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February 20th Officially Declared “Consular Corps of Hawaii Day”

HONOLULU – In honor of The Consular Corps of Hawaii’s 63rd Inaugural Ceremony, Governor David Y. Ige has declared February 20, 2016 to be “Consular Corps of Hawaii Day.”

The corps will hold its 63rd Inaugural Ceremony in Waikiki on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort, to induct its incoming officers.

“The Consular Corps of Hawaii is dedicated to serving the people of Hawaii and the overall welfare of the state,” said John Henry Felix, Honorary Consul of Portugal and Honorary Vice Consul of Spain. “We are proud to welcome such a talented group of individuals to our organization and to celebrate their accomplishments on such a special day.”

The incoming officers to be honored are:

- Incoming Dean, Honorary Consul of Slovenia, R. J. Zlatoper
- Vice Dean, Consul General of Korea, Walter K. Paik
- Secretary, Honorary Consul of Norway, Nina Fasi
- Treasurer, Honorary Consular Agent of Tonga, Annie Kaneshiro
- Auditor, Honorary Consul of Morocco, M. Jan Rumi
- Historian, Dean Emeritus and retired Honorary Consul of Switzerland, Dr. Nicklaus R. Schweizer
- Outgoing Dean of the Corps, Consul General of Japan, Toyoei Shigeeda

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Additional guests of honor include Jeffrey Lau, former Dean and Honorary Consul of Belgium, with the Distinguished Service Medal; Patricia Lee, Consul Emeritus of France, with the Lifetime Achievement Award; and Governor George Ariyoshi with the Distinguished Service Award.

The Consular Corps of Hawaii was founded in 1824 and has worked to promote trade, maintain close relations with the state and county governments, maintain relations with the military, advise and assist the representatives of various countries currently in Hawaii, and support local arts and culture.

The corps currently consists of seven career Consul Generals and 31 Honorary Consuls, representing nations on every continent (except Antarctica) and Oceania.

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