

Christine Kubota Receives Special Commendation

Damon Key President Christine Kubota is one of 187 individuals worldwide who received a Commendation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in Fiscal Year 2023. The commendation was bestowed for her efforts in the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States.

Christine received her award certificate and commemorative gift at the Foreign Minister's Commendation Conferment Ceremony held at the Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu, on November 21, 2023.

"It is thanks to my wide-ranging network of support that I have been honored to receive this commendation. I am grateful to those who have been by my side – the community, organizations and people of Honolulu who have helped to bridge Japan and Hawaii. We are so much closer to each other thanks to all of you," said Christine.

Over the years, Christine has served in leadership roles at various Japan-related organizations in Honolulu, including the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, the United Japanese Society of Hawaii and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. In 2018, she served as the co-chair of the 150th Anniversary of the Gannenmono Celebration Committee, and in October 2019, she was selected to attend the Enthronement to the Throne of His Majesty the Emperor along with then-Governor David Ige representing the Japanese American Community in Hawaii.

