

## Aloha to Aloha Stadium

A half century of memories at Aloha Stadium will be wiped away in the coming months. By the end of November, welders will begin dismantling the steel structure that showcased football, soccer, concerts, graduations, baseball, and motorsports.

On Oct 25, the community was treated to a spectacular send off party. The evening was filled with first rate entertainment (Henry Kapono, Brother Noland, Kimmie Minor, Anuhea, and Ekolu), a fireworks show and videos of the facility's most prolific moments.

"The Salt Lake Neighborhood Board has been a stalwart supporter of recreating the 98 acre parcel," says Sen. Wakai. "In 2029 we will have a new stadium and soon after, a dynamic new community."

## Stretching the UH Rainbow Across the Pacific

The UH baseball was a hit in Japan this past weekend. The team beat two powerhouse universities, Waseda and Keio. The games brought together players and coaches to forge a relationship that will eventually lead to a pipeline of athletes, new fan base, and corporate sponsorships.

The initiative by Sen. Wakai focuses on empowering UH Athletics. "Hawai'i has no Fortune 500 Companies and in



UH BaseBows at Jingu Indoor Facility in Japan

order to be competitive, colleges need to pay their star athletes. Instead of trying to get a bigger piece of the mainland pie, I am refocusing UH on the other side of the Pacific."

Sen Wakai also compelled UH to put their renowned kicker, Kansei Matsuzawa's jersey name in kanji (more than a thousand shirts have been sold and Kansei gets a portion of the revenues). Sen. Wakai also initiated talks last year with Spectrum to stream three UH home games to Japan. He is already in talks with the Taiwan Baseball Federation to sign a memorandum of agreement with UH.