

**LATE TESTIMONY**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR3 & HR21

I support HCR3 & HR21 to recognize a memorandum of agreement and cooperation between the state of Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines.

The League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) represents all urban area Mayors in the Republic of the Philippines. To date, we have confirmed 21 Mayors and 20 Council Members of the Philippines coming to Hawaii for a conference.

I have attached copies of documents which displays the events and focus of the League of Cities of the Philippines conference in Honolulu, Hawaii from Feb. 28, 2012 to March 2, 2012.

Please note that I am providing this testimony not in my capacity as a Legislator, but as a private citizen (although my participation with many of the events with LCP will be in my capacity as a Legislator).

Sincerely,

John M. Mizuno

## AGENDA OF EVENTS FOR THE LCP FEB. TO MARCH 2012

### 1. AGENDA

1A. LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES Organizational Profile

2. UPDATED LIST OF VISITING MAYORS, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

3. LETTER (EXAMPLE) OF INVITE TO MAYORS

4. OFFICIAL INVITE TO WASHINGTON PLACE

5. REQUEST TO HOLD JOINT FLOOR SESSION

5A. REQUEST DENIED BY SENATE

6. INITIAL EMAILS WITH LCP

7. LCP MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND COOPERATION BETWEEN STATE OF HAWAII AND LCP

8. HCR3

9. HR21

10. LETTER OF INVITE TO THE HOUSE FLOOR SESSION ON MARCH 1, 2012 (NOTE – CHANGES – THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE HELD AT WASHINGTON PLACE AT 6:00 P.M. ON MARCH 1, 2012)

# Memorandum

**To:** MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**From:** John M. Mizuno, Chair, Human Services

**Date:** February 16, 2012

**Subject:** LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII,  
FEB. 28 THROUGH MARCH 2, 2012

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I have listed some of the planned events for the LCP visit to Hawaii.

- 1.) The Honorable Mayor Oscar Rodrigues, President of the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) or the Honorable Mayor Hernani Braganza, Secretary General (LCP) will address the Hawaii State Legislature with a message from the President of the Republic of the Philippines regarding goals to strengthen the relationship between Hawaii and the Republic of the Philippines and working together to encourage business opportunities between Hawaii and the Philippines.
- 2.) We have confirmed that the Governor of the State of Hawaii will come down to address the League of Cities of the Philippines, consisting of all mayors from urban areas of the Republic of the Philippines, on their President's message and their request to build a stronger relationship between Hawaii and the Republic of the Philippines.
- 3.) We have confirmed that all four Hawaii county Mayors will attend this floor session.
- 4.) We have confirmed that the Governor of the state of Hawaii, along with the House of Representatives and the four county Mayors will co-host the reception to celebrate the signing of the "Memorandum of Understanding" between the state of Hawaii and the Republic of the Philippines on March 1, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Washington Place.
- 5.) The House membership will have the opportunity to recognize the LCP Mayors, to approve passage of HCR3 and HR21 on the Memorandum of Understanding and to congratulate the LCP Mayors. To date, 21 mayors have confirmed their attendance along with 20 council members from the Republic of the Philippines.
- 6.) Hawaii's four county mayors will be seated on the floor with the twenty one (21) mayors from the Philippines.



Rep. John Mizuno

From: mizuno3 - Christine
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 9:42 AM
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mizuno3 - Christine Calendar
mizuno3@capitol.hawaii.gov
Tuesday, February 28, 2012 - Friday, March 02, 2012
Time zone: (UTC-10:00) Hawaii

Calendar grid for February 2012 and March 2012. February 2012 shows dates 1-29. March 2012 shows dates 1-31. Days 28 and 29 of February are highlighted.

Legend: Busy (black square), Tentative (diagonal lines), Out of Office (solid black), Free (white square), Outside of Working Hours (dotted square)

February 2012

Tue, Feb 28

- Before 8:00 AM Free
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Free
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM ALOHA NIGHT - Hosted by the Oahu Filipino Community Council (OFCC) Philippine Consulate (Aloha Attire)
After 9:00 PM Free

Wed, Feb 29

- Before 8:00 AM Free
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Free
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Disaster Preparedness/Risk Management Forum: 9:00am - 11:30am CAPITOL AUDITORIUM
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Free
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Ash Improvement Technology Inc. (AIT) Presentation - 11:30am - 1:30pm LUNCH will be provided (Conference Room 329)
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Free

- 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM TOUR - Civil Defense Center: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM TOUR - Hawaii State Art Museum  
State Foundation on Culture and the Arts ( No. 1  
Capitol District Building)
- After 5:30 PM Free

## March 2012

### ▲ Thu, Mar 01

- Before 7:45 AM Free
- 7:45 AM – 10:50 AM TOURISM FORUM: 7:45 - 10:50am  
Hawaii Convention Center
- 10:50 AM – 11:30 AM Free
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM House Floor Presentation  
with Governor Abercrombie confirmed to attend. All  
Hawaii County Mayors are confirmed to attend.
- 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM Lights refreshments to follow  
Need details
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Free
- 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM FORUM ON HUMAN SERVICES AND JUVENILE JUSTICE -  
3:00pm - 5:00pm  
Conference Room 329
- 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM Free
- 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM Reception at Washington Place -
- After 9:00 PM Free

### ▲ Fri, Mar 02

- Before 8:00 AM Free
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Free
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM TOUR of PEARL HARBOR and Wreath Laying at Arizona  
Memorial  
details have been confirmed
- 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM Free
- 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM HOSTED LUNCH  
KINCAID'S (WARD WAREHOUSE) Confirmed
- 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Free
- After 5:00 PM Free

## Details

### Tuesday, February 28, 2012

- ▲ Time 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Subject ALOHA NIGHT - Hosted by the Oahu Filipino Community Council  
(OFCC)
- Location Philippine Consulate (Aloha Attire)

7:00pm – Dinner

7:30pm - Program

**Categories** Green Category

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**Friday, March 02, 2012**

**Time** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**Subject** TOUR of PEARL HARBOR and Wreath Laying at Arizona Memorial  
**Location** details have been confirmed  
**Importance** High  
**Reminder** 15 minutes  
**Show Time As** Busy

9:00am Arrive at Pearl Harbor –  
1) Tour of the Visitor Center  
2) Tour of the Museum  
3) Allow guests to browse the Gift Shop (if they wish)

10:00 am Program –  
Movie to last about 23 minutes, then board the boat to the Arizona Memorial  
Wreath Laying

12:00pm Bus to depart for Ward Center

12:30pm Hosted Lunch at Kincaid's Restaurant

Note: We have the 10:00 program – 150 seats, all reserved for our group.

**Categories** Yellow Category, Red Category

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**Time** 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM  
**Subject** HOSTED LUNCH  
**Location** KINCAID'S (WARD WAREHOUSE) Confirmed  
**Importance** High  
**Reminder** 15 minutes  
**Show Time As** Busy

Hosted Guests are reserved for the Philippine Delegation only. All others must pay for his/her lunch.

**Categories** Yellow Category

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**League of Cities of the Philippines**  
Organizational Profile

The League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) is the official organization of Philippine cities. The official representatives of the cities are their respective city mayors. The Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160), in section 499, states that, *“There shall be an organization of all cities to be known as the League of Cities for the purpose of ventilating, articulating, and crystallizing issues affecting city government administration and securing through proper and legal means solutions thereto.”*

**LCP Vision**

*By 2016, Philippine cities are engines of sustainable development, champions of good urban governance, and catalysts for nation building, committed to the improvement of the quality of life of their constituents.*

**LCP Mission**

*The League of Cities of the Philippines will serve as the unified voice of cities advocating policies for continuing autonomy; promoting capacity building and best practice sharing; and strengthening internal and external linkages to lift the nation out of poverty.*

<b>LCP National Executive Board</b>		
Hon. Enrico R. Echiverri	National Chair	Mayor, Caloocan City
Hon. Oscar S. Rodriguez	National President	Mayor, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
Hon. Hernani A. Braganza	Secretary General	Mayor, Alaminos City
Hon. Paulino Salvador C. Leachon	National Vice Chair	Mayor, Calapan City
Hon. Evelio R. Leonardia	Executive Vice President	Mayor, Bacolod City
Hon. Benjie S. Lim	Treasurer	Mayor, Dagupan City
Hon. Abraham N. Tolentino	Auditor	Mayor, Tagaytay City
Hon. Edgardo N. Pamintuan	PRO	Mayor, Angeles City
Hon. Sherwin T. Gatchalian	Vice President for the National Capital Region	Mayor, Valenzuela City
Hon. Allen G. Singson	Vice President for Luzon	Mayor, Candon City
Hon. Dan N. Lim	Vice President for Visayas	Mayor, Tagbilaran City
Hon. Samuel S. Co	Vice President for Mindanao	Mayor, Pagadian City
Hon. Del R. de Guzman	Deputy Secretary General for the National Capital Region	Mayor, Marikina City
Hon. Benjamin D. Dy	Deputy Secretary General for Luzon	Mayor Cauayan City
Hon. Jed Patrick E. Mabilog	Deputy Secretary General for Visayas	Mayor, Iloilo City
Hon. Zara Z. Duterte	Deputy Secretary General for Mindanao	Mayor, Davao City
Hon. Herbert M. Bautista	Deputy PRO for the National Capital Region	Mayor, Quezon City
Hon. Amadeo Gregorio E. Perez IV	Deputy PRO for Luzon	Mayor, Urdaneta City
Hon. Angel Allan B. Celino	Deputy PRO for Visayas	Mayor, Roxas City

Hon. Philip T. Tan	Deputy PRO for Mindanao	Mayor, Tangub City
Hon. Mauricio G. Domogan	Regional Representative for Cordillera Administrative Region	Mayor, Baguio City
Hon. Florencio M. Bernabe Jr.	Regional Representative for the National Capital Region	Mayor, Parañaque City
Hon. Farah Panaligan Salic	Regional Representative for the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao	Mayor, Marawi City
Hon. Michael V. Fariñas	Region I Representative	Mayor, Laoag City
Hon. Amelita S. Navarro	Region II Representative	Mayor, Santiago City
Hon. Romeo V. Capinpin	Region III Representative	Mayor, Palayan City
Hon. Joaquin M. Chipeco	Region IV-A Representative	Mayor, Calamba City
Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn	Region IV-B Representative and Focal Mayor for the Environment	Mayor, Puerto Princesa City
Hon. Linda P. Gonzalez	Region V Representative	Mayor, Ligao City
Hon. Eric M. Saratan	Region VI Representative	Mayor, Talisay City
Hon. Karen F. Villanueva	Region VII Representative	Mayor, Bais City
Hon. Ronaldo P. Aquino	Region VIII Representative	Mayor, Calbayog City
Hon. Evelyn T. Uy	Region IX Representative	Mayor, Dipolog City
Hon. Lawrence L. Cruz	Region X Representative	Mayor, Iligan City
Hon. Rey T. Uy	Region XI Representative	Mayor, Tagum City
Hon. Darlene R. Antonino-Custodio	Region XII Representative	Mayor, General Santos City
Hon. Ferdinand M. Amante Jr.	CARAGA Representative	Mayor, Butuan City
Hon. Sonia T. Aquino	Women's Sector Representative	Mayor, Tanauan City
Hon. Eric C. Codilla	Focal Mayor for MDGs	Mayor, Ormoc City
Hon. Patrick G. Escalante	Focal Mayor for Health	Mayor, Cadiz City
Hon. Cherry Santos-Akbar	Focal Mayor for Muslim Affairs	Mayor, Isabela City



LCP trip to Hawaii State Government  
Initial Confirmation

No.	City	Delegates
1	Alaminos	Mayor Hernani A. Braganza
2	Alaminos	Rhoda Espino
3	Alaminos	Lemton Agricola
4	Alaminos	Dennis Maniago
5	Alaminos	Edilberto Peralta, Jr
6	Binan	Mayor Marilyn Alonte
7	Binan	Councilor Marielle Therese Micor
8	Binan	Councilor Edward Reyes
9	Bislig	Mayor Librado Navarro
10	Calamba	Mayor Joaquin Chipeco
11	Calapan	Mayor Paulino Salvador Leachon
12	Cavite	Mayor Romeo Ramos
13	Dagupan	Mayor Benjie Lim
14	Dipolog	Mayor Evelyn Uy
15	Escalante	Mayor Melecio Yap
16	Iriga	Mayor Madeleine Gazmen
17	Iriga	Atty. Aldo Turiano
18	Iriga	Ruben S. Delos Santos
19	Iriga	Jean Bongon
20	Laoag	Mayor Michael Farinas
21	Marikina	Mayor Del Guzman
22	Meycauayan	Mayor Joan V. Alarilla
23	Oroquieta	Mayor Jason Almonte
24	Oroquieta	Vice Mayor Harry Guantero
25	Oroquieta	City Administrator Arcio Casing
26	Pagadian	Mayor Samuel Co
27	Roxas	Mayor Angel Alan Celino
28	San Fernando City, Pampanga	Mayor Oscar Rodriguez
29	San Fernando, LU	Mayor Pablo Ortega
30	Santiago	Mayor Amy Navarro
31	Sipalay	Vice Mayor Maria Gina M. Lizares
32	Sta. Rosa	Mayor Arlene Arcillas
33	Sta. Rosa	Edward Solis Tiongco
34	Sta. Rosa	Eric Tipon Puzon
35	Tacloban	Mayor Alfredo S. Romualdez
36	Tacloban	Christina Romualdez-City Councilor
37	Tacloban	Federico Anido, Jr.
38	Talisay, Neg. Occ	Mayor Eric M. Saratan, MD
39	Trece Martires	Mayor Melandres G. De Sagun
40	Urduyeta	Mayor Amadeo Perez
41	Valencia	Mayor Leandro Jose H. Catarata
42	LCP Secretariat	Jeremy Philippe T. Nishimori
43	LCP Secretariat	Vonier E. Delos Reyes
44	LCP Secretariat	Marie Yvette A. Yap
45	Performer	Giselle Sanchez

LCP trip to Hawaii State Government  
 Initial Confirmation  
 As of January 09, 2012, 10:45 AM

CONFIRMEES

City	Delegates	Visa In Time for the US Trip (initially proposed last week February)	
		YES	NO
Dipolog	Mayor Evelyn Uy	X	
Santiago	Mayor Amy Navarro	X	
Pagadian	Mayor Samuel Co	X	
Marikina	Mayor Del Guzman	X	
Iriga	Mayor Madeleine Gazmen		X
	Atty. Aldo Turiano		X
	Ruben S. Delos Santos		X
	Jean Bongon		X
Roxas	Mayor Angel Alan Celino	X	
Oroquieta	Mayor Jason Almonte		X
	Vice Mayor Harry Guantero		X
	City Administrator Arcio Casing		X
Escalante	Mayor Melecio Yap	X	
Sta. Rosa	Mayor Arlene Arcillas	With Special Note ( Visa Using the maiden name)	
San Fernando, LU	Mayor Pablo Ortega	X	
Urdaneta	Mayor Amadeo Perez	X	
Laoag	Mayor Michael Farinas	X	
Bislig	Mayor Librado Navarro		X
Calamba	Mayor Joaquin Chipeco	X	
Dagupan	Mayor Benjie Lim	X	
Cavite	Mayor Romeo Ramos		X
San Fernando City, Pampanga	Mayor Oscar Rodriguez	X	
Alaminos	Mayor Hernani A. Braganza	X	
Binan	Mayor Marilyn Alonte	X	
	Vice Mayor Walfredo Dimaguila	X	
	Councilor Rene Manabat	X	
	Councilor Vicente Tan Cana	X	
	Councilor Marielle Therese Micor	X	
	Councilor Gat-Ala Alalit	X	
	Councilor Magtango Jose Carait	X	
	Councilor Naida E. Casas	X	
	Councilor Edward Reyes		X
	Councilor Elmario Dimaranan		X
	Councilor Jaime Salandanan		X
	Councilor Naida E. Casas		X
	Councilor Wilfredo Bejasa		X
	Councilor Geronimo D. Romantigue		X
	Councilor Ramon Garcia		X
	Irene D. Balido		X

Details  
 24 Cities confirmed  
 53 participants (23 City Mayors, 30 Local Officials)  
 26 with US Visa  
 26 NO US Visa  
 1 Visa with Special Note  
 9 Sent regrets

Regrets

Albay	Mayor Eric M. Mendiola
Bataan	Mayor J. P. Banzon
Bulacan	Mayor Romeo Adullaga
Cabarruyan	Mayor Julius Cesar S. Velez
Manila	Mayor Alfredo S. Nip
Sanayan	Mayor Benjamin C. Ibo
Valencia	Mayor Abraham T. Garcia
Quezon	Mayor Marlon M. Barrios
Polangin	Mayor James Gordon

	Mian Yco		X
San Carlos, Neg. Occ	Mayor Eric M. Saratan, MD	X	
Valencia	Mayor Leandro Jose H. Catarata		X
Meycauayan	Mayor Joan V. Alarilla	X	
	Mariano Velasco Alarilla II	X	
	Erlinela Policarpo Baldomero		X
	Arnel Camilon Ricafort		X
	Lourdes Velasco Pandico		X
Trece Martires	Mayor Melandres G. De Sagun	X	
Passi	Vice Mayor Jovi A. Palmares	X	
	Councilor Horace Anthony A. Panes		X
	Councilor Bonifacio P. Barbero		X
	Councilor Cenonito S. Pama		X
	Jayson P. Padilla		X

**LCP trip to Hawaii State Government**

**Initial Confirmation**

**As of January 30, 2012, 2:30PM**

Participants - LCP - State of Hawaii Activity

<b>City</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Calapan	Paulino Salvador C. Leachon	Mayor
Sipalay	Maria Gina M. Lizares	Vice Mayor
Sta. Rosa	Edward Solis Tiongco	City Councilor
	Eric Tipon Puzon	City Councilor
Ta'loban	Alfredo S. Romualdez	Mayor
	Christina Romualdez	City Councilor
	Federico Anido, Jr.	Executive Assistant
Trece Martires	Melandres G. De Sagun	Mayor
	Roniza De Sagun	Executive Assistant
	Marina Castillo	City Administrator
	Christopher D. Galpa	Private Secretary

**LCP trip to Hawaii State Government**

**Initial Confirmation**

**As of February 03, 2012**

Participants - LCP - State of Hawaii Activity

<b>City</b>	<b>Name</b>
Talisay City, Negros Occidental	Eric M. Saratan, MD
Urdaneta City	Amadeo Gregorio Perez IV
San Fernando City, Pampanga	Nelson Lingat

**LCP trip to Hawaii State Government  
Initial Confirmation**

**As of February 06, 2012**

Participants - LCP - State of Hawaii Activity

Alaminos

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League of Cities Secretariat

League of Cities Secretariat

Rhoda Espino


Lemton Agricola

Dennis Maniago

Edilberto Peralta, Jr.

Vonier Delos Reyes

Marie Yvette Yap



Special Projects and Liaison Officer

Consultant

Chief of Staff- Office of the City Mayor

Executive Assistant

Deputy Executive Director for Administration and Finance

Deputy Executive Director for Policy, Programs, and Projects



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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

January 23, 2012

The Honorable Amadeo Gregorio Perez IV  
Mayor  
Urdaneta City, Province of Pangasinan  
Republic of the Philippines

Dear Mayor Perez,

We are writing to personally invite you and your staff to the 26<sup>th</sup> Hawaii State Legislature to attend the upcoming League of Cities of the Philippines Conference to be held in Hawaii from February 27, 2012 - March 7, 2012.

The State of Hawaii shares common goals with the Philippines in fostering strong and effective local governments, promoting and maintaining friendships, as well as learning and sharing social and economic opportunities that benefit cities in the Philippines and Hawaii.

One of the purposes of the Conference is to further strengthen these goals by signing a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the League of Cities of the Philippines and the State of Hawaii. With the support of the Hawaii State Legislature, we hope to convene a Special Legislative Session to commemorate this historic event.

In addition, we also introduced House Concurrent Resolution (H.C.R.) No. 3, which will be heard during the 2012 Legislative Session. The resolution recognizes the significance of the memorandum of understanding and the important role of the League of Cities of the Philippines in promoting international friendship and seeking opportunities of cooperation in the fields of economics, trade, tourism, culture and the arts, human services, juvenile justice, and disaster preparedness.

We will be holding forums on three areas of interest to the Republic of the Philippines and to the State of Hawaii, namely: 1) "best practices" in addressing Disaster Preparedness; 2) Tourism; and 3) Juvenile Justice and Human Services. These three areas were discussed at various meetings between the League of Cities of the Philippines, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, and other elected officials from Hawaii.



Invitation to the LCP Delegates

January 23, 2012

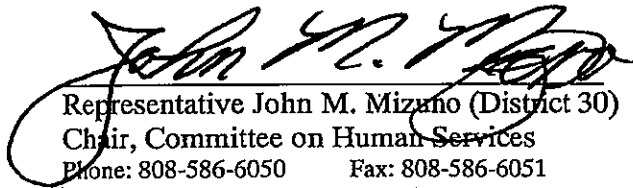
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During the week-long conference, the delegates will also have a chance to experience our Aloha with planned visits to historic Pearl Harbor, the Polynesian Cultural Center, Hawaii State Capitol Building, the Hawaii Convention Center, and other key historic sites. Various receptions are also being planned in your honor at the Capitol, the Philippines Consulate General's Office, and other venues to be hosted by the Filipino organizations of Hawaii.


Again, on behalf of the 26<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Hawaii, we formally invite you to participate in this major endeavor between Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines. We eagerly await your arrival and look forward to personally working with you to build a rock solid foundation between us.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any question or need more information.

With our warmest Aloha,

  
Representative John M. Mizuno (District 30)  
Chair, Committee on Human Services  
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Email: [repmizuno@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repmizuno@capitol.hawaii.gov)

  
Representative Joey Manahan (District 29)  
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Representative Tom Brower (District 23)  
Chair, Committee on Tourism  
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Representative Rida Cabanilla (District 42)  
Chair, Committee on Housing  
Phone: 808-586-6080 Fax: 808-586-6081  
Email: [repabanilla@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repabanilla@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Neil Abernethy, Governor of the State of Hawaii

Hawaii House of Representatives

Mayor Peter Carlisle, Mayor Alan Fukaawa, Mayor Bernard  
Carvalho, and Mayor Billy Kenoi

together with

The Filipino Caucus

and The League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP)

request the pleasure of your company

at a reception to observe and celebrate

the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation

between

the State of Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines

on Thursday, the first of March

two thousand and twelve

from 5:30pm until 8:30pm

Washington Place

Honolulu, Hawaii

Please RSVP by February 23, 2012

Telephone (808) 586-6050

Email: [myrna3@capital.hawaii.gov](mailto:myrna3@capital.hawaii.gov)

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Municipal Parking Lots



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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

# Memorandum

**To:** Senate President Shan Tsutsui  
Senate Vice President Donna Mercado Kim

**From:** Representative John M. Mizuno *JM*  
Chair, Committee on Human Services  
Representative Tom Brower *TB*  
Chair, Committee on Tourism  
Representative Rida Cabanilla *RC*  
Chair, Committee on Housing

**CC:** Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker of the House  
Joey Manahan, Vice Speaker of the House

**Date:** February 2, 2012

**Subject:** REQUEST TO HOLD A JOINT FLOOR SESSION

We respectfully request that the Hawaii State Senate join the House of Representatives to hold a special joint session on March 1, 2012, for the purpose outlined below:

- 1.) The Honorable Mayor Oscar Rodrigues, President of the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) or the Honorable Mayor Hernani Braganza, Secretary General (LCP) will address the Hawaii State Legislature with a message from the President of the Republic of the Philippines regarding goals to strengthen the relationship between Hawaii and the Republic of the Philippines and working together to encourage business opportunities between Hawaii and the Philippines.
- 2.) We would invite the Governor of the State of Hawaii to address the League of Cities of the Philippines, consisting of all mayors from urban areas of the Republic of the Philippines, on their President's message and their request to build a stronger relationship between Hawaii and the Republic of the Philippines.

*February 2, 2012*

3.) The Senate and House membership would have the opportunity to recognize the LCP Mayors, to approve passage of HCR3 on the Memorandum of Understanding and to congratulate the LCP Mayors. To date, 26 mayors have confirmed their attendance.

4.) We are inviting Hawaii's four county mayors for this event and plan on having them seated on the floor with the twenty six (26) mayors from the Philippines.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rep. John Mizuno at 586-6050, Rep. Tom Brower at 586-8520, or Rep. Rida Cabanilla at 586 -6080.

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Office of the President  
The Senate  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
96813




February 9, 2012

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Representative John Mizuno  
Chair, Committee on Human Services

Representative Tom Brower  
Chair, Committee on Tourism

Representative Rida Cabanilla  
Chair, Committee on Housing

FROM: Shan S. Tsutsui   
President of the Senate

RE: Request to Hold a Joint Floor Session

Thank you for your request, dated February 3, 2012, to hold a special joint session on March 1, 2012 to receive messages from the President of the League of the Cities of the Philippines and Governor Abercrombie and to approve a Memorandum of Understanding and recognize the 26 visiting mayors from the Philippines. While the Senate can appreciate your enthusiasm in wishing to recognize these individuals and continue favorable relations with the mayors of the Philippines, we do not believe that a special joint session is warranted at this time.

As there has been no clear direction from House leadership to hold such a session, as we are currently in the midst of a busy time during the session, and to strictly maintain the convening of joint sessions for limited, extraordinary circumstances, your request is respectfully declined.

Thank you for your time and understanding. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

cc: Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker  
Donna Mercado Kim, Vice President

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I'm working on the bus.

Let me know on the rooms. Getting tight.

Max!

On 1/4/12 11:29 AM, "Rep. John Mizuno" <[repmizuno@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repmizuno@capitol.hawaii.gov)> wrote:

Aloha Max,

It was great talking to you today. We are looking at about 40 mayors from the "League of Cities of the Philippines" coming to Hawaii in the last week of February 2012.

Could you help us with possible/estimated costs for hotel rooms per night (between 4 to 6 night stay) & a bus for about 40 to 50 passengers.

Christine Sabino is working on the upcoming conference for the League of Cities of the Philippines conference in Hawaii.

We will be holding forums and seeking to have a signing of a memorandum of agreement between Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines. I am working with Speaker on a joint floor session for the event.

We are also working on having our Filipino Organizations hold several receptions for our Mayors.

Mahalo,  
john

**From:** May Mizuno **On Behalf Of** Rep. John Mizuno  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 03, 2012 1:00 PM  
**To:** Rep. John Mizuno  
**Cc:** May Mizuno  
**Subject:** FW: LCP Organizational Profile and Strategic Roadmap

**From:** Jeremy Nishimori [<mailto:jtn.lcp@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 02, 2012 11:56 PM  
**To:** Rep. Tom Brower; Rep. John Mizuno  
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**Subject:** LCP Organizational Profile and Strategic Roadmap

Dear Representative Brower and Representative Mizuno,

Happy new year and warm greetings from Manila.

As discussed before our lunch meeting, please find attached the organizational profile of the League of Cities of the Philippines. For additional reference, I have also attached the strategic roadmap that LCP adheres to.

The LCP Secretariat has already released a memo to its members regarding the possible sisterhood agreement and the related activities. We are already receiving confirmations of interest in the trip, and I (or Mr. Paulie Mora) shall immediately forward the list of confirmations (once completed) to facilitate official letters of invitation that will be coming from your end.

I hope the attachments are in order, Sirs. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards,

Jeremy

On Tue, Dec 27, 2011 at 4:27 PM, Jeremy Nishimori <[jtn.lcp@gmail.com](mailto:jtn.lcp@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Dear Representative Brower and Representative Mizuno,

Good day and Happy New Year!

First and foremost, my humble thank you for visiting LCP, particularly our leaders, Mayor Oscar Rodriguez, Mayor Hernani Braganza, and Mayor Del de Guzman. I believe the meeting was successful in identifying the next steps that should be taken in preparation for LCP's visit next year. For your perusal, I have summarized some of the key points of our discussion. If I missed anything, please let me know.

Also, copied in this email are Ms. Marie Yvette Yap and Mr. Jaime Paolo Mora, respectively the Deputy Executive Director for Policy, Programs, and Projects and the Unit Head for Marketing, Advocacy, and Networking. They will also be providing assistance in all the preparatory work necessary to make the trip and our sisterhood a success.

### **Key Thematic Points of the 21 December 2011 Meeting**

1. Date of the Visit
  - Last week of February 2012
  - The total duration of the visit (including arrival and departure) may be between 7-10 days
  - It was agreed that the formal events (sisterhood signing, courtesy calls, etc.) should be "frontloaded" into the first few days
2. Proposed Key Activities (This is to be further firmed up through regular communications)
  - Sisterhood signing in the State Capitol
  - Courtesy calls (Hawaii Governor and Honolulu Mayor)
  - Knowledge Sharing Activities
    - : City to City workshops
    - : Visits to government institutions (responsible for disaster preparedness, tourism, etc.)
    - : Visits to educational institutions for possible parallel sisterhoods between schools
    - : LCP - Hawaii - UNISDR workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
    - : Cultural tours
  - Filipino community events
3. LCP To-Dos
  - Do a survey to find out the number of interested member mayors and US Visa requirements (to be released this week)
  - Coordinate with government departments for possible support (also to find out if there are department Secretaries who may want to join)
  - Coordinate with private sector and corporate groups (particularly those with presence in Hawaii) for possible support
  - Coordinate with UNISDR for possible joint activity

- Scout for possible Filipino entertainers that may be brought to Hawaii for events with Filipino communities (look for sponsors)

4. Hawaii To-Dos

- Coordinate with LCP for required letters for US Visa processing
- Coordinate with LCP for possible Hawaii accommodations for LCP (if possible, near the state legislature)
- Facilitate LCP's contact with Hawaii Filipino community representatives (government and associations)
- Coordinate with Hawaii Filipino communities for community sponsored events
- Arrange courtesy visits in government and educational institutions
- Arrange and coordinate for Knowledge Sharing activities
- Arrange sisterhood signing requirements

Recognizing the requirements of our timeline, LCP will try to submit at the soonest possible time, the potential list of mayors (and support staff) that will be making the trip. We will also furnish as soon as possible the US Visa requirements of mayors and support staff.

Thank you again and hoping for you a peaceful New Year.

Best regards,

Jeremy

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 at the \_\_\_\_\_ by and between:

**THE STATE OF HAWAII**, with address at \_\_\_\_\_, Hawaii, represented herein by its \_\_\_\_\_, Hon. \_\_\_\_\_, and hereinafter referred to as the "STATE OF HAWAII"

-and-

**LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES**, a non-stock, non-profit corporation organized and existing under Philippine law through Section 499 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of the Philippines, with principal office at Units J&K, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, CyberOne Building, Eastwood, Libis, Quezon City 1610, represented herein by its President. **HON. OSCAR S. RODRIGUEZ**; hereinafter referred to as the "LCP".

**WITNESSETH, that - -**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawaii is seeking to expand its international ties and has interest in developing goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people of Hawaii and the people of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the League of Cities of the Philippines, as the mandated local government association representing Philippine Cities. is also seeking opportunities for cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, culture, education, health, tourism and environmental protection to benefit the economic and social development of Philippine Cities;

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii has passed significant laws on matters which are also the main concerns of the member cities of the LCP such as land use, conservation of environment and natural resources, alternative and renewable sources of energy, water and sewerage management, juvenile justice system, educational system, public health, mass transport, housing, and tourism;

**WHEREAS**, there is a substantial number of Filipinos and former Filipinos who are residents and citizens of the State of Hawaii, occupy very significant and sensitive government positions both in the Executive and Legislative Departments, and who contribute significantly to the prosperity and development of the State;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawaii and the LCP share the common goal of fostering strong and effective local governments and the principles of developing camaraderie and sharing of knowledge, and capacities among local governments of different countries;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawaii and the LCP recognize the rich historical relationship between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines and there continue to exist valid reasons to promote international friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity;

**WHEREAS**, there is a common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and financial bridge between ethnic Filipinos living in Hawaii with their relatives, friends, and business counterparts living in Philippine Cities;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto have hereunto entered into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to represent the commitment of the State of Hawaii and the LCP to work together to achieve the benefits of cooperation in pursuing the objectives of this MOU.

#### **I. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to strengthen political, social and economic cooperation between the State of Hawaii and the LCP, and, to this end, both shall contribute to the fulfilment of the following objectives:

1. To carry out joint programmes and projects that may contribute to improving the quality of life of the people of the State of Hawaii and of the member cities of the LCP;

2. To increase the exchange of knowledge, information, experiences and best practices that can contribute to the economic and social development of the State of Hawaii and the member cities of the LCP and their people;

3. To foster peace and goodwill between the people of Hawaii and Philippine Cities; and

4. To promote understanding of culture through education, exchange and programs.

## **II. ACTIVITIES:**

Activities to be undertaken under this MOU may include:

1. Exchange visits by the citizens of both the State of Hawaii and the Philippine Cities;

2. Official visits between representatives from both the State of Hawaii and the members cities of the LCP.

3. Cultural exchanges and exchange of various information and materials towards the development of mutual understanding between citizens of both the State of Hawaii and the Philippine Cities;

4. Sourcing and sharing of information and best practices in the fields of economy, trade, culture, education, health, tourism, urban land use, alternative sources of energy, mass transport, water and sewerage management, and environmental protection;

5. Sharing of technical experts for policy and program development on identified issues common to both the State of Hawaii and the LCP

## **III. IMPLEMENTATION:**

The State of Hawaii and the LCP will create a Working Group to advance the objectives stated in this agreement. The Working Group shall work on the details for the implementation of this MOU.

The Working Group will coordinate from time to time, meet to review the joint initiatives, and to assess the general progress on the goals and objectives stated herein the MOU. Both will agree on cost mechanisms that will support the implementation of the MOU as maybe prescribed in the agreed workplan.

**IV. TERM OF THE AGREEMENT:**

This MOU will remain in operation until terminated by mutual agreement between the two parties. The MOU can be amended at anytime by agreement of the two parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have hereunto executed and signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date and at the place first herein-above written

**THE STATE OF HAWAII**

By:

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**LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES**

By:

**HON. OSCAR S. RODRIGUEZ**

President, League of Cities of the Philippines

**HON. HERNANI A. BRAGANZA**

Secretary General, Leagues of Cities of the Philippines

**SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:**

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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION  
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4 accomplishment of lasting peace and prosperity; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a particular interest in  
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1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the League of Cities of  
 2 the Philippines share common goals of fostering strong and  
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 4 knowledge and capacities amongst local governments of different  
 5 countries; and

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 7 WHEREAS, to achieve these goals, a Memorandum of  
 8 Understanding and Cooperation between the State of Hawaii and  
 9 the League of Cities of the Philippines has been drafted that  
 10 strengthens political, social, and economic cooperation between  
 11 these parties; now, therefore,

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 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 14 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 15 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes  
 16 the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the  
 17 State of Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines and  
 18 acknowledges the importance of implementing strategies to  
 19 fulfill its objectives; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
 23 Republic of the Philippines, the Embassy of the United States  
 24 Manila, Governor of the State of Hawaii, Mayor of the City &  
 25 County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor of the  
 26 County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Director of  
 27 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Executive Director  
 28 of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Department of Interior and  
 29 Local Government of the Philippines, President of the League of  
 30 Cities of the Philippines, President of the Filipino Chamber of  
 31 Commerce of Hawaii, and Chair of the Honolulu Filipino Junior  
 32 Chamber of Commerce.

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 8, 2012

We are writing to personally invite you to the House of Representatives to attend the House Floor Session and ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines, on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 12 noon.

The League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) is the National Organization which represents all urban area Mayors in the Republic of the Philippines. To date, we have confirmed 27 Mayors and 20 Council members from the Republic of the Philippines who will be part of this Special Floor Session.

Moreover, we invite you to join us at a reception at Washington Place, on March 1, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. hosted by Governor Abercrombie, the House of Representative, The Legislature's Filipino Caucus, the Mayors of each county, and the League of Cities of the Philippines. The reception is in celebration of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governor, the county Mayors and the League of Cities of the Philippines.

The State of Hawaii shares common goals with the Philippines in fostering strong and effective local governments, promoting and maintaining friendships, as well as learning and sharing social and economic opportunities that benefit cities in the Philippines and Hawaii.

Again, on behalf of the 26<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Hawaii, we formally invite you to participate in this major endeavor between Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any question or need more information.

The Honorable  
February 8, 2012  
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With our warmest Aloha,

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