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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

APEC and the 21 world leaders visiting Honolulu made for a very busy week. While the disruption of traffic was an awful inconvenience for many, there are high hopes that new commitments will be made to benefit all of Hawaii. Here are some of the events and meetings I have attended since my last newsletter.

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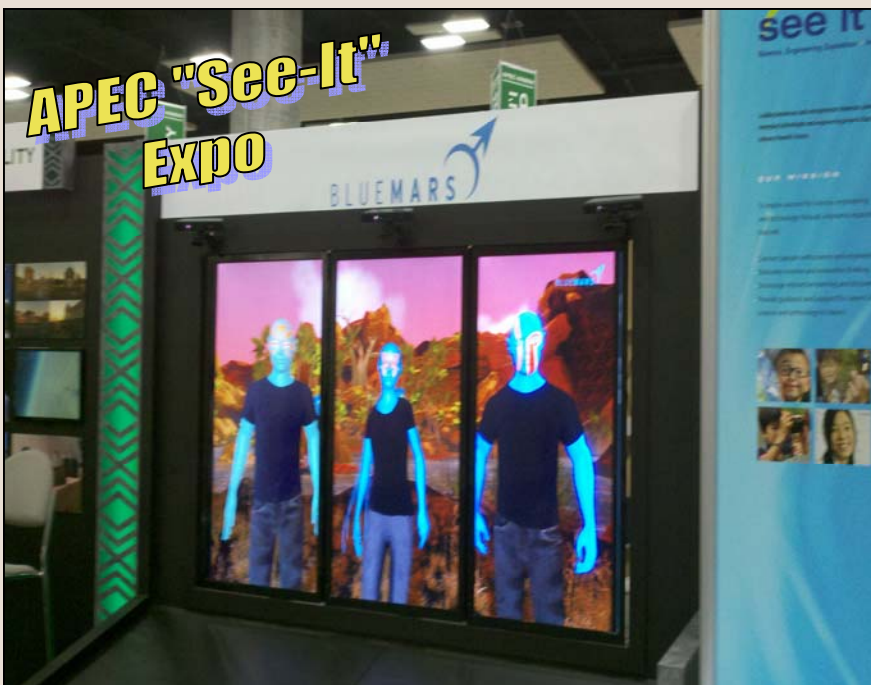
- * 15th: Congratulations to my son, Shane and my new Daughter-in-law, Shelly, on their Wedding Day!
- * 17th: Majority Caucus
- * 18th: Girls High School Volleyball Championships
- * 19th: APEC Volunteer Training
- * 20th: Mililani Town Association Employee Appreciation Luncheon
- * 22nd: MTA Make a Difference Day– collect canned goods for Hawaii Food Bank
- * 25th: UH West Oahu and Nanakuli High/Intermediate Capitol Improvement Site Visits
- * 26th: Mililani Seniors group / Mililani NB -Certificate presentation to Donna Abreu
- * 27th: Disaster Preparedness Training-Mililani Missionary Church
- * 27th: Waipahu Neighborhood Board meeting
- * 28th: Mililani Town Association Movie by the Pool @ Rec. Center 7



November—HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- * 3rd: CIP Site Visits– Windward Community College, Hawaii State Hospital, Youth Correctional Facility
- * 5th: Mililani and Kamehameha High School Festival of Bands
- * 6th: Japanese Women's Society Foundation Friendship Tea @ Hale Pulama Mau (Kuakini Hospital)
- * 9-10th: APEC full day Symposium @ Marriott Waikiki
- * 10th: APEC Host Committee reception @ Royal Hawaiian Hotel
- * 11th: Veterans Day—Mahalo to all our Veterans! / APEC Int'l Trade Reception @ Bishop Museum
- * 12th: APEC International Cultural Reception @ Academy of Arts
- * 13th : APEC Chinese CEO Delegation Reception @ Washington Place /Nanakuli Performing Arts "Take A Bow" @ Pearl City H.S. / APEC Chinese Taipei Leaders reception @ Hilton Hawaiian Village
- * 14th: Site visit to Pioneer Seed Company Kunia / Waialua

Me ke aloha,



The APEC Conference gave local leaders a chance to show the world Hawaii's leading high-tech companies. Nineteen companies are featured in the science and engineering expo.

The photo at left is called the Blue Mars reality world...a virtual world that replicates life on Mars. All the technology was developed right here in Hawaii. Organizers hoped that the event will attract more business here in Hawaii and inspire young students to look ahead to the world of science, technology and innovation.

The Science Engineering Expo Innovative Technology will be open to the public 4-6 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 16th. Visit www.see-it-hawaii.org for more information on the Expo and visit www.olelo.org/apec for scheduled airing of symposium meetings.



Representative Blake Oshiro
Named Deputy Chief of Staff

On November 7th Governor Neil Abercrombie announced a new member of his team. Representative Blake Oshiro will join the Abercrombie Administration as his Deputy Chief of Staff. Representative Oshiro currently serves the House of Representatives as its Majority Leader. He will be stepping down from the Majority Leader position on December 7th. Representative Oshiro presently serves the Aiea, Aiea Height Halawa Valley, Halawa Heights and the Red Hill community for the past 11 years. Representative Oshiro will be assisting with the Governor's legislative agendas.

On Friday November 4th the Judicial Selection Committee started accepting applications and nominations to fill 3 anticipated judicial vacancies in the State of Hawaii:



Associate Justice, Supreme Court (Oahu)
Circuit Judge Family Judge, Second Circuit Court (Maui)
District Family Judge, Second Circuit Court (Maui)

Applicants: Prior to submitting your application, submit a letter with a contact phone number and an e-mail address specifying the vacancy you are applying for before the application deadline of Monday February 3, 2012.

To apply visit the Commissions website at <http://www.courts.state.hi.us/jsc> to review the application instructions and fill out one **Application for Judicial Office (JS-P-084) form**. The application must be post marked or delivered to the address below on or before **Monday, February 3, 2012**.

Mail Application to: **Susan Ichinose-Chair Judicial Selection Commission State of Hawaii**
417 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Join Mililani's Own Miss Hawaii 2011, Lauren Cheape, in raising money for
Kapiolani Children's Miracle Network Hospital

Starting Tuesday, November 1, 2011 Miss Hawaii will be onsite at Big City Diner Locations throughout the Island of Oahu with her fellow beauty scholars to assist with the service of diners and seek their donations. However, anyone can purchase a Miracle Balloon in any denomination any time the restaurant is open.

By supporting this drive you will help to save the lives of Hawaii's sick and injured children and at the same time helping Miss Hawaii to earn credit while competing in the 2012 Miss America Pageant. As a sponsor of the Miss Hawaii Organization and ongoing supporter of Kapiolani Children's Miracle Network, Big City Diner is proud to be a part of this effort in helping to support to worthy causes at the same time.

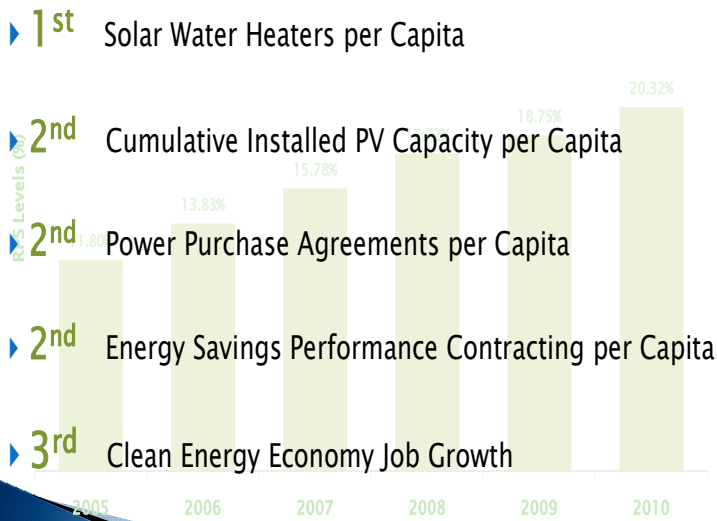
For more information please visit the links below:

<http://bigcitydinerhawaii.com/events/fundraisers/miss-hawaii/>

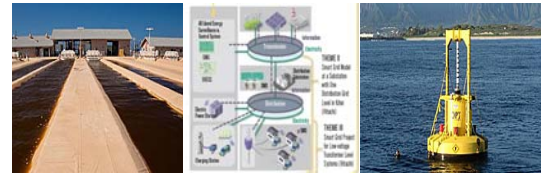


Senator Kidani enjoying the evening at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel Host Committee APEC reception with Mayor Billy Kenoi (left) of Hawaii County and Mayor Bernard Carvalho of Kauai County.

Progress Compared to Other US States



Various Demonstration Projects



Projects	Kona Algae Demonstration Facility	Maui Smart Grid (NEDO)	Ocean Power Technologies Demonstration
Island:	Hawaii	Maui	Oahu
Technology:	Biofuels	Smart Grid	Wave
Potential Generation:	Demonstration	Demonstration	Demonstration
Project Status:	Active/Ongoing	Development	Active/Ongoing

While APEC comes to an end, the symposium I attended was very interesting and shows that Hawaii is a truly a unique place. We have a large supply of renewable energy resources available including wind, solar, geothermal biomass and eventually ocean thermal. We are moving aggressively to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. Hawaii is proving to be the energy test bed of the Pacific for our rich diversity of renewable resources. This has led to a growth of a clean energy industry that is generating jobs, building an innovative economy and putting our state on track to energy independence.

Sopogy 2011 Business Innovation Showcase Winner

Sopogy, Inc. was one of 5 showcase winners that was on display at numerous venues during APEC. Founded in 2002, Sopogy has revolutionized solar thermal technology with MicroCSP, concentrated solar power. They have developed modular collectors about one-third the size of traditional solar units. The units enable effective distributed generation of electricity, process heating and cooling in a single system.

Darren Kimura is Sopogy's President and CEO and also a Mililani Mauka resident. Sopogy is the winner of the 2011 Business Innovation Showcase and has also been awarded winner for Going Green Global 200 for the 3rd year. Sopogy's technology is helping to bring the clean energy goals to light and also create local jobs here in Hawaii.

Sopogy signed a memorandum of understanding on November 13 with Sichuan Dongjia Investment Company which took place at the China Aloha Business Leader's night gala during the APEC week long events.

West Oahu Site Visit

Site visits are an important part of being a fiscally responsible Legislator. By visiting sites that are requesting funding and/or have received funding, a legislator can get valuable information on the needs of the community and evaluate that tax money is being utilized in the most effective way.

On Tuesday, October 25th Senator Kidani, fellow senators from the Ways and Means committee and staff visited two sites on West Oahu, University of West Oahu (UHWO) and Nanakuli High and Intermediate. At UHWO the Senators received a tour of the construction site and was able to get information on the progress of the project. UHWO is happy to report that they will be open for classes on August of 2012.

Nanakuli High and Intermediate school gave a tour and a progress report on how their New Tech model implemented in 2009 with the help from Kamehameha schools have motivated their 9th and 10th graders to make significant strides in meeting milestones.



Outstanding Educators

Congratulations to all the 2010-2011 Outstanding Educators throughout our state. Great teachers make great students!

A very special congratulations to **Major Douglas Thomas** from Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu NB 25, a JROTC Instructor at Kaimuki High School, and **Claire Gearen** from Mililani High School for being honored as recipients of the Outstanding Educator Awards.