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To the members of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii

We would like to thank you for your support as a Sakura Sponsor of our Inaugural Nikkei Kigyo Banquet, (Nikkei Kigyo is, establishment of Japanese ancestry, or Japanese American businesses) held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Nani Mau Gardens, honoring I. Kitagawa & Co., Ltd. and Suisan Co., Ltd, established in 1905 and 1907, respectively over a century ago and both still vibrant and innovative East Hawaii businesses!

The event was a tremendous success with 200 guests in attendance. Due to your generosity and many others, we were able to net \$12,000.

A testament to the success of the event, were comments received from the honorees, thanking the Japanese Community Association for the exquisite banquet and high praise for the superb presentation and enlightening evening which will be used for scholarships for students whose major or minor is Japanese studies.

As past president of both the JCCIH and JCAH, and knowing that these two organizations are very closely related, I am very grateful to your Board of Directors for their support of this very important inaugural event. A little known fact is that, in 1971, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii, a committee was formed solely for the purpose of perpetuating the Japanese culture and maintaining the relationship with Japan through the Consul-General's office in Honolulu, and in 1974, the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii, formerly named Hawaii Island Japanese Community Association was chartered.

Again, thank you for your support and interest in furthering the goals of the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Roland Higashi

Roland Higashi, Chair



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