



Aloha!

Our theme for the 30th Annual Honolulu Festival, ***Aloha & Mahalo – 30 Years of Cultural Celebration***, encapsulates our collective message of being so grateful to all those, past and present, who have made this annual event such a treasured occasion for people to enjoy.

It takes a tremendous amount of time and effort to plan, organize, and present the Honolulu Festival's cultural performances and exhibitions at the Hawai'i Convention Center, Ala Moana Center, Waikiki Beach Walk, and International Market Place, and in Waikiki with the Grand Parade and Nagaoka Fireworks Show. Many hands are needed to make this a success.

The Honolulu Festival Foundation is thankful for the support of Governor Josh Green and the State of Hawai'i, Mayor Rick Blangiardi and the City and County of Honolulu, our generous corporate donors, and our numerous dedicated volunteers who step forward to ensure the weekend of March 13-15 will be a joyous and memorable celebration for everyone.

We are most thankful for the continued support of the public, residents and visitors of Hawaii, who come to the Festival's various venues to experience, engage, and be entertained by artisans who are sharing cultural traditions that originated with their ancestors and have been proudly carried forth by each succeeding generation.

I am pleased to report that this year's Honolulu Festival will have more cultural groups performing than last year, more participants coming from Japan and the Pacific Rim, and more trade show booths on display at the Hawai'i Convention Center. We have also added a new performance stage at the International Market Place to give residents and visitors more opportunities to enjoy the diverse cultural presentations.

This year, as has been the case for the past three decades, there is so much for people of all ages to see, do, experience, and enjoy at the Honolulu Festival. On behalf of the Honolulu Festival Foundation, thank you everyone for your continued patronage and support.

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tetsuya Kubo', is located below the text 'Mahalo nui,'.

Tetsuya "Ted" Kubo, President
Honolulu Festival Foundation