dave Erdman

Past Chair FY 2017
President & CEO
Retail Merchants of Hawaii



Brian Nishida

Past Chair FY 2018
President & CEO
Step Stone Business Development



Melanie Okazaki

Past Chair FY 2019
Regional Marketing Manager
(retired)
McDonald's Restaurants
of Hawaii



Jon Tsukamoto

Past Chair FY 2020
Vice President
Morgan Stanley Wealth
Management

Board of Directors

Advisory Council (continued)



Jason Ito

Past Chair FY 2021
Vice President of Administration,
Labor and Community Relations
Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd.



Rika Hirata

Past Chair FY 2022
Vice President
Beacon Path LLC



Myles Shibata

Past Chair FY 2023
Principal
MSS Consulting



Kristi Inkinen Yanagihara

Past Chair FY 2024
Owner
Remedy Intelligent Staffing



Marc Nakamoto

Past Chair FY 2025
Regional Vice-President
Sodexo



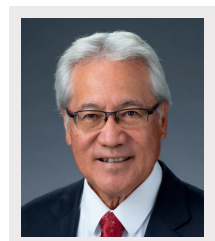
Derek Kaneshiro

Past Chair FY 2026
VP, ATM Product Manager
Central Pacific Bank

Honorary Board of Directors

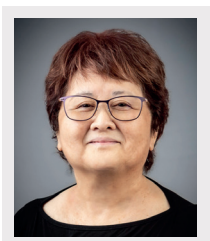
Norman Shigemura	<i>Past Chair 1982</i>
Eigo Kudo	<i>Past Chair 1988</i>
Mieko Otsuka	<i>Past Chair 1995</i>
Gerald Ushijima	<i>Past Chair 1996</i>
Wayne Ishihara	<i>Past Chair 1999</i>
Howard Hanada	<i>Past Chair 2002</i>
Wayne Kiriara	<i>Past Chair 2006</i>
Glenn Nakamura	<i>Past Chair 2007</i>
Ronald Hayashi	<i>Past Chair 2009</i>
Christine Kubota	<i>Past Chair 2012</i>

Staff



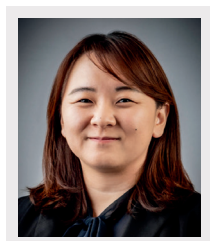
Steven Teruya

President & CEO



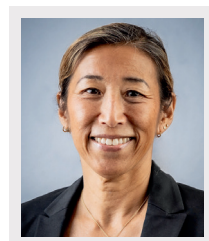
Marilyn Oda

Office Manager /
Director of Accounting



Mai Shiomi

Special Events Manager /
Digital Marketing Specialist



Eri Toyama

Program Manager &
Japan Specialist

Past Chairs

1900-1902	Kenji Imanishi	1961	Ralph Honda	1998-1999	Wayne Ishihara
1903-1905	Kantaro Kishi	1962	Lawrence Kagawa	1999-2000	Joichi Saito
1905-1909	Danzaburo Yonekura	1963	Robert Sato	2000-2001	Robert Fujii
1909-1912	Wasuke Motoshige	1964	Jinshi Murashige	2001-2002	Howard Hanada
1913-1915	Danzaburo Yonekura	1965	Shinzaburo Sumida	2002-2003	Ronald Migita
1916	Masao Kawahara	1966-1967	Tsuyoshi Nishimoto	2003-2004	Arnold Hirotsu
1917	Yoichi Takakuwa	1968	Hideo Kawano	2004-2005	Gregg Mueller
1918	Kakuro Yamamoto	1969	George Fukunaga	2005-2006	Wayne Kiriara
1919	Seitaro Aoki	1970	William Tsuji	2006-2007	Glenn Nakamura
1920	Masao Kawahara	1971	Teruo Himoto	2007-2008	Kathryn Inkinen
1921-1923	Sanshichi Ozaki	1972- Jun 1973	Sidney Kosasa	2008-2009	Ronald Hayashi
1924	Ichiro Nakao	1973-1974	Hideo Kajikawa	2009-2010	Sidney Hamada
1925	Goro Nakayama	1974-1975	Robert Kaya	2010-2011	Wayne Kato
1926-1927	Ichiro Nakao	1975-1976	Fred Tamura	2011-2012	Christine Kubota
1928-1932	Kenkichi Iida	1976-1977	Rusty Kawamura	2012-2013	Scott Higa
1933	Daizo Sumida	1977-1978	Walter Tagawa	2013-2014	Gordon Kagawa
1934-Mar 1937	Seizo Yamamoto	1978-1979	Bert Tokairin	2014-2015	Candice Naito
Apr 1937-Dec 1937	Manzuchi Hashimoto	1979-1980	Walter Saito	2015-2016	Tyler Tokioka
1938	Daizo Sumida	1980-1981	Donald Doi	2016-2017	Dave Erdman
1939	Seizo Yamamoto	1981-1982	Norman Shigemura	2017-2018	Brian Nishida
1940	Koichi Iida	1982-1983	Lionel Tokioka	2018-2019	Melanie Okazaki
1941	Taichi Sato	1983-1984	Hugh O'Rilley	2019-2020	Jon Tsukamoto
1947	Daizo Sumida	1984-1985	Harold Yamanaka	2020-2021	Jason Ito
1948	Koichi Iida	1985-1986	Milton Yanagawa	2021-2022	Rika Hirata
1949	Hideichi Fukunaga	1986-1987	Russell Mezurashi	2022-2023	Myles Shibata
1950	Sadato Morifuji	1987-1988	Eigo Kudo	2023-2024	Kristi Inkinen Yanagihara
1951	Kumaji Furuya	1988-1989	Daniel Takehara	2024-2025	Marc Nakamoto
1952	Tokuyoshi Awamura	1989-1990	Wayne Miyao	2025-2026	Derek Kaneshiro
1953	Masayuki Tokioka	1990-1991	Raymond Yamasaki		
1954	Motohiro Tanimura	1991-1992	Minoru Ueda		
1955	Shigeru Horita	1992-1993	Benjamin Fukumoto		
1956	Takeo Isoshima	1993-1994	Allan Totoki		
1957-Apr 1958	Mitsuo Tagawa	1994-1995	Mieko Otsuka		
May 1958-Dec 1958	Noboru Yamasaki	1995-1996	Gerald Ushijima		
1959	Masayuki Adachi	1996-1997	Garrett Serikawa		
1960	Katsuro Miho	1997-1998	Leonard Katsarsky		



Back Row: Melanie Okazaki, Jason Ito, Rika Hirata, Myles Shibata, Marc Nakamoto, Derek Kaneshiro, Steven Teruya (President & CEO), Kristi Yanagihara, and Generational Award Representatives

Front Row: Arnold Hirotsu, Glenn Nakamura, Kathryn Inkinen, Sidney Hamada, Christine Kubota, Gordon Kagawa, Candice Naito, Dave Erdman, Brian Nishida

The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce PLAYBOOK 2026 - 2027

WHY DO WE EXIST?

We are an organization founded for the promotion of business and economic growth in Hawaii based upon the principle, **“Members Supporting Members.”**

WHAT DO WE DO?

The organization provides opportunities and programs which promote leadership development and membership interaction, resulting in growth and the continuation of its legacy



HOW DO WE BEHAVE?

- TRUST Is Our Moral Compass
- ACCOUNTABILITY | Do What We Say We're Going To Do
- TEAMWORK | Work Collaboratively
- INNOVATION | Be Innovative
- Open Communications
- Be Champions Of the HJCC



HOW WILL WE SUCCEED?

We will continuously improve our **members' experience** through strategies, technologies and practices that create a valuable experience as a means of attracting and retaining members in a way that will differentiate us from other organizations.

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW?

Membership Growth



OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

At the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, “Members Supporting Members” is the spirit that drives everything we do. We believe in meaningful relationships, and we create opportunities to initiate and foster trusted relationships. Our members collaborate, share expertise, refer clients, and advocate for each other because we know that when one business grows, our entire community thrives. When you are a part of our network, your support makes a difference and others are ready to support you.

HJCC 2026 PLATINUM Sponsors

Built on the belief that community makes us stronger

Central Pacific Bank was founded by Nisei veterans who believed in creating opportunity and building a stronger Hawaii for future generations. Today, we are proud to support the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the leaders who carry forward that same spirit of service, connection, and commitment to our community.

We got you.



Member FDIC



Mahalo

We are proud to support Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and its members and businesses who said YES to hard work, to taking chances, and to what's next.

Visit fhb.com/business



First Hawaiian Bank.
It all starts with yes.
[FHB.com](https://fhb.com)



Member FDIC



Exceptional Service for Your Success!

Empowering Hawaii's businesses with exceptional distribution services since 1957. Committed to quality and reliability, we're Hawaii's preferred distribution partner

www.HansenHawaii.com

LIVE your healthiest LIFE.

We're here with personalized health care designed to help you live your life, your way.

HawaiiPacificHealth.org/HealthierLife

**HAWAII
PACIFIC
HEALTH** | KAPI'OLANI
PALI MOMI
STRAUB BENIOFF
WILCOX

CREATING A HEALTHIER HAWAII



**ISLAND
ENERGY**
SERVICES



Local experts protecting local people

for over 85 years



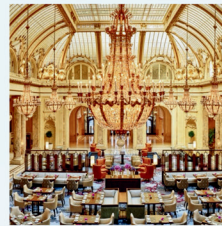
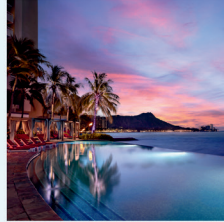
ISLAND INSURANCE

BUSINESS | AUTO | HOME

Contact your independent agent | (808) 564-8200
www.islandinsurance.com



Congratulations to the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce on another year of exceptional leadership and community impact. Your dedication to fostering business excellence and strengthening Hawaii's ties to Japan continues to inspire. Wishing you continued success for generations to come.



Our values of 'Ōhana, Pono and Ho'oilina are key to our culture at Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts.



community

A PROUD SUPPORTER OF THE HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We are honored to recognize and provide support
for organizations who help nurture the
development of business and community in Hawai'i.

SERVCO

MOBILITY. SERVICE. INNOVATION.

HJCC 2026 GOLD Sponsors

CONGRATULATIONS

HJCC

ON

126

YEARS OF MEMBERS
SUPPORTING MEMBERS



EDWARD ENTERPRISES, INC.
PRINT • PRODUCT MANAGEMENT • SOLUTIONS

Puuhalae Rd Suite 101, Honolulu, HI 96819
(808) 841-4231 • ec3.com

**WE KNOW
LOCAL
BECAUSE
WE SUPPORT
LOCAL**

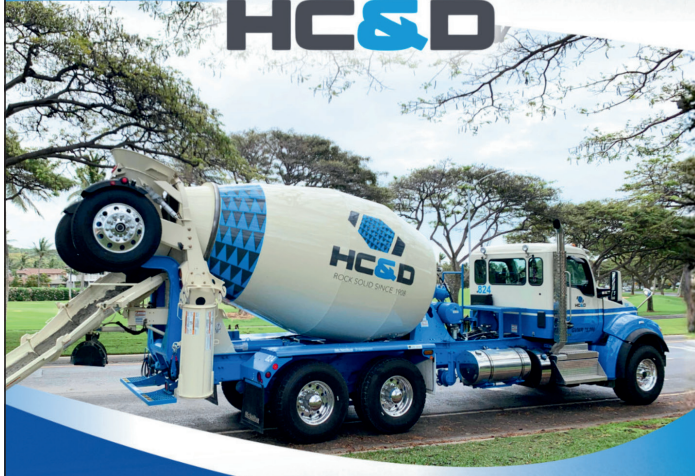
We're proud to support
the Honolulu Japanese
Chamber of Commerce.

**HAWAII
NATIONAL
BANK**





HC&D



**THE PREMIER PRODUCER OF THE
HIGHEST QUALITY CONCRETE AND
AGGREGATE IN HAWAII**

www.hcdhawaii.com
(808) 832-9245
2344 Pahounui Drive, Honolulu, HI 96819



STRUCTURAL
& FORENSIC
ENGINEERS

**30
YEARS OF
ENGINEERING
EXCELLENCE**

**HELPING COMMUNITIES
CREATE A SUSTAINABLE
AND RESILIENT TOMORROW**



Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home

KAI HAWAII, INC.

**FULL-SERVICE
STRUCTURAL
ENGINEERING FIRM**

PROJECT MANAGEMENT
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING
FORENSIC ENGINEERING
SPECIAL INSPECTION SERVICES

50 S. Beretania St. #C-119C, Honolulu, HI 96813 | 808.533.2210 | www.kaihawaii.com



N&K CPAS, INC.

Growing Thoughtfully. Leading Responsibly.

At N&K CPAs, growth means investing in the people who make our practice thrive — and in the clients and community we serve.

Assurance Services • Business & Tax Services • Client Advisory Services



N&K CPAs, Inc.
ACCOUNTANTS|CONSULTANTS

999 Bishop St #2200
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 524-2255 • nkcpa.com



Protecting Hawaii Businesses Since 1961

Pacific Guardian Life provides Temporary Disability Insurance solutions tailored to the needs of Hawaii employers.

Learn how TDI coverage can support your workforce.



PACIFIC GUARDIAN LIFE

Pacific Guardian Tower • 1440 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1700 • (808) 955-2236 • www.pacificguardian.com



Trusted by Hawai'i's Businesses

Learn more: uhahealth.com/dearhawaii



FOOD & SERVICE DELIVERED WITH ALOHA

Y. Hata is a proud member of the
Japanese business community.



From its humble
beginnings in Hilo.
Founded in 1913 by Yoichi Hata



To 450+ employees
devoted to our partners.
Locations on O'ahu, Kaua'i,
and Hawai'i Island



With our focus on
Hawai'i's future.
Supporting the next generation
of Hawai'i chefs

Y. Hata & Co.

ChefZone

the inspired chef

yhata.com • chefzone.com

PROGRAMS

WHAT WE DO

Under the leadership and work of the committees, the HJCC provides its members with numerous events and programs each year. Here are some of the Chamber's activities:

Signature Events

Shinnen Enkai - New Year's Celebration -

Held in January, the HJCC's annual **Shinnen Enkai - New Year's Celebration** celebrates the new year with Japanese traditions, *omamori* sales, special pre-show entertainment, and fellowship.

The evening's highlight is the "**Shoko Shiranami Gonin Otoko**" kabuki performance—an HJCC adaptation of the classic *Shiranami Gonin Otoko*, which premiered in Edo (Tokyo) in 1862. Chamber members portray five infamous *dorobō* (thieves) as they recount their life stories before being captured, creating a fun and memorable tradition that blends Japanese culture with the Chamber's unique spirit.



Chopsticks & Wine

Chopsticks & Wine is the Chamber's signature fundraiser which features delicious cuisine from Hawaii's finest chefs, paired with wines and spirits from a variety of distributors. A perennial sellout, the event brings together members and the community for an evening of outstanding food, drinks, and networking.



Signature Events *continued*

Inauguration, Member Recognition, and Generational Award

Held each July, the **Inauguration, Member Recognition, and Generational Award Celebration** honors the Chamber's incoming Chair of the Board and newly elected Officers and Directors. The event also recognizes outstanding member contributions through the Outstanding Member of the Year, Kuroko ("Behind the Scenes") Award, and Outstanding Committee Chair Award, and presents the Generational Award to a member company for its lasting contributions to Hawai'i's business community across two or more generations of ownership.



Samurai Classic Golf Tournament

Recognized as one of Hawai'i's longest-running golf tournaments, the **Samurai Classic Golf Tournament** brings together a full field of members and guests for a day of friendly competition, networking, and camaraderie. Held annually at alternating member courses—Hawai'i Prince Golf Club and Pearl Country Club—the tournament always guarantees a great day of friendly competition, networking and laughs.



PROGRAMS

Programs (continued)

Members Supporting Members



Lunchbox Learning Series

Coordinated twice a year by the Community Relations Committee, members and guests gather for a talk-story session over lunch with guest speaker panelists on a specific topic.



Mentorship Program

Formulated by the KAIKA Committee, the Mentorship Program's purpose is to foster professional growth and development by pairing young members with experienced senior members of the HJCC.

Fostering Friendship Events

Networking Events / Pau Hanas

The Chamber hosts networking events and pau hanas throughout the year, organized by the Membership Development Committee and other Chamber committees. These popular gatherings welcome new members, foster connections among members, and provide valuable opportunities to build relationships within the Chamber community. Frequently selling out, early registration is highly recommended!



Mālama ka 'āina Events

Community Relations

The Community Relations Committee provides members with fellowship opportunities and leadership experience all while "giving back" to the community. Members are encouraged to recommend non-profit organizations in need of volunteers and manpower.



Leadership & Entrepreneurial Exchange Program (LEEP)



This program is designed to advance management and leadership skills with an entrepreneurial mindset. The cohorts will have the opportunity to engage directly with established business professional and build relationship with fellow LEEP Leaders and their Hiroshima counterparts.



Standing Committee Chairs



Budget & Finance

Joanna Oshiro

Monitors overall fiscal management, operations and planning of the Chamber to ensure that a sound financial posture is maintained. The committee provides guidance and assistance in the management and maintenance of an efficient accounting and financial reporting system of the Chamber. Also assures that member derive maximum benefits from Chamber services through budgeting and allocation of funds.



Communications and Marketing

Kathryn Fujitani

The committee was formed to develop the aspirational brand message for the HJCC. It also develops and maintains an internal communications plan which encourages member participation and results in greater awareness of the value of membership.



Legal / HR / Governance

Chenise Kanemoto

Serves as legal counsel to the Chamber and establishes and maintains rules and procedures that provide the most efficient means by which the Chamber can fulfill its objectives. Maintains sound employment policies and staff procedures, to include fair employee compensation and benefit program.



Leadership & Entrepreneurial Exchange Program

Rika Hirata

The focus of this program is to create meaningful relationships between its participants that begin with friendships and an exchange of business values, solutions, ideas that build trust and open doors to cultivating new business relationships between Hawaii and Hiroshima. LEEP cohorts represent diverse industries including banking & finance, health, energy, education, insurance, retail, legal, small business owners and entrepreneurs.



Membership Development

Jared Say

Increases the membership in the Chamber by broadening the membership base so that all business, professional and industrial sectors are represented to ensure financial stability of the Chamber. Develops strategies for new member recruitment and retention.



Small Business Advocacy

David Jones

Implements policies, procedures, actions that support the development and growth of small business by providing a voice in the Chamber programs related to legislative and regulatory matters, and economic development. It plans special workshops focused on the needs and interests of small businesses, including the annual Business Solutions seminar and Game Changers event.



Ways & Means

Aaron Muraki

Plans and carries out fundraising events to satisfy the fiscal requirements of HJCC. Annual events include Chopsticks & Wine and the Samurai Classic Golf Tournament.



KAICA / Mentorship Program

Tobie Wada

This committee was formed to promote and enhance the HJCC woman member experience within the Chamber through meaningful programs and initiatives and to grow the number of women members within our organization. They plan / carry out events, seminars, forums, etc. in women's interests for all HJCC members.



Community Relations

Jennifer Onishi

The objective of this committee is to ensure that the HJCC through its many programs and events improves the community's understanding of the Chamber's mission.



Technology

Benson Choo

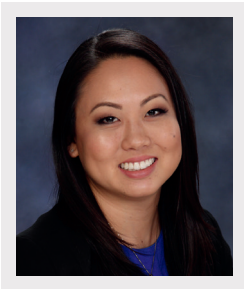
The Information Technology (IT) Committee will provide technical oversight & guidance in support of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce's operations and activities.

GOING ABOVE & BEYOND

Outstanding Member of the Year

Each fiscal year, a selected individual(s) of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce is designated by the Chair of the Board of Directors to be the "HJCC Outstanding Member(s) of the Year" for significant contributions to the Chamber.

2026 Outstanding Member of the Year



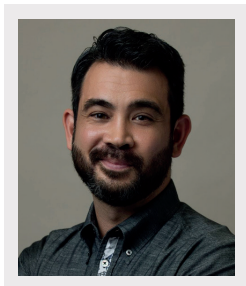
Crystine Ito

Marketing Director
Rainbow Drive-In
Member Since 2022

Outstanding Committee Chair

The "Outstanding Committee Chair Award" recognizes a committee leader who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and effectiveness in guiding their team toward successful outcomes.

2026 Outstanding Committee Chairs



David Jones

Senior VP and
Division Manager, Properties
Central Pacific Bank
Member Since 2019
Small Business Advocacy Committee



Jared Say, Esq.

Claims Manager
Hawktree International / Kotake Shokai
Member Since 2011
Membership Development Committee

Past Outstanding Members

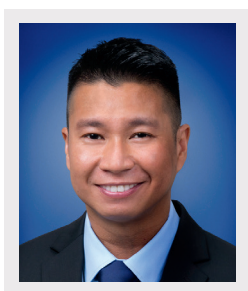
1980	Tatsuko Hino	2006	Leo Asuncion, Jr. Ronald Hayashi Jodi Ito
1981	Ronald Ushijima		
1982	Teruo Himoto	2007	Christine Kubota Sammy Li
1983	Donald Doi		
1984	Walter Tagawa	2008	Richard Matsui Tyler Tokioka Tetsushi Uno
1985	Walter Saito		
1986	Minoru Ueda	2009	Roy Ishihara Takae Okuma-Johnson
1987	Dean Matsushima		
1988	Yoshiharu Satoh	2010	Roy Amemiya, Jr. Scott Higa Arnold Hirotsu Michael Nomura Lynette Lo Tom
1989	Buster Komori		
1990	Leonard Katsarsky Glenn Nakamura		
1991	Paul Yamashige	2011	Mark Ibara
1992	Garrett Serikawa	2012	Brian Nishida Terry Noyama
1993	Wayne Ishihara		
1994	Howard Hanada David Seya	2013	Rika Hirata Jon Tsukamoto
1995	Rene Mansho Tony Masamitsu	2014	Davis Higa
1996	Thomas Sakamoto	2015	Patti Fukada David Yamashita
1997	Melanie Hashimura	2016	Jodi Nozoe Chang
1998	Daniel Takehara	2017	Steven Teruya
1999	Natsuko Lambert	2018	Jason Ito Myles Shibata
2000	Wayne Miyao Robert Nagao		
2001	Joseph Sailer	2019	Rick Mishima
2002	Albert Kobayashi Robert Kuniyuki Kiyoshi Ohbe Yoshiyuki Otsoshi	2020	Derek Kaneshiro
		2021	Peter Hamasaki Jill Kuramoto
2003	Ralph Honda Jodi Nozoe Stanley Yamamoto	2022	Marc Nakamoto
		2023	Blake Isobe Michael McMurdo
2004	Fred Morinaka	2024	Dean Yoneshige
2005	Emi Anamizu Sidney Hamada	2025	Kristi Yanagihara

KUROKO Award

Kuroko in Japanese describes the kabuki stage people who are dressed in black and assist the performers with stage props and dress. They are behind the scenes and do not stand out for the audience.

Every year the selection of the Kuroko Award is done by the Chamber staff, who can readily identify these members who support the Chamber's events and activities behind the scenes.

2026 KUROKO Award Recipients



John Paul Bautista

*Audit Principal
N&K CPAs, Inc.
Member Since 2015*



Erica Lau

*Financial Advisor
Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
Member Since 2023*

Generational Award Honoree

The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce established the Generational Award in 2005 to recognize local businesses that have made a significant contribution to the growth and development of Hawaii's business and community sectors over two or more generations of ownership.

2026 Generational Award Honoree

**Finance Enterprises
Family of Companies**



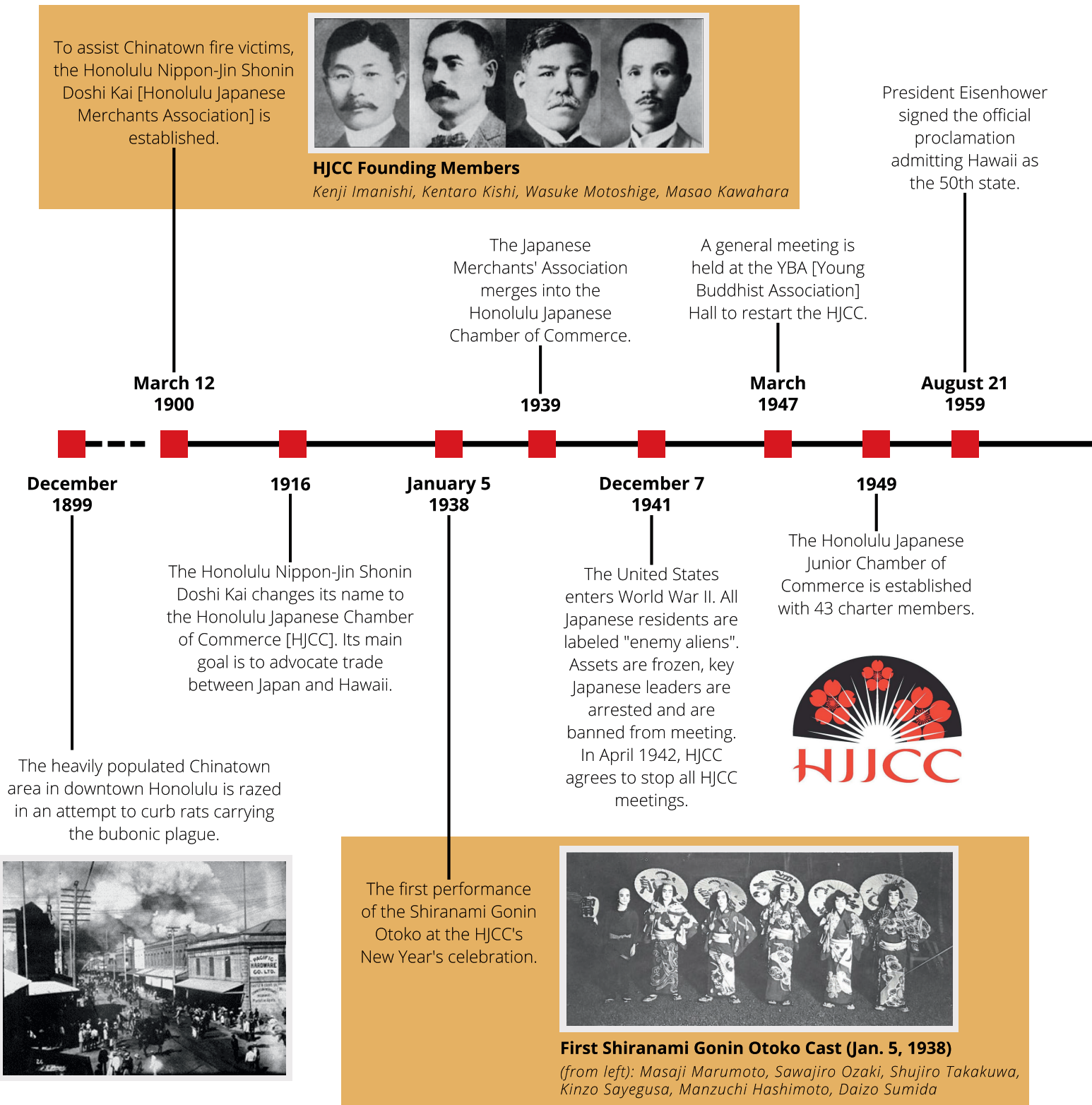
Past Generational Award Honorees

2005	Iida's Store <i>Iida Family</i>	2013	S & M Sakamoto, Inc. <i>Sakamoto Family</i>
2006	Robert M. Kaya Builders, Inc. <i>Kaya and Higa Family</i>	2014	Standard Capital Group, Inc. <i>Totoki Family</i>
2007	ABC Stores <i>Kosasa Family</i>	2015	Aloha Tofu Factory, Inc. <i>Uyehara Family</i>
2008	Hawktree International <i>Takaki Family</i>	2016	Conrad Enterprises, Inc. <i>Sasaki Family</i>
2009	Tony Hawaii Automotive Group, Ltd. <i>Masamitsu Family</i>	2017	M. Harada Enterprises, Inc. <i>Harada Family</i>
2010	Occidental Underwriters of Hawaii, Ltd. <i>Kagawa Family</i>	2018	Beretania Florist <i>Nakamoto Family</i>
2011	Y. Hata & Co., Ltd. <i>Hata Family</i>	2019	Servco Pacific Inc.
2012	Iolani Sportswear Ltd. <i>Kawakami Family</i>	2023	Hawaii National Bank <i>Luke Family</i>
		2024	Aloha Shoyu Company

A JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY

Milestones

Founded in 1900, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce (HJCC) is relevant today as it was when it was started. We are proud of the accomplishments we have been able to achieve through the efforts of our dedicated members.



Milestones

Milestones (continued)



The HJCC Samurai Classic Golf Tournament holds its first invitational Golf Tournament at the Pearl Country Club. Underwriters for the event are Hawaii National Bank, Love's Bakery, Aloha Airlines, GTS Distributors, Continental Airlines and Slipper House.



The HJCC is made an associate member of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

1968

May 1978

HJCC established a sister chamber agreement with the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

HJCC establishes a joint affiliation agreement with the Fukui Chamber of Commerce & Industry,

May 1981

1960

June 1975

The first Teru-Yaki Chicken fundraiser is held named after 1971 Chair of the Board, Teruo "Teru" Himoto.

September 1978

The first HJCC Art Show is created as a community service project and is named "Young Japanese Art Show" and is later changed to "Young Artist Art Show" to assist aspiring artists with emerging talent to display their art. The last art show was held in 2018 after a 40-year run.

1988

July 1990

August 1991

Phase 1 is completed.

Groundbreaking for Phase 1 is held for a new facility including offices, meeting rooms and a tea house.

The HJCC Cultural Center is built. The building serves as its headquarters for the chamber. The Cultural Hall and Tea Ceremony House are open to the community for both public and private events.



The Original HJCC Building

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii is established and the HJCC donates its facility and property to the JCCH as an act of commitment.



JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII



In observance of the HJCC's 100th anniversary, the Torii Gate is constructed. The gate, donated and built by the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Hiroshima Prefecture & City Government, is situated on the corner of South King and Beretania Streets and symbolizes the friendship and goodwill between Hiroshima and Hawaii. It is later donated to the City & County of Honolulu.



HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CHARITABLE CORPORATION

The HJCC Charitable Corporation, a 501c(3) is established. A scholarship fund is established in partnership with the Hawaii Community Foundation that provides two scholarships annually to perpetuity.

ALOHA

The HJCC is actively involved with the Aloha for Japan as a Steering Committee member to help with tsunami and earthquake relief efforts in Japan and serves as the collection point for all donations.

2001

2002

2011

July
1992

May
1994

March
2000

July
2002

August
2010

2014

The original headquarters is demolished making way for Phase 2 that will house a banquet hall, parking structure, historical gallery and martial arts dojo.

Construction is completed for Phase 2. It is dedicated in traditional Shinto, Buddhist and Hawaiian blessings.

The HJCC Celebrates its 100th Anniversary

The inaugural Game Changers event is sponsored by the HJCC's Small Business Advocacy Committee. It is a gathering, focused on prominent individuals in the community who have made unique impact in their lives personally and in our community.



Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii

The first annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction is held at the Bishop Museum. The event would later be renamed Chopsticks & Wine, the HJCC premier annual fundraising event.



The HJCC receives a certificate of congratulations from the State Legislature for its outstanding and meaningful work benefiting Japan-Hawaii relations.

Milestones

Milestones (continued)



The HJCC Celebrates 120th Anniversary.

The World Health Organization declares a global pandemic known as the coronavirus pandemic also known as COVID-19.

HJCC in-person activities are severely curtailed and must quickly adapt to remote Zoom meetings, virtual events as staff work remotely from home.

March
2020

August
2022

2024

March
2025

2017

April
2023

April
2024

The HJCC Celebrates its 125th Anniversary

The State of Hawaii and the HJCC celebrate a belated 20th Anniversary of the sister-state agreement with the Hiroshima Prefecture in Hiroshima, Japan. The visit marked the opening of Japan to outside travelers since the beginning of the pandemic.



Honolulu Governor David Ige and wife Dawn Amano-Ige and Hiroshima Governor Hidehiko Yuzaki in Hiroshima, Japan

The Emerging Young Business Leaders Program [EYBLP] changes its program name to the Leadership & Entrepreneurial Exchange Program [LEEP]. The focus of the LEEP Program is to create meaningful relationships between its participants that begin with friendships and an exchange of business values, solutions, ideas that build trust and open doors to cultivating new business relationships between Hawaii and Hiroshima.



The HJCC creates the Hawaii-Hiroshima Emerging Young Business Leaders Program [EYBLP], tied to the 20th Sister-State Anniversary between Hawaii and Hiroshima. The program focus on leadership development through week-long programs held in both Honolulu and Hiroshima.



Hawaii-Hiroshima Emerging Young Business Leaders Program Cohort 3

The HJCC Celebrates its 20th Chopsticks & Wine



The HJCC Celebrates a belated 40th Anniversary Celebration with sister-chamber, the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce & Industry while the Torii Gate undergoes new painting.



Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce and Industry delegates visit Moiliili Torii Gate



HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CHARITABLE CORPORATION

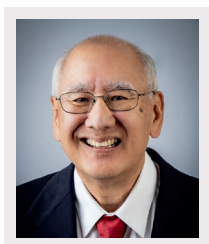
Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce Charitable Corporation

501(c)(3) Non Profit

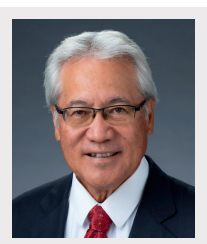
Historical Milestones of the Charitable Corporation

January 29, 2001	Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce Charitable (HJCC) is incorporated in the state of Hawaii as a Section 501(c)(3) corporation of the IRS Code and organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, religious or educational purposes.
June 30, 2005	Board of Directors approves in concept establishing a Leadership Training Program through collaboration with the University of Hawaii Community Colleges; Japan America Institute of Management Science (JAISMS), and other public institutions; approves partnering with JAISMS in their Global Management Training Service program by offering partial scholarships.
2008	The HJCC Charitable Corporation officially adopts the Torii Gate located at the Triangle Park in Moiliili under the City and County of Honolulu's Adopt a Sculpture program for its care and maintenance.
2012	The Board establishes a Community Fund to respond to non-profit organizations in need of financial assistance.
April 11, 2016	HJCC Charitable Corp. Board of Directors proceed with establishing a Scholarship Fund with the Hawaii Community Foundation with an initial amount of \$25,000. The Scholarship Fund will also be set up to receive cash, marketable securities and insurance policies.

HJCC Charitable Corporation Board of Directors



Chair of the Board
Tyler Tokioka
*Honolulu Japanese
Chamber of Commerce
Charitable Corporation
Chair of the Board
Island Insurance*



President / Secretary /
Treasurer
Steven Teruya
*President & CEO
Honolulu Japanese
Chamber of Commerce*



HJCC Chair
Kaiulani Shinsato
*Director, Customer Energy
Resources
Hawaiian Electric Company*



Chair-Elect
Dean Yoneshige
*AVP, EB and IL Sales
Pacific Guardian Life
Insurance Company, Ltd.*



Immediate Past Chair
Derek Kaneshiro
*VP, ATM Product Manager
Central Pacific Bank*



HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

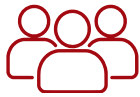
126 Years Strong

Members Supporting Members

FOSTERING FRIENDSHIPS

CONNECTING B2B

MĀLAMA KA 'ĀINA



600 +

MEMBERS STRONG

A diverse community of business professionals working together to strengthen Hawai'i.



53

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dedicated leaders guiding our mission and vision.



10

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing committees focused on key areas of business, leadership, and community to advance our mission and support our members.



4

SIGNATURE EVENTS & 10+ ADDITIONAL SMALL EVENTS

Bringing members together through signature events and additional programs throughout the year.

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS



**JULY
30
2026**

INAUGURATION, MEMBER RECOGNITION & GENERATIONAL AWARD 2026

Generations Ballroom, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii

Installation of

Kauihani Shinsato

Chair of the Board FY 2026-2027



**OCTOBER
9
2026**

49TH ANNUAL SAMURAI CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hawaii Prince Golf Club



**JANUARY
8
2027**

81ST ANNUAL SHINNEN ENKAI - NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION -

Generations Ballroom, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii



**APRIL
22
2027**

23RD ANNUAL CHOPSTICKS & WINE

Sheraton Waikiki Beach Resort



**JULY
2027**

INAUGURATION, MEMBER RECOGNITION & GENERATIONAL AWARD 2027

Location TBD

Installation of

Dean Yoneshige

Chair of the Board FY 2027-2028

STAY CONNECTED



VISIT OUR
WEBSITE



BECOME A
MEMBER

FOLLOW US



Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce
@honolulujapanesechamber
@HJCC808

www.HJCC.org

Local experts protecting local people.

When it matters most, trust local. Island Insurance is Hawai'i's only locally owned and operated property and casualty insurer, serving the state since 1940.



BUSINESS | AUTO | HOME

Contact your independent agent | (808) 564-8200

www.islandinsurance.com