

United Chinese Society
of Hawai'i
2026 Quarter 2

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Greetings from President Robert Yu

Dear UCS 'Ohana,

If you are a New York Knicks fan, congratulations on taking the NBA Championship. Basketball is better when the Knicks win.

Now back to United Chinese Society (UCS) business. Over the last few months, I have had the privilege of representing UCS in many banquets hosted by societies and organizations. These occasions were a great way to share what UCS is doing and catch up with friends and colleagues.

As you know, Senator Karl Rhoads has decided to retire from public office, and Representative Daniel Holt accepted a position in the Department of Land and Natural Resources. On behalf of UCS and the Chinatown community, I want to thank Senator Rhoads and Representative Holt for their immense contributions and unwavering support to the Chinese Community. We give our best to Senator Rhoads and his wife Cindy. And our best wishes to Representative Holt on his new endeavor.

We have an opportunity to decide on two (2) new elected officials to represent the Chinatown community. UCS has organized two (2) forums to introduce the candidates to the community. Candidates vying for the State House seat district 28 are scheduled to appear at UCS on Saturday, July 11; State Senate seat district 13 candidates are scheduled to appear on Saturday, July 18. Both forums start at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming events:

-Sunday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m.– UCS NexGen and See Dai Doo (SDD) Junior Members Club are organizing a Mahjong social at SDD. Come learn the fundamentals of this popular game and don't forget to "slam the tiles" to intimidate your opponents or to show frustration.

-Wednesday, July 29 at 5:30 p.m. – UCS NexGen in partnership with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals and the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees are hosting a Leadership Transition and Succession Planning event at the Central Pacific Bank Plaza. A panel of three (3) community leaders will share their experiences navigating this key organizational strategy.

-Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. – UCS annual family picnic day at Kapiolani Park.

Hope to see you at future events.





2026 Calendar of Events



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<i>January 11</i>	<i>New Year Tea Reception</i>
<i>February 13</i>	<i>Choy Cheng</i>
<i>February 14</i>	<i>Chinese New Year Parade</i>
<i>March 21</i>	<i>Leadership Summit</i>
<i>April 18</i>	<i>Workshop by NexGen: Nonprofit Board Duties</i>
July 11	UCS Candidate forum: House District 28
July 12	NexGen and SDD Mahjong Social
July 18	UCS Candidate forum: Senate District 13
July 29	Leadership Transition and Succession Planning
August 16	Family Day Picnic at Kapiolani Park
November 8	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen 160th Birthday Anniversary
December 5	Installation Banquet



In Memoriam

We honor the life and legacy of our former president Harvey Young (President, 2006) who passed away this year. His dedicated leadership and enduring contributions to the United Chinese Society of Hawai'i will always be remembered with deep gratitude and respect.

祝 🍊 2026 Ching Ming 🍊 祝

On April 6, the United Chinese Society of Hawai'i held its annual Ching Ming ceremony at Manoa Cemetery, where officers and trustees gathered to honor our ancestors, pay our respects, and offer ceremonial ambrosial food and silver and gold ingots.



Leadership Workshop: Nonprofit Board Legal and Fiduciary Duties

⚖️ Powered by NexGen ⚖️



On April 18, 2026, UCS NexGen hosted a leadership workshop at UCS Hall about the legal and fiduciary duties of nonprofit board members. UCS Trustee and NexGen Committee Chair Kendrick Chang, a corporate attorney by profession, provided a presentation and answered general questions about the following topics: (1) What are the key legal responsibilities for a nonprofit board director and/or officer? (2) What are the main corporate structures for nonprofit organizations (i.e., 501(c)(3) vs. 501(c)(4))? and (3) What are the key provisions required in a nonprofit organization's bylaws and standing rules? Over thirty current and rising leaders from UCS member organizations attended the workshop. UCS NexGen plans to host more workshops in the future about select topics that may foster leadership development growth for rising leaders in our UCS member organizations. UCS NexGen welcomes all rising leaders and young professionals across the UCS member organizations to attend future NexGen events.



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🌐 UCS on the Global Stage: 🌐

Celebrating the Zhongshan Association Alliance



UCS President Robert Yu sent a congratulatory video message marking the establishment of the Global Zhongshan Association Alliance in Beijing.

The message highlighted the theme: “Zhongshan Associations Connect the World; Beijing and Zhongshan Join Hands to Pass on Cultural Heritage.” It reflects a shared

commitment to strengthening collaboration and deepening connections among Chinese and Zhongshan communities worldwide.

Through this participation, UCS joins global partners in celebrating cultural continuity, exchange, and the ongoing effort to preserve and share heritage across generations and borders.



Recent Improvements at the UCS Hall



In early May, new flooring work was completed at the UCS Hall in both the Sun Yat-sen Hall and the outside reception area. As a long-standing community gathering place with a rich history, our building requires ongoing care and stewardship to ensure that it remains a welcoming space for important meetings, celebrations, and events for generations to come. It is our hope that these improvements will support continued efforts to maintain and preserve the Hall for future generations. Mahalo to all of the Board members and officers for their efforts and support throughout this project, with special thanks to Victor Lim for overseeing the work, and appreciation also to Leonard Kam, Mona Choy, and Jill Fukumoto for their support of the project and fundraising efforts, including support received from CQ Yee Hop, which helped partially fund these improvements.

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Celebrating Women Leaders Across UCS



Across more than 100 UCS member societies and organizations, women now lead **over 40%** of top leadership roles, reflecting a meaningful and steady shift in representation across the organization.

Within UCS, women's leadership has developed over time through a small but meaningful number of presidents whose contributions continue to shape the organization today, including Ginny Young, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Mona Choy, and Ivy Yeung.

Across the broader UCS network, this evolution is also reflected in member societies where leadership is often shaped by long-standing participation, family involvement, and generational commitment.



Intergenerational Leadership in Member Societies: Wendy Mow and Lori Kam, alongside their daughters, represent intergenerational leadership within societies such as See Dai Doo Society, where service and leadership roles have been carried forward through families.



Evolving Participation in Society Leadership: Oo Syak Gee Lu Society reflects the evolving participation of women in leadership through successive women presidents in recent years.

The women highlighted in the accompanying photographs represent just a small sampling of the many leaders, volunteers, and community members whose service strengthens UCS and its member societies.



Multi-Society Leadership:

Sharlene Chun serves in leadership across multiple UCS member societies, including both women-focused organizations and broader community groups.



UCS Women Presidents:

Marsha Au-Maxwell, Ivy Yeung, and Mona Choy.



Family & Civic Leadership

Continuity: The Lum Sai Ho Tong Society reflects how leadership can extend across both community organizations and public service, as seen through Colleen Lum Takenouchi, President of Lum Sai Ho Tong Society, and Jenna Takenouchi, Hawai'i State Representative, continuing a legacy begun by Lita Lum.

Together, they reflect how leadership continues to grow through mentorship, continuity, and a shared commitment to preserving culture, building community, and serving future generations. 📖

👉 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS 👈



Above (L-R) (1) Chinese Women Club (CWC) Easter celebration with President Sharlene Chun on April 4 at the Palolo Chinese Home. (2) Lung Kong Kung Shaw’s Spring Banquet with President Jason Chong and VP Jonathan Chong on April 4. (3) Kams’ Society Banquet on May 2 with President Lynette Kam. (4) Celebrating Queen Janelle Liang bringing home the Miss Chinatown USA Title after 23 years with the Miss Chinatown Hawaii Organization on May 23. (5-6) The Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii installed new officers on May 21. Congratulations to outgoing President Gabe Lee and incoming President Angie Shiroma.

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Above (L-R) (7) Members of the Association of Chinese University Women (ACUW) visited the UCS hall on May 30. (8) A delegation from Guangdong Province led by Vice Governor Zhang Guozhi visited on June 8 and 9. The delegation included Ma Wenfeng, Director General of the Foreign Affairs Office, Zhang Jinsong, Director General of the Department of Commerce and Zhao Hong, Deputy Director General of the Department of Culture and Tourism. (9) Celebrating with See Yup and Yee Yee Tong Benevolent Societies with Presidents Ken Po Lock and Joseph Lam on June 14. (10) Celebrating the 2026 Joint Gala of the Teo Chew Association and Teo Chew Chamber of Commerce with Presidents Andy Zhang and Terry Cheung on June 20.

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Member Society Updates

Sun Ming Ting Benevolent Association

The Sun Ming Ting Benevolent Association paid their respects during a Bai San ceremony on Sunday, April 26, at the Mānoa Chinese Cemetery. President Haven Young-Rafto, Vice President Jarett Pang, and Treasurer Terrence Young led the Ching Ming ceremony, with Ivy Yeung serving as emcee and assistance from Michael Young and Emory Young. It was a beautiful, sunny day—fitting for a meaningful time of remembrance and honoring our ancestors.

We also recognize our 2026 officers:

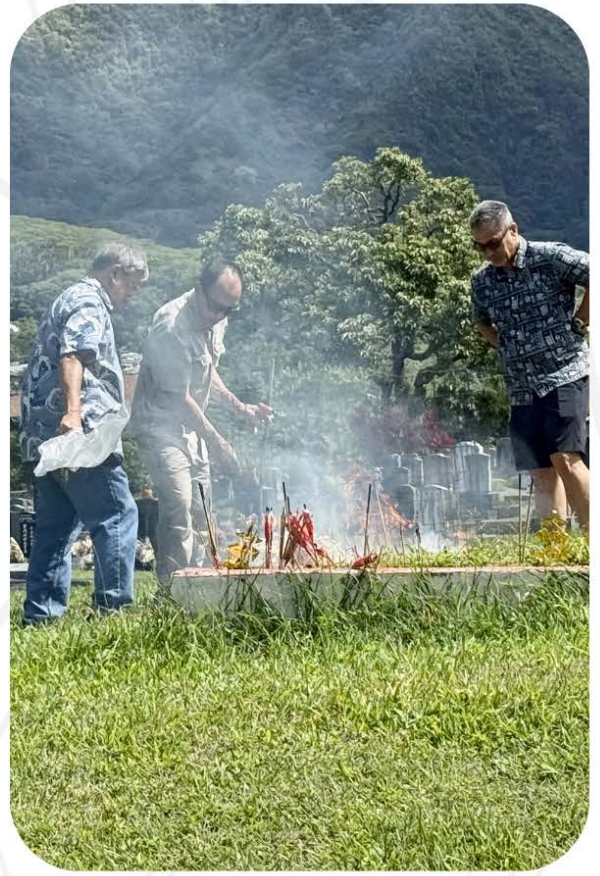
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Miss Chinatown Hawaii Organization

Miss Chinatown Hawaii Organization's Janelle Liang Crowned
Miss Chinatown USA 2026 in San Francisco 🏆



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Amidst the vibrant celebrations of the Lunar New Year in San Francisco, the Miss Chinatown Hawaii organization proudly announces that its 2026 Hawaii Chinese Queen, Janelle Liang was crowned the new 2026 Miss Chinatown USA following a rigorous competition that showcased the talents, intelligence, and cultural pride of young Chinese American women from across the nation. The 21-year-old University of Hawaii at Manoa student, represented Hawaii on March 6 at the pageant held at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square.

In addition to securing the top crown and winning a prize package that includes a \$20,000 cash scholarship, Liang was honored with the Miss People's Choice Award, highlighting her strong connection with the audience and supporters.

As the 2026 Miss Chinatown USA, Liang will spend the year acting as a representative for the Chinese community, participating in various cultural and charitable events. She is also supported by the 2026 Miss Chinatown Hawaii Court: Miss Chinatown Hawaii, May Kamaka; Miss Chinese Jaycees, Ashley Yoshikawa; Miss Chinatown Hawaii 1st Princess, Noelle Lo; Miss Chinatown Hawaii Princess, Shuyao Ye; Miss Chinatown Hawaii Princess, Emma Collo; and Miss Chinatown Hawaii Princess, Yuting He. The next Miss Chinatown Hawaii Pageant will be held on August 29, 2026 and applications can be found on our website at www.misschinatown.com.

A celebration dinner was held in Honolulu at Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant on May 23 to celebrate Janelle's win and bringing the crown home to Hawaii after 23 years. She was surrounded by friends, family, and supporters. There were also many past and present Miss Chinatown Hawaii title holders in attendance to join in the celebration and commemorate this special achievement.

👑 The 2026 Miss Chinatown USA Court includes:

Miss Chinatown USA 2026: Janelle Liang (Honolulu, HI)

1st Princess (Miss Chinese Chamber of Commerce): Lauren Xu (Boston, MA)

2nd Princess: Megan Martono (Houston, TX)

3rd Princess: Saerlaith Dunn (San Marino, CA)

4th Princess: Alix Heugas (Washington, DC)

Miss San Francisco Chinatown: Huixin Zheng (San Francisco, CA)

Miss Congeniality: Hongrui An (Chicago, IL)

Thunder Valley Casino Resort Miss Talent: Inacia Afonso (Boston, MA)

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Lum Sai Ho Tong
Tin Hau Birthday Banquet
May 9, 2026

The benevolent society for the Lum family has a temple honoring the goddess, Tin Hau, who was born a Lum on the island of Meizhou off the coast of Fujian during the Song Dynasty. Known for performing miracles saving shipwrecked sailors she became known as the Goddess of the Sea. Her

desire to help people with her supernatural abilities, the imperial government of China recognized and bestowed upon her some 36 different official titles, one of which was “Tin Hau”, Queen of Heaven. On May 9, 2026, Lum Sai Ho Tong celebrated her 1,066th birthday with a banquet at Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant. An altar was built at the restaurant for this event and incense was brought over from the temple. At the beginning of the banquet we welcomed Tin Hau with a ceremonial lighting of the candles.



President Colleen Lum Takenouchi and past President Daren Lum can be seen lighting the candles.



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One of the founders of our society was Lam Toi. This year celebrating our 137th anniversary, we were honored to have 9 of his descendants at our banquet. Lam Toi had 13 children. These descendants came from 3 of his children.

Tin Hau Temple is located at 1315 River Street and is open to the public 365 days a year from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Chinese Women's Club of Honolulu

April is a month of Easter celebrations for CWC. Keeping with tradition, an Easter hat contest, Bake Sale, and Country Store made the event festive and profitable. Chaired by 1st VP Jane Au at Palolo Chinese Home, everyone enjoyed a buffet of salad, rice, Miso Salmon, steamed veggies, and lemon cake. As ladies paraded around the room with their Easter hats, Lei Galang sang "In your Easter bonnets..." Gift cards were awarded as prizes. Tables were decorated festively with flowers, stuffed animals, and goodie bags for all.

Pictures below from Left to Right: 1-3) Pictures of Guests; 4) 1st VP Jane Au Chair of this event with her festive decorated table; 5) Country Store with Wendie Liu; 6) Pictures of Guests; 7) President Sharlene Chun and guests; 8) Country Store; and 9) Cy Feng joining in the Easter hat fun.



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Mother's Day is a special occasion to celebrate mothers and grandmothers for their dedication and sacrifices. CWC celebrated the day before Mother's Day with a fashion show at Oahu Country Club, featuring designer Anne Namba.

Chaired by President Sharlene Chun, attendees feasted on a vegetable salad, fruit salad plate, and grilled petite filet mignon with demi-glace sauce, mashed potatoes, and asparagus. Bread, butter, and OCC's famous bread pudding completed the meal.

Talented CWC members and friends modeled Namba's washable, silk, and one-of-a-kind outfits. Mavis Gushiken created the centerpieces. President Chun also donated a "Mom's Club" mug filled with makeup samples and a flower-decorated cupcake for each guest.

The event featured a mini silent auction with gift cards and a basket containing famous rum cake and cookies, donated by Marsha Au-Maxwell. It was a beautiful, relaxing, and fun celebration.





The Chinese Women’s Club of Honolulu is connecting with Chinese traditions and culture to pass their history and meanings to the younger generation. In June, the club celebrated members born in June, July, and August before learning about the Chinese Lion Dance from Brandon Ho of the Asian Lion Dance Team.

Debunking a common myth, Ho explained that the Lion brings blessings and good fortune, while the loud fireworks are what scare away evil. Dancers must learn martial arts to build the strength needed for the costume. The performance requires two people: a head and a tail. The tail is the hardest position because the dancer must remain bent over. In pole-jumping competitions, the head must be lighter than the tail to allow for lifts.

Upon entering an event, the Lion bows three times to the honored stage guests to show respect before accepting *li-see* (red envelopes) from party guests. A bamboo pole with leaves or lettuce lures the Lion. Instead of eating the greenery, the Lion thrashes it across the floor to symbolize luck and prosperity. This stems from a legend where the Lion was a heavenly God punished for arrogantly eating from a sacred tree. Kwan Yin, the Goddess of Mercy, resurrected the Lion as a demi-god bound to Heaven and Earth. He promised never to eat from the tree again, which is why today's Lions scatter the green leaves as good fortune for attendees instead.

During a Q&A session, members and guests asked about the history, costume design—such as the meaning behind wrapping the horn in red cloth and gold leaves—and traditional colors.

While any color can be chosen, the primary options represent the "three brothers": Red/Black, Red, and Rainbow. Ho noted that answers often vary by region.

Guests also tried on the costume before enjoying a Chinese luncheon in Fook Yuen's private dining room.

Pictured Left to Right: 1-2) Members and Guests; 4) Brandon Ho Asian Lion Dance Team & CWC President Sharlene Chun 5) CWC 1st VP Jane Au with State Representative Jenna Takenouchi and Kevan Wong; 3 & 6-9) Members and Guests



Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Young Professionals Event Recap: Sunday, May 17th at 9-10am: Breakfast at Gucci (with Tiffany Davis)

Breakfast at Gucci was a resounding success. We had 23 attendees join us to hear from **Tiffany Davis**, the director of Gucci Ala Moana. From leading a team of over 100 employees at Disney World shortly after graduating from college to now leading one of Gucci's flagship locations on the West Coast, Tiffany's eloquence and leadership stood out instantly. She touched on trends shaping the luxury industry, the art of selling, and leadership in different environments. Tiffany then guided attendees through the store highlighting the vision from Gucci's new creative director, Demna.

The conversation was further enriched with delicious pastries and coffee from 2026 1st Princess, **Rowan Drowns**, and **Honolulu Coffee Co.**





HKBAH Quarterly Update: New SIG Initiative, Fall Expo, and 2027 Conference 夏威夷香港商會：最新活動與重大計畫公告

The Hong Kong Business Association of Hawai'i (HKBAH) is honored to share our upcoming initiatives and events with the United Chinese Society of Hawai'i and the broader Chinese community. As an organization with over 30 years of service, HKBAH continues to expand its mission of connecting Hawai'i with Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area (GBA) through business, culture, and community engagement. 夏威夷香港商會很榮幸向夏威夷中華總會及本地華人社區分享本會即將推動的重要活動與新計畫。作為在夏威夷深耕三十年的華人商業組織，我們持續致力於促進夏威夷與香港、粵港澳大灣區（GBA）之間的商業、文化與社區交流。

1. Launch of 11 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) 推出 11 大「專業領域委員會」(SIG) 新計畫

HKBAH is proud to introduce a major new initiative: 11 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) representing the key sectors that shape Hawai'i's economy and its relationship with Asia. The SIGs include Real Estate • Professional Services • Women in Business • SME • Technology • Food & Agriculture • Export • Tourism • Finance • Creative Industries • Sustainability 為了更有效服務夏威夷多元產業，本會正式啟動 11 個專業領域委員會（SIGs），涵蓋夏威夷最重要的產業，包括：房地產與投資。專業服務（法律、會計、顧問）。商界女性領袖。中小企業與創業。科技與創新。食品與農業。出口、貿易與供應鏈。旅遊、酒店與零售。金融、銀行與投資。創意產業與媒體。永續能源與海洋科技。

- The purpose of the SIG program is to: SIG 的目的
- Build stronger sector-specific communities 建立產業社群與交流平台
- Support SMEs and emerging leaders 支援中小企業與新創
- Provide year-round value to members and the public 提供全年專題活動與資訊
- Strengthen Hawai'i's connection to Hong Kong and the GBA 強化夏威夷與香港、大灣區的商貿連結
- Prepare for HKBAH's 2027 international conference 為 2027 年大型國際會議作準備

This is a long-term initiative that will guide HKBAH's next decade of growth. 這是夏威夷香港商會未來十年的長期發展方向。



2. SIG Expo & Networking Night (October 2026) 「SIG 產業博覽暨交流之夜」 — 2026 年秋季 (10 月)

Before launching the SIG program, HKBAH will host a **SIG Expo & Networking Night** — a fun, interactive event where attendees can explore all 11 SIGs in one evening. 在正式啟動 SIG 計畫前，本會將於 2026 年秋季舉辦一場特別活動（正式日期將於下期公布）

The SIG will: 這是一場 互動式、走動式、輕鬆交流的博覽活動，參加者可在同一晚：

- Introduce the SIGs to the public 走訪 11 個 SIG 展區
- Allow attendees to meet Honorary Chairs and Ambassadors 認識各產業的榮譽主席與代表
- Gather community interest 了解每個 SIG 的方向與內容
- Help HKBAH determine which SIGs to launch first in 2027 填寫意願表，協助我們評估社區需求
- Network with Hawaiian business leaders and enjoy refreshments 與夏威夷商界人士交流、享用茶點

This event will be in-person, reflecting HKBAH's commitment to human connection and meaningful interaction. 本次活動將以面對面形式舉行，體現了 HKBAH 對人際互動和有意義互動的承諾。

3. SIG Program Launch (January 2027) 計畫將於 2027 年 1 月正式啟動

Based on the Expo results, HKBAH will launch a select number of SIGs in 2027. Each SIG will host two in-person events per year, ensuring high-quality programming that aligns with HKBAH's capacity and resources. 根據博覽會的回饋，本會將於 2027 年 1 月正式啟動部分最受歡迎的 SIG，每個 SIG 每年舉辦 2 場實體活動。

HKBAH values quality over quantity and believes in building sustainable, community-driven programs. HKBAH 重視「品質勝於數量」，並堅持以 面對面交流 為主，提供更具深度與溫度的互動。

4. HK-GBA Cross-Pacific Conference (May 19–21, 2027) 2027 年「香港—大灣區跨太平洋商業論壇」

HKBAH is preparing for its next major international event — the **HK-GBA Cross-Pacific Conference**, a three-day forum at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa.

夏威夷香港商會正積極籌備下一場大型國際活動：🌟 「HK - GBA 跨太平洋商業論壇」

The conference will bring together leaders from Hawai'i, Hong Kong, and the GBA to discuss innovation, trade, investment, culture, and cross-Pacific collaboration. 這將是一場為期三天的國際論壇，邀請夏威夷、香港及大灣區的企業、專家與政府代表，共同探討：

- 創新與科技
- 旅遊與文化
- 貿易與投資
- 中小企業合作
- 可持續發展
- 產業趨勢與跨境商機

The SIGs will play a major role in shaping the conference's sector-specific tracks and speaker lineup. SIG 將在論壇中扮演重要角色，協助規劃各產業的專題議程。

5. Invitation to the Community 誠邀夏威夷華人社區參與

HKBAH welcomes the Chinese community to join us at the SIG Expo this fall and to participate in the SIG program beginning in 2027. Together, we can build stronger bridges between Hawai'i and Hong Kong and support the next generation of business and community leaders. 夏威夷香港商會誠摯邀請夏威夷華人社團、企業與專業人士：

- 參加 2026 年秋季的 SIG 產業博覽
- 加入您感興趣的 SIG
- 參與 2027 年的 SIG 活動
- 支持 2027 年跨太平洋商業論壇

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Opportunity to begin here!

Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW)

The Organization of Chinese American Women Hawaii Chapter is a National Organization which will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2027. Our mission is to encourage Chinese American Women to positions of leadership, civic responsibility, and community service. Promote equal rights and opportunities for Chinese American Women at work, in the community, and at home. To Integrate Chinese immigrants into mainstream activities and programs by skills training and building bonds of common interests with others. To Share knowledge and experience, particularly those unique to the Chinese American experience that can lead to personal enrichment, professional development, educational excellence, strengthen family values, and improve quality of life. To Foster a positive image of Chinese American Women and other Asian Women.

OCAW meets four times a year. Our first meeting we had a Speaker Brandon Ho from Asian Lion Dance Team explaining the purpose people have Chinese Lion dances at special events. Not to scare away evil spirits but to bring Blessing's to everyone attending the event. The name Asian Lion Dance Team meaning it's working together as a family men, women, and children. differs from other Lion Dance groups called organizations. Women were not allowed to take martial arts and to perform under the Lion. Women were considered dirty. Having a little sister in tow Brandon started his own martial arts school allowing girls to participate and to eventually perform with the Lion costumes. We learned the history, the legend, and so much more. Everyone enjoyed an Italian lunch at Assagio's. Our next meeting will be on June 27 with book author Carol Lin. A correspondence reporter who was the first person to alert the US of 911. Everyone is welcome. For more information visit OCAW website ocawhawaii.org or contact ocawhi.org@gmail.com.



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Dr. Sun Yat-sen Hawaii Foundation

Hawai'i Youth Delegation Completes Educational Exchange in China.

Seventeen Hawai'i high school students and three teacher chaperones recently completed a 15-day educational and cultural exchange program in Shanghai, Nanjing, and Beijing, hosted by the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation. The program was especially meaningful as 2026 marks the 160th anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's birth. Students from both 'Iolani School and Punahou School, the two Hawai'i schools attended by Dr. Sun during his youth, were represented in the delegation, highlighting the historic ties between Hawai'i and China. During the exchange, students visited important historical and cultural sites, including Dr. Sun Yat-sen's former residences, the Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum, the Great Wall, and the Palace Museum. They also experienced modern China through visits to Tencent, Xiaomi EV Factory, iFLYTEK, and China Daily. A highlight of the program was participation in classes and cultural activities at Soong Ching Ling School in Shanghai and the High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China in Beijing, where students engaged with Chinese peers, attended classes, and experienced local family life through a homestay program. The exchange strengthened friendships, broadened global perspectives, and reinforced the long-standing people-to-people connections between Hawai'i and China while honoring the legacy of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Mdm. Soong Ching Ling.

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Photo: Hawaii students and teachers visiting Mdm Sun's (Soong Ching Ling) former residence.