

# LANTERN

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(L-R): President-Elect Leonard Kam, Immediately Past President Jeff Lau; Si Beibei, Special representative for the Mayor of Chengdu, Chief of Staff Ministry of Foreign Affairs Asia and North American Affairs; Reta Jo Lewis, Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the U.S. Secretary of State; Chamber President John Hui, Council Stanley Chang, and Council Chair Nestor Garica at the Sister-Cities Summit 2011.

## EDDIE FLORES BUSINESS SEMINAR SERIES

Phase II of the “Eddie Flores: Keys to Success” will begin on Tuesday, October 25, and continue for the succeeding three Tuesdays (November 1, 8, and 15). This series of seminars will feature L & L Drive-Inn/Hawaiian Barbecue CEO **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, and several other knowledgeable experts. Those attending Phase I have found the seminars to be both interesting and informative. The seminars will be more advanced than the four in Phase I, and will cover topics such as marketing, negotiations, and sales. The seminars are held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the fourth floor training room of the Hawaii National Bank main branch at 45 North King Street. In conjunction with the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and HNB, this seminar is also a unique opportunity to network with members of another Chamber. A check for \$100.00, payable to the Chamber, is required to ensure attendance, but will be returned upon attendance at all four sessions. The Phase I seminars have been completely filled with prospective or current small business entrepreneurs, and admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, contact the Chinese Chamber right away if you want to attend since space is limited.

## Chinese Movie Series

The Honolulu Academy of Arts’ **Doris Duke** Theatre will be presenting “Cinematic Treasures from China” in conjunction with the “Masterpieces of Landscape Painting from the Forbidden City” exhibit in the **Henry Luce** Gallery. This is a series of ten movies by Chinese, Taiwanese, and Chinese-American filmmakers to be shown at the theater from Saturday, October 29, to Sunday, November 20. More information on the ten movies and the showing dates can be found at [http://www.honoluluacademy.org/12058-cinematic\\_treasures\\_china](http://www.honoluluacademy.org/12058-cinematic_treasures_china) while information about the November 3, 2011, to January 8, 2012, exhibition (and four related lectures) can be found at [http://honoluluacademy.org/art/exhibitions/11737-masterpieces\\_landscape\\_painting\\_forbidden\\_city](http://honoluluacademy.org/art/exhibitions/11737-masterpieces_landscape_painting_forbidden_city), A “Festival Flash Pass” to nine of the movies (excluding “King of Masks”) is \$80.00 general admission or \$50.00 for Academy of Arts members. For more information on either of the events, call the Academy of Arts at 532-8700.

## Splendor of China

This year’s Splendor of China will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30, at the Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. After three years of a weak economy nationally and locally, it has been a challenge to sign up vendors. Nevertheless, Splendor chair **Betty Brow** and her committee have worked hard to ensure a successful event. If you’re interested in helping out as a volunteer on either or both days, please contact the Chamber. Splendor hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$3.00 per person, but \$1.00 discount coupons are readily available at L & L Hawaiian Barbecue and Panda Express locations as well as in-person at the Chamber office, 8 South King Street, and online from the Splendor of China Web site, [www.splendorofchina.com](http://www.splendorofchina.com). (And if you haven’t taken a look at the Splendor Web site, you should do so since it has a wealth of colorful video and a photo gallery).



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Aloha:

The Counties of Hawaii Sister Cities Summit, hosted by the respective county mayors' offices, highlighted the relationship with four new sister cities for Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. Honolulu's newest sister city, Chengdu, was represented by Ms. **Si Beibei**. On Tuesday, September 13, it was quite a grand welcome reception at the ocean-side lawn of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel for several hundred people (including quite a few Chamber officers and directors), who took the opportunity to sample appetizers and entrees prepared by first-class restaurants from each of the four counties. At the same time, there was a special sit-down dinner for VIPs, including long-time Chamber member and Governor **Neil Abercrombie**.

We met the Haikou delegation, led by Vice Mayor **Yuan Guanping**; Zhongshan Vice Mayor **Yin Zhaoju**; and of course Ms Si Beibei, representing the Chengdu municipal government. We also met Ms. **Reta Jo Lewis**, special representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the U.S. Secretary of State. (Ms. Lewis gave an "APEC update" at the summit's afternoon session on Thursday, September 14).

During the September 14 morning economic development session of the sister cities summit, each of the sister city delegations present was given an opportunity to give an overview about business opportunities in their respective cities. Several cities gave such in-depth presentations that the session went well over its allotted time.

Following lunch, there was a signing ceremony for each of the county's

mayors and the representatives of their newest sister cities. In the afternoon, the extended economic development session was finally concluded and followed by the Asia-Pacific Clean Energy Summit. Innovative clean energy initiatives and policies were covered in presentations by energy experts, international leaders, and government officials.

The following day, the Chamber and United Chinese Society hosted a luncheon for the Zhongshan sister city delegation at the UCS office. On Friday, September 16, UCS hosted a dinner at Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant for the Zhongshan delegation, thanking them the donation of three new dragon boats.

On September 22, the Xinhai revolution photo exhibition, "100th Anniversary of the 1911 Revolution and Great Changes in Beijing," opened at the State Capitol. The opening ceremony was hosted by Ambassador **Qiu Shaofang**, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in LA and Director **Fan Yinlong** from Beijing municipality news services. The exhibition opened to the public from September 23 and ran through September 30. The photos showed Beijing, capital of China during the revolution as well as changes over the years to modern Beijing.

That evening, there was a welcome banquet in honor of Vice Minister **Xu Yousheng**, Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council of the PRC and his delegation and the performing art troupe. Thanks to the Centennial Committee, especially its chair **Vernon Ching** and **Michele Choy**, our special guests very much enjoyed the evening. A gift of a silk embroidered scroll with a rabbit and peony, congratulating the Chamber on its 100 year anniversary, was presented by Vice Minister Xu.

On September 23, a luncheon was held at the Waiialae Country Club, hosted by the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Hawaii Foundation and Chinese Chamber for the delegations of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council and Consulate General in LA. Our newly minted centennial silver coin and centennial aloha shirt were presented to Vice Minister Xu and PRC LA Consul General Qiu as thanks for putting on the Xinhai photo exhibition and the Xinhai Grand Cultural Performance. That evening, a China National Day Celebration Banquet was hosted by Consul General Qiu at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. According to the consulate general office, this is the first time that the consulate general has hosted a National Day banquet outside of LA.

The eventful twelve days culminated with the Saturday, September 24, Xinhai Centennial Grand Cultural Performance at Blaisdell Concert Hall, featuring national-level actors and singers from different minorities of China, such as Tibetan, Mongolian and a musical instrument called a "Horse Head Guitar," and beautiful dance performances. It was a grand and wonderful performance that I have not seen before in Hawaii. Thanks to the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office Vice Minister Xu for bringing to the people of Hawaii such a grand cultural performance.

It's been a busy month, but now comes the Splendor of China on Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30. We hope that you will take the time to attend at least one of the two days and perhaps even volunteer to help. It's not too late to step up!

[Editor's note: hotlinks to Consul General Qiu Shaofang's remarks at the China National Day Reception and at the opening of the Xinhai revolution photo exhibit can be found at the Consulate General Web site: <http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/eng/>]



Above: Dragon Boat Ceremony with Zhongshan Vice Mayor Yin Zhaoju in front of new dragon boat at City Hall.

Sister-Cities Summit signing ceremony with Chengdu Representative Si Beibei at Hawaii Convention Center.

## ZHOU ENLAI PEACE INSTITUTE LUNCHEON

As mentioned last month in the *Lantern*, there will be a luncheon for the launch of the **Zhou Enlai Peace Institute** on Thursday, November 11. The luncheon will take place while the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2011 leadership summit is taking place in Honolulu. According to **Cynthia Ning**, a member of the Institute's board of advisors, some 400 people are expected. Individual tickets are \$200.00 (10% discount for Chamber members) and may be purchased by calling 282-9598 or going online to [zhouenlaipeaceinstitute.org](http://zhouenlaipeaceinstitute.org).

## Help Wanted Reminder

As mentioned in last month's *Lantern*, the Chamber is looking for someone to replace long-serving and hard-working **Grace Chan**, who is relocating with her family to Hong Kong in January, 2012. At a minimum, her replacement should be computer-literate (use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Adobe Acrobat as well as social media like Facebook) and fluent in Cantonese or Mandarin. Time is of the essence since time is needed for training and familiarization with the Chamber office operation. Anyone interested in the job should submit a letter of interest and resume to **Frances Goo** at [fgoo@guardianescrow.com](mailto:fgoo@guardianescrow.com).

## City OJT program

The City and County of Honolulu has an ongoing On the Job training (OJT) program through Oahu WorkLinks. Your new employees can get hands-on training in a program you design, and to offset your training costs, OWL reimburses at least 50% of the wages paid to the new employee during the training period. You may also get a tax credit for hiring people from certain groups such as veterans. Contact **Teri Young** (tel. no. 768-5710) or **Sandy Dyel** (tel. no. 768-5606) at OWL or go to [www.obib.org](http://www.obib.org) for more information..

## SISTER-CITIES SUMMIT 2011



Sister City Summit Signing of Sister-City agreement with Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, Chengdu Representative Si Beibei, and Chamber Members.



(L-R): Jeff Lau, Wesley Fong, Councilman Nester Gracia, Si Beibei, John Hui, and Tulsi Gabbard.



(L-R): President Elect Leonard Kam, Past President Ted Li, Secretary Tina Au, Chengdu Special representative Si Beibei, Immediate Past President Jeff Lau, Big Island of Hawaii Mayor Billy Kanoi, Chamber President John Hui, Ann Chung of OED City, and Yuan Dan of International Relations City.



Haikou (Hainan) sister city delegation deputy mayor Yuan Guangping at Hawaii Convention Center.



Zhongshan Vice-Mayor Yin Zhaoju joined Carlisle for a ceremony outside Honolulu Hale today to present the beautiful new boats, which include carved dragon heads mounted on the bows. Each boat can carry a crew of 16 paddlers, a drummer, flag catcher and steersman.

## DRAGON BOAT CEREMONY AT CITY HALL



Hawaii Dragonboat Assn gift exchange with Vice Mayor of Zhongshan and Mayor Carlisle.



Dragon Boat Ceremony: Gifford Chang at exchange of t-shirts by Zhongshan vice mayor and Mayor Carlisle.

Right: Council Chair Nestor Garcia, Council Stanley Chang, Council Tuli Gabbard, Former Council Breen Harimoto, Mayor, Si Beibei Special representative of Mayor Ge Honglin, behind the scroll Vice Mayor of Zhongshan.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 10 Mon **Columbus Day**
- Oct 18 Tue **Executive Board Meeting**  
Chamber Office – 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 25 Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**  
Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.
- Oct 29 Sat **9th Splendor of China**  
Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall  
10:00 am to 9:00 pm
- Oct 30 Sun **9th Splendor of China**  
Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Nov 11 Fri **Veterans Day**
- Nov 24 Thu **Thanksgiving Day**
- Nov 26 Sat **Centennial Banquet**  
Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral  
Ballroom – 5:30 p.m.

Among the forty-six Oahu restaurants and food vendors participating in the *Kanu* Hawaii “Eat Local” Challenge 2011 were L & L Drive Inns and **Raymond Siu**’s Kaneohe-based Pah Ke’s Chinese Restaurant. The annual challenge asks the public to eat locally grown food. This year, the challenge has grown from just a week to the whole month of September. More information on Eat Local 2011 can be found on the *Kanu* Hawaii Web site (<http://www.kanuhawaii.org/challenge/details/?id=16>). Even the food trucks at the September Eat the Street event participated in the challenge.

City Councilmen **Stanley Chang** and **Nestor Garcia** were two of the three honorary chairs of the Counties of Hawaii Sister Cities Summit 2011 in September. Both of them were also moderators of panels: Stanley for the “participating” sister city presentations and Nestor for the APEC update and doing business in China presentations. Stanley is making good use of social media, especially his Facebook page, to keep friends and constituents informed on issues affecting them.

**Michael Zhang** and his Blue Hawaii Lifestyle have entered the Chinese market with a Chinese Web site, <http://bluehawaii.taobao.com/>. In Hawaii, his “bricks-and mortar” store is located in Ala Moana shopping center, offering “products mostly made in Hawaii, all natural, ‘green,’ and healthy, very good for self use or as gifts.” The U.S. Web site is at <http://www.bluehawaiilifestyle.com/index.php>

Governor **Neil Abercrombie** has released a status report for the first half of 2011, “When Hawaii Works, Hawaii Wins.” A .PDF of the seven-page report is available for download at <http://hawaii.gov/newsroom/new-day-status-report>.



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