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**Pacific Island Environmental Symposium
Hawaii Environmental Science & Technological Symposium
Sheraton Waikiki
Honolulu, Hawaii
Video Message
May 8, 2000**

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the Pacific Island Environmental Symposium and the Hawaii Environmental Science & Technological Symposium. I am pleased to learn that organizers of these two events have collaborated to create synergistic relationships and expand participants' networks.

I regret that due to prior commitments, I am unable to join you for this important gathering. However, please know that my thoughts are with you for an informative event. I would like to extend a special welcome to the leaders and participants from the Pacific Island nations. I appreciate your willingness to travel a great distance to be here today.

As citizens of island communities, we have a great understanding of the importance and difficulty of maintaining nature's delicate balance. Hawaii, unfortunately, has the dubious honor of being the extinction capital of the United States. For example, the state is home to 75 percent of the plant and animal extinctions recorded in the United States.

However, the public is becoming more aware of environmental concerns. Subsequently, the Congress and the Administration are funding many environmental programs, including those to control harmful non-native species, manage natural resources, preserve and restore ecosystems, and create wildlife refuges.

Last year, for example, the Congress appropriated half a million dollars to a well drilling project that will help the State of Hawaii manage the precious water resources of a Molokai aquifer.

In March, the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved more than \$6 million in funding for a project aimed at repairing a former sugarcane irrigation system and alleviating water shortages in Hamakua on the Island of Hawaii. I am particularly pleased about this because agriculture is key to creating sustainable environments in island communities. Agriculture recycles waste water, produces alternative fuels, and fills our atmosphere with oxygen.

Protecting our natural resources not only sustains our future, but it preserves our past. For Fiscal Year 2000, the Congress appropriated \$1.5 million to purchase

nearly 2,000 acres of land to expand the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. In addition to containing habitats of rare and native species, this parcel contains significant archeological resources, such as terraces and house sites predating the arrival of Europeans.

However, there is still much work to be done. Environmental problems grow in seriousness every day while financial resources become more scarce. I urge each of you here today to prioritize your actions and to pursue cost-effective, multi-disciplinary approaches. Business people, military leaders, government officials, environmentalists, scientists, and economists must engage in active dialogue or solutions will elude us.

There are tremendous opportunities for Hawaii companies to export products to Asian and Pacific markets. However, many goods and services are not yet ready to bring to market. I hope the working relationships and new ideas that emerge from this summit will lead to the advancement of products through the development pipeline. I encourage Hawaii consumers to purchase products from local vendors. Buyers will be more than satisfied with their purchases. Local purchases will also help the Hawaii environmental science and technology industry to evolve further into a competitive advantage for the state.

I urge attendees of today's symposiums to capitalize on creativity, investigate and institute new technologies, and foster partnerships to solve problems. I hope participants will return home, armed with enhanced resources and skills, and empower their citizens to action. The chances of successfully addressing environmental problems are greatly enhanced if local citizens are involved. Local residents are able to identify priorities for action and cost-effective solutions, they are motivated and committed, and they build constituencies for change.

Once again, I commend each of you for participating in these important symposiums. I extend to you my best wishes for success as you explore innovations and new opportunities. Aloha.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sandi
FROM: Sara
DATE: March 7, 2000
RE: VIDEO REQUEST

Jen asked that you handle the attached request for a video message. The letter is confusing and so I made a call to clarify some it.

There are 2 conferences that will be going on at the same time at the same hotel (May 8th at Sheraton Waikiki). Unfortunately, they will be in different rooms. That have asked that we make ONE video message addressed to both conferences (ie .. I would like to welcome the participants of XXX Symposium and the YYY Symposium). They will show the same video message at each event. Since they are in 2 rooms, they need 2 copies of the exact same video, both VHS. You can mail them to

Keith Matsumoto
PICTHR
2800 Woodlawn Drive #180
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

As for the text of the message, Jen said that the stuff in the letter is too confusing! Basically, she suggests that you start with the text of the message DKI did a few years ago (attached) and work from there. In addition, attached is information on the HEST Symposium that Keith is doing. Keith asks that you discuss:

- to encourage Hawaii industry/companies to get their products to the level where they can export them to the Asia/Pacific arena
- encourage the Hawaii users/buyers to purchase these products from the local vendors

If you have any questions, you should direct them to Jennifer directly as I am clueless.

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February 29, 2000

Ms. Jennifer Goto-Sabas
Chief of Staff
Office of Senator Daniel K. Inouye
Room 7-212, Prince Kuhio Federal Building
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

Dear Jennifer:

Thank you for meeting recently with me to discuss the Mayor's Pacific Island Environmental Symposium. This letter is to reconfirm my understanding of your approval for Senator Inouye to be listed as the Honorary Chair of the Mayor's Pacific Islands Environmental Symposium and of the Hawaii Environmental Science & Technology Symposium organized by PICHTR. We are pleased to be collaborating partners with the PICHTR symposium.

I would also like to confirm that your office will provide us with a video taped Welcome Message from Senator Inouye. This same video will be shown at both symposiums during the Opening Sessions. Here are some bullet points:

- Mayor's Pacific Islands Environmental Symposium - Mayor Jeremy Harris, Chair
- Initiated to showcase Hawaii's environmental technology expertise.
- In collaboration with the Hawaii Environmental Science & Technology Symposium, building partnerships and associations to promote Honolulu as a viable center for expertise and technology.
- Welcome top leaders from the Pacific Island nations (so far, we have confirmation as speakers from President Leo Falcam of the Federated States of Micronesia, Congressman Eni Faleomavaega. Also invited to be speakers: President Kuniwa Nakamura of Palau and Congressman Robert Underwood but we have no confirmation at this date.)
- The Mayor's Pacific Islands Environmental Symposium is the interim year conference of the Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit which will be held in May 2001 in Honolulu.

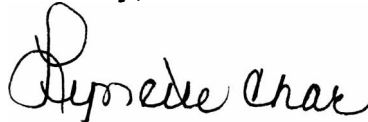
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- Congratulate all Support Organizations (too many to name and run risk of omitting any but for your information, we have support of DBEDT, Consulting Engineers Council of Hawaii, American Planning Association, American Public Works Association, etc.

Keith Matsumoto and I are pleased to have the opportunity to join forces and we believe that both the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu benefit from this alliance. I am copying Keith with this letter and he may have additional bullet points to provide to you on the PICHTR symposium. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 527-5437 or by fax at 527-5886 if you need further information.

Thank you, Jennifer, very much. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,



LYNETTE CHAR
Deputy Director and
Mayor's Conference Executive Director

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cc: Keith Matsumoto, President
Pacific International Center for High Technology Research

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