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Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Centennial Banquet Celebration
on Nov 26, 2011 at Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom

Narcissus Festival Events

Right after New Year celebrations, there will be the Narcissus Queen Pageant, on Saturday, January 7. For the first time in several years, it will again be held at the **Neal Blaisdell** Center Concert Hall. There are 15 lovely contestants, the largest number in recent years, and the opening number will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. in order to finish by 10:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$31.00 and \$26.00. Please be aware that there is an **Elton John** concert that night at the NBC Arena, so come early since parking will be at a premium. In addition, there will be a post-Pageant reception at the Empress Restaurant in the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. Family and friends of the contestants will be able to meet and greet the contestants as well as to congratulate the new Narcissus Queen and her court. Food and refreshments will be available on a buffet-style setup, so there will be no waiting around for several hundred famished people. The cost is only \$10.00. If you plan to attend, please call the Chamber at 533-3181.

The 2012 Chinatown Open House will be on Friday, January 13, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The evening begins at the Chamber building with *choy cheng* (feeding the lions), and lions from a number of Chinese lion dance associations will be cavorting amid exploding firecrackers and then throughout Chinatown. The male Chamber officers will escort the Narcissus Queen and court around Chinatown, visiting a variety of restaurants, shops, and Chinese societies and associations, to wish them a happy and prosperous Year of the Dragon.

That same weekend, the Chinatown New Year Celebration will be held at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza, Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14. The vendor booths will be open on Friday, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Finally, the Coronation Ball, will be held on Saturday, January 28. The venue will be the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom, with prices of \$68.00 per person or \$680.00 per table of ten. Wine tables (with one bottle of white wine and one bottle of red wine) are available for an additional \$100.00. No-host cocktails start at 5:00 p.m., dinner and the program start at 6:00 p.m. This is an evening of pomp and elegance, a gala opportunity to get "dressed up to the nines." In addition, a number of local dance associations have been invited, and there will be specially selected music for post-dinner dancing. So if you plan to attend, kindly call the Chamber right away at 533-3181.

Palolo Chinese Home Visitation

All Chamber members, young and old, are invited to participate in the annual Palolo Chinese Home visitation on Saturday, December 17. The visitation starts at 11:30 a.m. and includes Christmas carols and *hula* performances as well as a simple lunch served to the residents. If you plan to attend this Chamber community service event, please contact the Chamber at 533-3181 by Wednesday, December 14, so that there will be an accurate headcount.

Christmas Party

Over a hundred Chamber members and friends will gather on Monday, December 12, at Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter, for the annual Christmas party. There will be a buffet dinner, including prime rib. Also, there will be one or more games, door prizes, fellowship and networking, and a fond farewell to our long-serving secretary/administrative assistant, **Grace Chan**. Reservations closed on Monday, December 5, so if you didn't do so by then, you're out of luck since no walk-ins can be accommodated.





President
John Hui

Aloha:

Happy 100th Anniversary to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii!

On November 26, the Chamber's Centennial Banquet at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom marked its 100th anniversary. Twenty-three former Chamber presidents were introduced on stage, and a commemorative photo was taken of them with the huge birthday cake. Ten former Narcissus Queens, the oldest from 1956, were featured on stage, each giving a brief decade-by-decade review of the history from 1911 of the Chamber and larger Chinese community.

Richard Lim, director of the state Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism, representing Governor **Neil Abercrombie**; Congresswoman **Mazie Hirono**; managing director **Douglas Chin**, representing Mayor **Peter Carlisle**; House Speaker **Calvin Say** and state Representative **Colleen Ching**; and state Senator **Suzanne Chun**

Oakland presented proclamations congratulating the Chamber on its anniversary. Also attending the banquet were Congresswoman **Colleen Hanabusa**, Councilman **Nestor Garcia**, Councilman **Stanley Chang**, and **Ann Chung** and **John Chang** from the mayor's office. A delegation from the Liaoning Association for International Friendly Contact (LAIFC), led by Executive Vice President **Yang Junqiang**, came purposely for the centennial banquet. Others attending the banquet from China included a delegation from Qingdao, led by Director **Wang Zhendong** of the Qingdao Municipal Government Information Office and Vice Director **Chen Chunlei** of the Qingdao Municipality Overseas Chinese Affairs Office.

U.S. Senators **Daniel K. Inouye** and **Daniel K. Akaka**, Consul General of the PRC **Qiu Shaofang**, President of China Travel Service Head Office **Mo Yueming**, and the Qinhuangdao General Chamber of Commerce were unable to attend, but sent congratulatory letters for the Chamber's centennial. The PRC Consulate General in Los Angeles, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu, the China Travel Service Head Office, the Qinhuangdao General Chamber of Commerce, the See Dai Doo Society, and the Hawaii Teo Chew Association each sent beautiful floral arrangements for the centennial banquet. Thank you very much for your congratulatory letters and floral arrangements!

Thanks also to banquet Chairperson **Frances Goo** and the members of the Centennial Banquet Committee for all their hard work to make this banquet such a grand event.

Earlier in the month, the APEC Summit was held in Honolulu, November 11-13. Many APEC committee meetings and functions were going on amid busy and intensive security in Waikiki. A number of Chamber officers and directors turned out early in the morning of November 10 to greet President **Hu Jintao** to welcome him upon his arrival in Hawaii and later to bid him farewell upon his departure on November 14. Later that day, PRC Ambassador to the U.S. **Zhang Yesui** hosted a thank-you dinner for local Chinese society leaders at the Panda Restaurant on Keeaumoku Street.

At the Chamber office on Monday, November 14, a cooperative agreement between the CCPIT Hainan Council for the Promotion of International Trade, represented by Chairman **Chen Zhong Wen**, and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, represented by Chamber President **John Hui** was signed. The purpose of the agreement is to promote business development between Hainan Province and Hawaii. Having been designated several years ago as an international tourism center by the Chinese central government, the island of Hainan has developed rapidly in recent years. There are a lot of economic potential and business opportunities to exploit. Contact the Chamber office if you have any inquiry about Hainan.

Finally, the Hawaii Veterans Goodwill Delegation V, led by past president **Wesley Fong**, had a very successful and enjoyable tour last month. The members of the delegation all enjoyed the adventure in China.

Dinner reception with Chinese communities hosted by Ambassador of PRC at Washington Zhang Yesui



Above: The actual signing agreement between CCPIT Hainan Subcouncil and Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii on Nov. 14, 2011,

Right: Chamber President John Hui and Wen Chun Lin were honored to deliver President Hu Jintao's gift to Governor Abercrombie in his office on Nov. 15 under a special protocol arrangement. Governor was very happy to receive the beautiful gift and appreciated very much.



2011 APEC China Day at UH East West Center (L-R): Chamber President John Hui, Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz, China APEC Development Council Chairman, Zhang Lijun, Daily Zhang, Sonny Zhang, and Tina Au



HAPPY 100th ANNIVERSARY!
CHINESE CHAMBER CENTENNIAL BANQUET



MILITARY GOODWILL DELEGATION TO CHINA

by Wesley Fong

In November, Colonel (Ret.) **Wesley Fong** led the fifth Hawaii Veterans Goodwill Delegation of retired military officers and their spouses to China. The group was organized by the Chinese Chamber and hosted and coordinated by the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC). The delegation included Lieutenant General **Henry Stackpole**, U.S. Marine Corps; Major General **Robert Lee**, U.S. Army; Rear Admiral **Gus Gustavson**, U.S. Navy; and Brigadier General **Kathleen Berg**, U.S. Air Force. The delegation visited Beijing, Shanghai, and Suzhou.

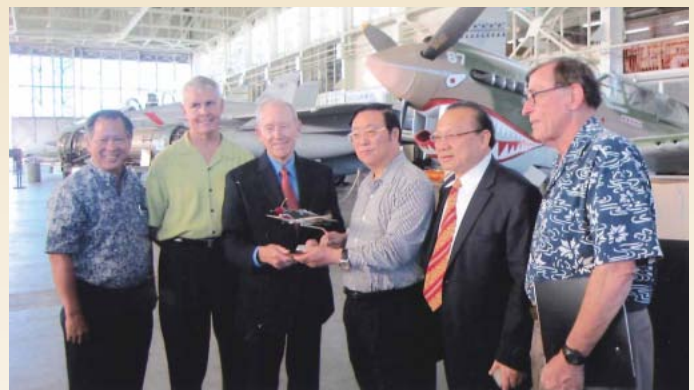
In Beijing, the delegation visited the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the Summer Palace. They attended a lavish banquet hosted by Vice Minister **Xu Yousheng** of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council, and another banquet hosted by CAIFC Vice President **Li Xiaohua**.

An interesting highlight of the visit was a tour of the China Peace-Keeping Police Training Center. The delegation was received by Major General **Guo Taicun**, the Center's vice president. The mission of the Center appeared to be a combination of the mission of our National Guard and Department of Homeland Security.

Next was a visit to Shanghai and a tour of the famous Yu Gardens, the Urban Planning Museum, the Shanghai Museum, Pudong, and the Bund. One evening was topped off with a visit to the spectacular Shanghai Acrobatic Show.

The delegation's eight day tour ended with a day-tour to Suzhou with its beautiful gardens, the **I. M. Pei** Museum, and a ride along its famous canal. Suzhou is known to some as the "Venice of China."

This year's visit, like the previous ones, not only built goodwill and friendship between China and the U.S., but also gave the delegates and their spouses a better understanding and appreciation of China and its people.



Perhaps due to the approach of the holiday season, not to mention the Chamber centennial, quite a few members have appeared in *Midweek*. In the November 9 issue, Dr. **Ming Chen** was photographed at the Taste of Kick Start. Attorneys **Jeff Lau**, **Richard Turbin**, and **Rai Saint Chu** were at the EuroCinema Hawaii awards gala and **Angie Shiroma** was at the Retail Merchants of Hawaii Ho'okela Awards, and their photographs were in the November 16 *Midweek*. In the November 30 *Midweek*, photos showed Dr. **Joe** and **Barbara Young**, **Lei Ahu Isa**, **Wesley Fong**, **Terry**

Low, **Anita** and **Victor Lim**, **Corinne Ching**, **Walter Chang**, **Gordon Au**, **Stanford Yuen**, **Frances** and **Edward Goo**, **Vernon** and **Yun Song Jim**, **Vivian** and **Leo Young**, and **Leonard** and **Lori Kam** at the Hawaii Chinese Civic Association Mandarin Ball; **Lei Ahu Isa** at the Sounding Joy Music Therapy brunch; and Gov. **Neil Abercrombie** at the Honolulu chapter of Japanese American Citizens League dinner.

Finally, in the December 7 *Midweek*, the Chamber's centennial banquet was featured in a full-page spread showing Dr. **Ming Chen**, **Wesley Fong**, **Ronald Young**, **Dennis** and **Rena Hwang**, **Gayle** and **Ed Pei**, **Neuman** and **Trevina Pei**, **Michele Choy**, **Vernon Ching**, **Frances Goo**, **Winfred** and **Elaine Pong**, **Norma** and **Randall Chang**, **Betty Brow**, **Jeff** and **Susan Lau**, **Leonard** and **Lori Kam**, **Gordon** and **Lana Au**, **Vera** and **Reuben Wong**, **Anita** and **Victor Lim**, **Kenneth** and **Lishan Chong**, **Terry Lo**, and **Elvira Lo**. In the same edition, photos showed **Betty Brow** at the Girl Scouts of Hawaii Woman of Distinction Dinner; Narcissus Princess and associate member **Jasmine Nip** at the Kidz 4 A Cause concert; and **Douglas Yee** at the Rotary Club of West Oahu **David Malo** award banquet.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 12	Mon	Christmas Party Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter – 5:30 p.m.
Dec 13	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber Office – 5:30 p.m.
Dec 20	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.
Dec 25	Sun	Christmas Day
Jan 1	Sun	New Year's Day
Jan 7	Sat	63rd Narcissus Queen Pageant Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall – 6:30 p.m.
Jan 13	Fri	Chinatown Open House Chinatown District 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Jan 13	Fri	New Year Celebration Chinatown Cultural Plaza 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Jan 14	Sat	New Year Celebration Chinatown Cultural Plaza 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Jan 16	Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

NEW MEMBERS

At its November 29 meeting, the board of directors approved the applications for **Anthony Arakaki**, program manager, Office of the Maui County Mayor (recommended by **Sylvia Louie**); **Reng Fukeda**, a tax accountant at Accuity LLP (recommended by **Sylvia Louie**); **Lyle Ho**, president and owner of wholesale distributor Lyleco, LLC (recommended by **Sylvia Louie**); **Randy Leong**, Deputy Director, Maui County Department of Enterprise Services (recommended by Dr. **Joseph Young**); dentist Dr. **William Li** (recommended by **Huasong Wang**); **Stephanie Mau Macadandang**, client services coordinator for Safe Harbor Homecare, Inc. (recommended by **Gifford Chang**); and **Michael Young**, a construction manager with Bowers + Kubota Consulting (recommended by **George Chu**, **Michelle Choy**, and **Jeff Lau**). Also approved as associate members, all recommended by **Michelle Choy**, are 2012 Narcissus contestants **Tiffany Au**, **Julianne Cheng**, **Cherie Ching**, **Megan Ching**, **Rina Ching**, **Karianne Hong**, **Nina Hung**, **Jenny Lin**, **Gloria Lui**, **Yan Ma**, **Courtney Sue-Ako**, and **Stephanie Wang**. Welcome to each and every one of you and we hope to see you at the next membership event.

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