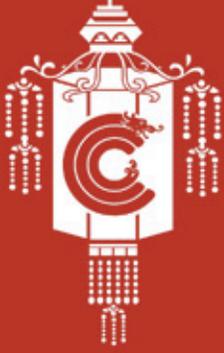


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ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY MARKET VIDEOCONFERENCE

As you may know, China has a growing market for environmental protection equipment and services. Members should already have received e-mail notice of the videoconference on "China's Environmental Technologies Market" from 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28. The videoconference, sponsored by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service, will be held at in Room 302 in the Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street. Parking is available in various locations in the area. Priority will be given to bona fide companies in the environmental technology industry. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required by fax (587- 3839) or e-mail (mwant@dbedt.hawaii.gov) by Thursday, July 24. For more information, contact **Mark Want** at 586- 2751 or by e-mail.

PALOLO CHINESE HOME BENEFIT REMINDER

The Palolo Chinese Home Auxiliary and the Organization of Chinese American Women are sponsoring "An Evening with **Virginia Lum**" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, at Orvis Auditorium on the UH Manoa campus. Proceeds from the concert will go to the Palolo Chinese Home's capital campaign building fund. For tickets or information, call **Pat Chong** at 538-1448, **Diane Wong** at 595-3134 or **Muriel Lum-Pang** at 949-1573.

Dragon Boat Festival

The 8th annual AT&T Dragon Boat Festival will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, August 9 and 10, at Ala Moana Park. The Chamber will have one and perhaps two teams competing in the "division" races on Saturday. Races on both days start at 8:00 a.m. The Chamber will also have a Council of President's tent open for a Chinese community picnic. Bring your own food, beverages, and beach chairs and mats. Be sure to wear your society or organization's T-shirts. Apparently there will also be *karaoke* as well as *mah jong* and *tin gau* in the tent. To reserve space on a first come, first served basis, call the Chamber at 533-3181. For more information or to check the race schedule, go to the Ideal Properties' Website (<http://www.idealhawaii.com/dragonboatcm/default.asp?id=25>).

MHPI Forum

On the afternoon of Wednesday, July 9, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii sponsored the Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI) Forum at the State Capitol auditorium. After welcoming remarks from state Senator **Carol Fukunaga**, state Representative **Brian Schatz**, BIAH executive director **Kren Nakamura**, and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii president **Jim Tollefson**, the standing room-only crowd heard presentations by **Gregg Yamanaka** of TeraBiz and **Jerry Hirata** of the Small Business Administration. For those who were unable to attend the presentation, check the Websites of the Chamber (www.cochawaii.org) or the BIAH (www.bia-hawaii.com). In addition, to register to receive more information about upcoming MHPI events, visit the Website for Terabiz (www.terabiz.com/mhpi/mhpiinfo.asp) in order to register online for information.



Terrill S. W. Chock

One Saturday during the latter part of this past June, **Winfred Pong** held a lengthy meeting with all of his 55th Narcissus Festival chairpersons. Should all go well, the Chamber will have yet another successful Festival. As of this writing, 54th Narcissus Queen **Kathleen Wong** has done a fantastic job of signing up thirteen contestants for the next Queen Pageant ... and there are still several more weeks before we stop taking applications. Queen Kathleen reports that the Chamber will be very proud and happy with this group of young women. Good work, Queen Kathleen!

I am also very happy to report that the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Honolulu recently gave the Chamber \$1,000.00 to be a Special Platinum Patron of the past Narcissus Festival. TECO's original pledge to the Chamber was for an amount less than what we received, but because of Director General **Raymond Wang's** personal involvement in this matter, we received \$1,000.00! *Xiexie*, Director General Wang.

Elvira Lo has had two meetings with her subcommittee chairs to plan the Chamber's "Taste of China" event that will be held on Wednesday, September 17, at the Neal Blaisdell Center. This is a major event for the Chamber, with an inordinate number of details to consider, but I know that, with the support of every Chamber member, this function will be well-received by Honolulu's community and that this event will become an annual affair. Please support the Chamber by sharing this evening at this event with your family members and friends.

The Chamber was recently honored by **Lan Lijun**, who is now the minister and Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Washington, D.C. Many of you remember Minister Lan because of his attendance at several of the Chamber's functions when he was the Consul General of the PRC in Los Angeles. **Ming Chen, Alvin Wong, Wen Chung Lin** and I had a breakfast meeting with Minister Lan and his wife and Deputy Consul General **Li Yiping** of the PRC's Los Angeles Consulate General during their first morning in Honolulu. **Wesley Fong** hosted the gentlemen and two of their staff members to lunch the following day. **Winfred Pong, Vernon Ching**, and I made up the rest of the table. The lunch was an occasion for old friends to catch up on each other's lives and

served as a "pre-celebration" for **Wes Fong's** birthday. Have a happy birthday, Professor Fong!

Minister Lan advised us that the visa issue with the U.S. government will probably be with us for a while. He told us that the PRC has thirty countries around the world that are destination areas for its people. The United States is not among those countries, primarily because it is so difficult for a PRC citizen to obtain a visa from the U.S. government to visit here (or the U.S. mainland). However, we should not stop our efforts to amend this policy that is greatly restricting the flow of visitors and business opportunities from coming to Hawaii.

Our condolences to Mr. **Hei Wai Wong**, who recently lost his wife, **Helen**. Hei Wai is a long-time Chamber member, and is one of the founders of the Narcissus Festival.

[Editor's note: The problem with U.S. visas for Chinese wishing to visit seems to have involved tour groups or delegations with an occasional individual or two in who don't intend to return to China. This has been a problem for the State Department from time to time in the past, and it has been exacerbated by homeland security concerns in the post-9/11 environment].



Heilongjiang Business Mission

by Bill Chee

I recently concluded a two week visit to China during the last week of June and first week of July. I am happy to report first-hand that the SARS situation is completely under control and that the country is back to normal. Tourism will hopefully resume this month and return to pre-SARS levels.

My trip to China was to meet with government officials in the province of Heilongjiang, which is located in the northeastern-most section of China. I was there at the invitation of the government to submit presentations on behalf of several Hawaii-based companies seeking to establish business opportunities in this region. I'm pleased to report that the mission was successful. A memorandum of approval was signed for one business and tentative consideration was approved for the other ventures..

The government of Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang province, has expressed a desire to solicit more business ventures and establish a relationship with the city of Honolulu. An invitation is extended to all businesses and persons interested in finding out what this province has to offer.

Depending on the type of business or investment, the government is pleased to offer many financial incentives conducive to a fruitful business environment. For further information and details, contact **Bill Chee** at 386-4444.

Warriors of Qin Concert

The first-ever Hawaii appearance of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Dance Troupe was a resounding success. Held at the Hawaii Theater on Saturday, July 12, several hundred people were held spell-bound by the artistry of the troupe, together with members of the Phoenix Dance Chamber. There were a variety of numbers performed with professionalism, evidence of many, many hours of hard work in practicing the numbers. A tuxedoed **Ken Chong** was master of ceremonies, and he did an admirable job of keeping the proceedings



on schedule – a twenty-minute intermission was exactly that. This was apparently the latest in a series of cooperative efforts brought to Honolulu by the Phoenix Dance Chamber over the last few years. Much thanks to **Leon** and **Diane Letoto**.



MANDARIN-SPEAKING DAYCARE

Nada Mangialetti, wife of new member **Eugene Tsiang**, would like members with young children to know about daycare being offered to two children, ages 2-6 years old, in West Oahu. The children would join the Tsiangs' two and a half year old daughter in a program of Chinese music, songs, stories, art and poster-making, and free play conducted by a native Mandarin-speaking care giver and supervised by a native English-speaking psychologist. For more details or information, contact them by e-mail at nadarose@aol.com (English) or etsiang@aol.com (Mandarin) or phone 672-5206 evenings.



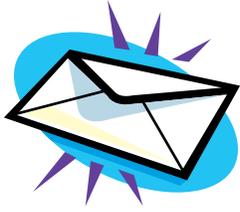
CHAMBER'S VISITORS

July 13 - 15, 2003

- Minister Lan Lijun
Embassy of the PRC and delegations of two

July 13 - 15, 2003

- Deputy Consul General Li Yiping
Consul General of PRC in Los Angeles and delegations of three



The June 27 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin's* "2003 Hawaii's Best" insert included several Chamber members' businesses. L & L Drive Inn (**Eddie Flores, Jr.** and **Kwock Yum Kam**) was #1 for plate lunches and #2 for meals under \$5.00; Eastern Garden Chinese Seafood (**Linda** and **Lawrence Chan**) was # 2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 22 • Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber's Office - 12:00 noon
July 29 • Tue	Board of Directors Meeting New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Aug 9-10	2003 Hawaii Dragon Boat Festival Ala Moana Beach Park 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.
Aug 19 • Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber's Office - 12:00 noon
Aug 26 • Tue	Board of Directors Meeting New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Sep 17 • Wed	A Taste of China Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall

for Chinese food; Ba-Le Sandwich Shop was #2 for sandwich and #3 for vegetarian restaurant; and McDonald's (**Victor Lim** is one of a number of Hawaii franchisees) was #1 for both meals under \$5.00 and fast food and tied for #3 for best coffee. In addition, Ba-Le founder **Thanh Quoc Lam** was pictured in a full page ad on the back of the insert with a large group, presumably including both franchisees and employees.

Victor and other McDonald's franchisees may be happy with some recent press coverage. The July 7 issue of *Fortune* named McDonald's as the #1 company in a seven-page article on the "50 Best Companies for Minorities." In addition, the subject of the "stock focus" column in the July issue of *Money* was devoted to McDonald's.

2003 Narcissus Queen **Kathleen Wong** was pictured on the cover of the July 9 issue of *Midweek*. In "The Rebirth of Chinatown," an article by Chamber member **Yu Shing Ting**, **Kathleen** and 2003 Miss Chinatown USA **Darah Dung** began a tour of

Chinatown beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending early in the afternoon. Starting at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza, **Kwock Nam Lau's** Royal Kitchen was mentioned as "the home of *char siu bao* or *manapua*." In addition to the Cultural Plaza, the tour included the dedication of the new "Chinatown *feng shui* gates" on King Street, and visits to lei shops, clothing shops, the Fook Sau Tong herbal store on Maunakea Street, lunch at Glowing Dragon Seafood Restaurant, Shung Chong Yuein (where the group met Chamber president **Terrill Chock** who was pictured holding a tray of goodies for the two beauty queens), the HPD substation, open markets, the "Gallery Walk," and jewelry shops.

NEW MEMBERS

At its June 24 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the application for **Richard Foo**, catering manager at the Radisson Waikiki Hotel (sponsored by **James Yan**).

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