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Kyo-ya Unveils Proposal to Renovate The Royal Hawaiian and The Sheraton Waikiki

Kyo-ya Company Limited is proposing to renovate the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and the Sheraton Waikiki. At the February 22nd meeting of WIA’s board of directors, Greg Dickhens, Kyo-ya executive vice president, introduced Rob Iopa of WCIT Architecture, chief architect for the project. Mr. Iopa presented the proposed renovations to the board.

The renovations are part of a master plan to comprehensively improve internal traffic circulation, upgrade hotel amenities and enhance the overall visual character of both the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and the Sheraton Waikiki. The project covers approximately 14.7 acres of land area.

The improvements encompass four major areas: “The Royal Grounds” arrival area, The Sheraton Waikiki, the Royal Gardens and Pool (between the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and the Sheraton Waikiki), and The Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

The renovations to “The Royal Grounds” arrival area will improve the visual character along Don Ho Lane leading from Lewers Street and under the parking structure of the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center and will provide a more welcoming sense of arrival. The driveways will be realigned to facilitate wayfinding and increase vehicle queuing areas on-site.

The Sheraton Waikiki porte cochere and entry rotunda entry area adjoining the porte cochere will be reconstructed. The Sheraton Waikiki front desk will be moved closer to the porte cochere to serve arriving guests.

Beachside, a “vanishing edge” pool will be constructed, and the existing concrete walkway along the makai edge of the pool will be widened on existing resort property to provide greater ease of public access along the shoreline. The existing pool bar will be renovated and the pool deck area will be landscaped.

Other Sheraton Waikiki renovations will be confined to interior areas on the ground level, including relocation of retail and food and beverage



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amenities and reconfiguration of the lobby and guest circulation.

The renovations to the Royal Gardens and Pool are planned to include:

- The Royal Hawaiian Hotel porte cochere will be relocated and that area will be landscaped as an open lawn and garden;
- The existing Sheraton Waikiki grand staircase will be reconstructed to complement the Royal Gardens and to open ocean views from the “Royal Grounds” arrival area;
- The existing children’s pool will be reconstructed with multiple shallow pools connected by flowing water slides;

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- A footpath and a gateway feature leading from “The Royal Grounds” arrival area into the Royal Gardens will be added, and
- The Royal Gardens area will be landscaped.

The renovations to The Royal Hawaiian Hotel are planned to include:

- Relocating the existing driveway, motor court and porte cochere from the west side of the building the north side to open the area, create the “Royal Gardens” and improve the arrival experience;
- Relocating the existing spa facility to the newly opened lawn area east of the north wing and recreating the “Royal Grove” concept around it, with landscaping featuring coconut trees;
- Constructing a teak wood deck around the existing swimming pool and landscaping the pool area; and
- Renovating the ground level interior of The Royal Hawaiian Hotel, including accommodating the relocated porte cochere, modifying the Monarch Room, rearranging food and beverage spaces.

The WIA board of directors voted to support the project in concept. WIA president Rick Egged said “The renovations create a new sense of excitement and welcome linking The Sheraton Waikiki and The Royal Hawaiian to the revitalized Waikiki.”



LOUNGE AREA OVERLOOKING POOLS TO DIAMOND HEAD



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Waikiki Beach Walk™ Opening Celebration to Include Honolulu Festival Events

Lewers Street has come alive to celebrate the long-anticipated opening of Waikiki Beach Walk™, the brand new shopping, dining and entertainment destination in the heart of Waikiki.

The event-filled celebration will include free performances by a variety of well-known local musicians and entertainers, as well as cultural demonstrations and classes by Honolulu's recognized kupuna and kumu. All events will take place on the plaza at Waikiki Beach Walk along Lewers Street, which allows the audience to interact with the performers and artists.

During the last two days of the celebration, March 10-11, Waikiki Beach Walk will play host to the 13th Annual Honolulu Festival which will feature free entertainment and demonstrations from Japan, Hawaii and other Pacific Rim nations.

The schedule of events includes:

Thursday, March 8, 2007

5 pm - 6 pm — Waikiki Beach Walk guests will enjoy watching hula performed by the Blaine Kia Halau. Kumu Hula Blaine Kia and his halau will dance a diverse selection of hula ranging from ancient to more modern styles.

6 pm - 7 pm — Na Hoku Hanohano award-winning artist Raiatea Helm visits Waikiki Beach Walk with her lilting Hawaiian vocals. Helm will perform a selection of songs including music from her newest album, Sweet & Lovely, featuring local favorites such as the title track and the song "Far Away Heaven." This talented young artist will impress shoppers with her beautiful renditions of Hawaiian songs in her sweet Hawaiian falsetto.

Friday, March 9, 2007

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm — Hawaiian trio Moon Kahele & Friends will play a variety of Hawaiian music ranging from more contemporary styles to the slack key guitar.

12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm — Mana Hawai'i will again offer a variety of cultural and instructional activities.

5 pm - 6:00 pm — Hawaii's favorite beach boys, Tiki Tabu, get together to reminisce about the "good times" with vintage surf music and island tunes.

6 pm - 7:00 pm — Natalie Ai Kamau, a former Miss Aloha Hula, will perform along with Halau Hula Olana. Known for her angelic voice, Natalie

will sing a selection of songs accompanied by her father, Howard Ai.

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Honolulu Festival Entertainment

10:00 am - 5:00 pm — The Honolulu Festival comes to Waikiki Beach Walk on Saturday, March 10th, with a full day of free entertainment featuring dance and musical troupes from Australia and Japan. Several of Waikiki Beach Walk's new restaurants will also be manning food booths throughout the day, so come and sample dishes from Roy's Waikiki, Yard House, Holokai Grill and Giovanni Pastrami.

Sunday, March 11, 2007

Honolulu Festival Entertainment

10:00 am - 5:00 pm — On Sunday, March 11th, Lewers Street closes between Don Ho Lane and Helumoa Street for an all-day block party at Waikiki Beach Walk. Honolulu Festival activities will include free entertainment and demonstrations from Japan, Hawaii and other Pacific Rim nations. Sample some of the great eateries opening at Waikiki Beach Walk at food booths operated by Roy's Waikiki, Yard House, Holokai Grill and Giovanni Pastrami. Of particular interest will be the Saijo Danjiro, a large, colorful float that will be decorated throughout the day to join the Honolulu Festival parade scheduled along Kalakaua Avenue that afternoon beginning at 4:30 pm.

Outrigger Enterprises Group's Waikiki Beach Walk™ is the largest development project ever to be undertaken in Waikiki. The 8-acre area, bordered by Kalakaua Avenue, Lewers Street, Kalia Road, Beachwalk and Saratoga Road, has been completely rebuilt as a vibrant showcase and gathering place in the new Waikiki. With a total cost of \$535 million, it features an outdoor entertainment plaza, 40 new retailers, six great restaurants, and four hotels. Incorporating a design theme that celebrates Hawaii's voyaging and ocean heritage, it takes advantage of the island's cooling trade winds and year-round excellent weather. Waikiki Beach Walk™ is the consummate expression of Hawaii today — a place where people come to be enlivened with warm hospitality, a rich confluence of cultures, and nature's precious gifts from land and sea. For more information, visit www.waikikibeachwalk.com.



Philip Rickard Honolulu Opens Seventh Retail Location in Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center

Philip Rickard Honolulu, leading manufacturer of Hawaiian Heirloom jewelry, has opened a seventh retail location. The new gallery store opened on February 21, 2007, at the newly renovated Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center. Philip Rickard, founder and president of Philip Rickard Honolulu, is thoroughly excited about being a part of the newly renovated Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center and hopes that this location will bring more awareness of his brand to both locals and visitors.

The official grand opening celebration for the Philip Rickard Honolulu Gallery location will take place Friday March 9th on the 1st Floor of the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center A Building (A108) in between Island Snow and Le SportSac. The celebration will begin with a Hawaiian blessing by Kumu Keoni Craig at 9:00 am followed by light snacks and coffee. All customers will receive a 10% discount on all purchases for the day 9:00 am -10:00 pm.

“All of my pieces are hand manufactured with the highest possible artistic passion and charged with the mystique and love of the beautiful Hawaiian Islands,” says Rickard, founder. “The sincere passion and respect that I have for this jewelry and its rich history is reflected in each piece I create. I am thoroughly excited about sharing my pieces at our new location.”

The Gallery will feature all of his existing collections including the Diamonds & Flowers Collection, Black Pearl Collection, and the custom wedding line. This location will also showcase the Philip Rickard exclusive Ali'i Collection, which was inspired by Hawai'i sovereign history, this collection uses royal blue enamel to accent the classic Old English scrolling. Fans of Rickard's pieces include famed rock star and fashion designer Gwen Stefani who is consistently photographed in fashion magazines wearing Philip Rickard originals.

The new Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center location joins six others on Oahu including its flagship store and factory also located in the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center. At the Factory and Museum on the third floor of the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, Rickard works with sixty jewelers, craftsman, and professional technicians manufacturing Hawaiian Heirloom jewelry, sold in Hawaii and shipping all over the world. At this location customers are encouraged to browse the one-of-a-kind museum of Hawaiian jewelry artifacts which Rickard has personally collected over his years of research in both Hawaii and England. Product can also be purchased at the newly launched website www.philiprickardhonolulu.com.



Rickard's years of passion and research also led him to the 1993 publication of his book, "Hawaiian Heirloom Jewelry: 'A Lasting Remembrance'" which brings to light the rich history of the jewelry and reveals many of the misconceptions about its introduction into Hawaiian history.

Lester Ralph "Philip" Rickard has dedicated much of his life to the study of the historical transitions of jewelry and has been particularly influenced by the Renaissance period in Europe. After years of studying throughout Europe a compelling vision in 1971 brought Rickard to Hawaii where he opened his first retail location store in 1986 at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center. Philip Rickard Honolulu has grown to be the Premiere Manufacturer of World Class Hawaiian Jewelry. This beautiful jewelry is made in many different gold colors and platinum which feature the deep carved scrolling patterns, rich enameled names, and inlays. Many of these pieces hold diamonds and colored gemstones which are acquired daily by admirers in Hawai'i and around the world.

Today Philip Rickard Honolulu has five retail stores in the Hawaiian Islands, web sites in English and Japanese and a manufacturing and customer service location in Tokyo.

For further information on Philip Rickard Honolulu or Philip Rickard Japan, please contact Liz Lerner at (808) 647-4094 or visit www.philiprickardhonolulu.com.



The 80th Annual Lei Day Queen is Daveanne Manu Anana

The City and County of Honolulu has a new Lei Day Queen for 2007. She is Daveanne Manu Anana, who turns 50 this month. Anana was the oldest contestant in this year's pageant, which featured the Na Makuahine age group (31~54 years old), but was clearly an audience favorite among the 300 attendees.

Anana works for the Department of Education as a pre-school coordinator for the Leeward district. She is a Kamehameha School graduate, and received her Bachelors Degree in Early Education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and her Masters Degree in Special Education from San Francisco State University. She was formerly a student of Kumu Hula Maiki Aiu, and currently dances with Kumu Hula Keith Awai, Halau Hula Ka Wai Kuilani. Anana is an avid soccer player and resides in Haleiwa. She has two children – a daughter who is a sophomore at Punahou School, and a son in the 3rd grade at Kamehameha School.

First Lei Princess is Sheila Lehuanani Kaho'okele. The remaining five finalists were all so impressive, as well, that they were all named Lei Princesses, to complete the 2007 Lei Day Court.

This year's field of contestants all had at least their Bachelors Degrees – and four of them hold Masters Degrees!

The all-day pageant judged each of the seven finalists on lei making, hula, language skills and poise, and her ability to convey the spirit of aloha with warmth and dignity. This year's Lei Day theme is "Na Lei Kukui" or The Kukui Lei. The Court are will now go through training to properly fulfill their duties for 2007. The main event is, of course, the 80th Annual Lei Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 1st, at Kapi'olani Park (9 a.m.~6 p.m.), featuring music, hula, lei contests, and a craft fair (free admission to all events). The Lei Queen and Court will also offer lei at ceremonies at Mauna'ala (the Royal Mausoleum) and Kawaiaha'o Church on May 2nd. They will make other appearances by request upon availability.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann and the City are grateful for the generous sponsors for making this public-private partnership work for the community.

"We are so grateful to HECO, HTA, and ResortQuest Hawai'i for coming forward to make this year's Lei Day a success," said Ka'iulani Vincent, DPR Culture and Arts Coordinator. "Due to their generosity, we have been able to expand Lei Day events and reach out to more kama'aina and visitors



2007 Lei Day Queen Daveanne Manu Anana with City DPR Director Lester Chang.

of all ages to get involved, participate, and attend the events!"

"As a local company that has served our islands for more than a century, we are proud to help continue the local tradition and legacy of Hawaiian culture that Lei Day represents," said Mike May, president & CEO of HECO. "We are honored to join the City & County in helping to keep the lei tradition alive."

The first Lei Day was in 1927 and celebrated in downtown Honolulu with a few people wearing lei. From that it grew and more and more people began to wear lei on May 1st. We are told that the first celebration and exhibit of lei was at the Bank of Hawai'i. In 1928, the first Lei Queen was Nina Bowman, and she was crowned by Mayor Charles Arnold. After a few years, Lei Day was held at City Hall with a lei exhibit and pageant. With growing popularity, the celebration soon outgrew City Hall, so it then became the responsibility of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation. The celebration was moved to Kapi'olani Park, where it continues to this day.

This Year's May Day Celebration is brought to you by the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks & Recreation, presenting sponsor Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO), and ResortQuest Hawaii.

For more information about the 80th Annual Lei Day Celebration, you may visit www.honolulu.parks.com, or call the DPR in Kapolei at 692-5531.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

In honor of the famous patron Saint of Ireland, St. Patrick, the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa is converting the famed Shell Bar into Durty Nellie's Pub for a festive St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, March 17.

The evening will commence with a performance by the Celtic Pipe and Drum of Hawaii at 5 p.m. in the hotel's main lobby. Following that, the Durty Nellie's Pub will open to the sounds of Celtic Waves with the Leprechaun's specialty drinks so guests can sing along to those famous medleys of the Emerald Isle until midnight that evening. The drink specials include Guinness draft beer; Bass draft beer; and Black & Tan for \$7.25 each. And for \$8.50 each, the pub is offering Irish Charlie (Irish manor, crème de menthe), Irish Red Head (Jameson Irish whiskey, peach schnapps and cranberry), 3 Leaf Clover (green crème de menthe, white crème de menthe, cream),

and The Leprechaun (Jameson Irish whiskey, peach liqueur, blue curacao). Another drink, Erin Go Bragh (Jameson Irish whiskey, Midori liqueur and ginger ale) will be available for \$9.

And in celebration, the Rainbow Lanai Restaurant is offering a special St. Patrick's Day dinner buffet complete with slow-roasted prime rib, and traditional Irish dishes such as corned beef and cabbage and Irish lamb stew. A variety of selections will be part of the salad bar that evening as well, including oysters on half shell, waldorf salad and seafood and cous cous salad. The buffet is \$37 for adults and \$20 for children under 12 years of age. To make reservations for dinner, call the Hilton Hawaiian Village at (808) 949-4321 and ask for dining reservations.

The Royal Luau Adds Additional Night to Weekly Performance

Currently held every Monday, The Royal Luau at The Royal Hawaiian will add a second night to its weekly schedule. Effective April 5 through December 20, 2007, the luau and show will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. for \$99 per adult and \$55 per child (5 to 12 years old). For reservations, please call the Sheraton Hotels & Resorts in Waikiki central dining desk at (808) 921-4600.

This island mainstay attraction, the only luau on Waikiki Beach, has entertained residents and visitors for more than 40 years. Included are a fresh flower lei

greeting, a welcome Mai Tai, two standard drinks or one exotic drink, and traditional luau buffet featuring specialties including roasted kalua pig, sautéed mahimahi, teriyaki steak, lomilomi, salmon, poi, sweet potato, and a selection of desserts including haupia, a traditional Hawaiian delight.

During dinner, guests of The Royal Luau are treated to one of Waikiki's most exciting Polynesian shows. The hour-long extravaganza features ancient and contemporary hula, a sizzling Samoan fire dance, Tahitian hula, drum dances and more.

Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!

Torch lighting, Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily **6:30PM – 7:30PM** at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, near the Duke Kahanamoku statue. FREE. Presented by the City's Office of Economic Development (843-8002) and the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

For the month of March:

Mondays & Tuesdays: "Auntie Pudgie" Young & Hawaiian Serenaders

Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Ka Liko O Kapalai

Thursdays: Val Crabbe and Halau Hula Palena

Fridays, March 9, 16, 23: Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Friday, March 30: Moana Chang and the Aloha Boat Days Show

Saturday, March 10: Coline Aiu and Halau Hula O Maiki

Sunday, March 11: NO SHOW (Hon Fest Parade)

New Chairman, Statewide Board of Directors Named for 2007 Aloha Festivals

On February 28, Aloha Festivals inducted Don Takaki as its new Chairman of the Board, along with six new board members. The installation event was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.



Takaki, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HawkTree International and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Island Movers, Inc., has long been involved with civic and business interests in the islands. "Mr. Takaki will be an asset to Aloha Festivals because of his experiences in the business sector and his long standing commitment and ties to our

community," said Aloha Festivals President, Charlian Wright.

The other new board members installed are as follows:

Incoming 1st Vice Chair Debbie Nakanelua Richards

Incoming 2nd Vice Chair Jay Talwar

Secretary Murray Towill

Treasurer Charles Au

Assistant Secretary David Asanuma

Assistant Treasurer Leolani Kini

Past President Mark Polivka

In 1947, Aloha Week was created as a public festival to honor the cosmopolitan heritage of Hawai'i through music, dance and history. The first Aloha Week was held during the fall as a modern-day makahiki, the ancient Hawaiian festival of music, dance, games and feasting. By 1974, Aloha Week expanded to a month-long slate of activities, with events on six islands. In 1991, it was renamed Aloha Festivals to reflect the festival's expansion. The festival now encompasses hundreds of events. While each island features a parade and ho'olaule'a, or block party, Aloha Festivals also showcases events that are unique to certain islands such as the Ms. Aloha Nui Contest on the Big Island honoring the large stature of island women.

Aloha Festivals is funded each year through the sale of Aloha Festival ribbons, merchandise, corporate and private donations and grants from the Hawaii Tourism Authority and support from the counties of Maui, Hawai'i, Kaua'i and the City and County of Honolulu.

For the most current schedule of events, visit www.alohafestivals.com. To purchase an Aloha Festivals ribbon (\$5) and receive the official 2007 program guide, call (808) 589-1771.



Shaun Ono Named Director of Guest Relations at Sheraton Moana Surfrider



Sheraton Moana Surfrider is pleased to announce the appointment of Shaun Ono as director of guest relations. In his new role, Ono will be responsible for planning and executing special events and initiatives to enhance the guest experience, as well as developing a program for the hotel's repeat guests. In addition, Ono will oversee various departments including concierge,

beach and pool, and Moana Memories lounge.

Prior to joining the Sheraton Moana Surfrider, Ono worked as the guest service manager for Sheraton Waikiki and The Royal Hawaiian. Ono began his career as an intern in the Sheraton Waikiki's guest service department while he was attending school.

Ono attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in travel management.



Honolulu Zoo Society Offers Twilight Tours

What's Wild in Waikiki? Take a stroll to the Honolulu Zoo and learn the sort of monkey business that goes on after hours. Learn about the lives of the Zoo's remarkable citizens. Tours are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. *every* Saturday evening! It's a fun evening of education never experienced by day visitors. Special arrangements can be made for large groups. Families are welcome. The tours are appropriate for all ages 5 to 105! Please purchase tickets in advance from the

Honolulu Zoo Society (HZS) by calling 971-7195. Walk-ups are welcome if space is available - meet at the Front Entrance at 5:15pm. See www.honzoosoc.org for info.



Waikiki Parade Watch (courtesy of the City)

March 11, 2007 Sunday

7:00AM Starts
11:00AM Ends

JOHNNY FAERBER 10K RUN sponsored by RRCA/Mid Pacific Roadrunners Club. The event is expected to have 300 runners. It will start on Kalakaua Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Paikau St., to Diamond Head Rd., to 22nd Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Elepaio St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to finish at Honolulu Marathon finish line area. Contact: John Simonds 373-3609 For more info, visit their website: <http://www.mprrc.com/>

March 11, 2007 Sunday

4:30PM Starts
7:30PM Ends

HONOLULU FESTIVALS PARADE sponsored by JTB Hawaii/Honolulu Festival Organizing Committee. The event is expected to have 6,000 marchers, 20 vehicles, 5 floats, 3 bands, 12 Mikoshi. It will start at Kalakaua Ave. at Saratoga Rd., kkhhd on Kalakaua Ave., to end at Waikiki Shell parking lot, Queen Kapiolani Park. Contact Glenn Kosuge 926-2424. For more info, visit their website: www.honolulufestival.com

March 17, 2007 Saturday

12:00PM Starts
1:30PM Ends

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE sponsored by Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Hawaii. The event is expected to have 800 marchers, 50 vehicles, 2 floats, 5 bands. It will start at Saratoga Rd./Kalakaua Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to end at Queen Kapiolani Park. Contact: Kevin Kelly 956-6651 Fax: 956-5308

March 24, 2007 Saturday

4:00PM Starts
6:00PM Ends

PRINCE KUHIO COMMEMORATION PARADE sponsored by Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. The event is expected to have 800 marchers, 50 vehicles, 2 floats, & 4 bands. It will start at Kalakaua Ave. at Saratoga Rd., kkhhd on Kalakaua Ave., to end at Waikiki Shell parking lot, Queen Kapiolani Park. Contact: Leimomi Khan 372-0630

The above is based on the most current information available from the event organizers as of the date of this publication. For more information, call the Department of Transportation Services, 808-527-6009.



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