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Dear Friends of the Kauai Japanese Cultural Society,

This year marks the **41st Anniversary of Matsuri Kauai**, and we are excited to celebrate this milestone with our community. The Kauai Japanese Cultural Society, a **501(c)(3) nonprofit, volunteer-based organization**, respectfully asks for your support in helping make **Matsuri Kauai Festival 2026** another memorable success.

Our two-day festival will be held on **October 9 and 10, 2026**, at the **Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall in Līhu'e**.

The festival begins with our **Welcome Reception & Dinner on Friday, October 9, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, where we will welcome representatives from our sister cities in Japan, special guests, and community dignitaries. This year, we will be honoring **Sue Kanoho** for her many years of dedicated service and support of our cultural endeavors. The public is invited to attend, with tickets starting at **\$75**. Complimentary dinner tickets are included with our sponsorship packages.

On **Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, the festival continues with a **free public cultural celebration** featuring a variety of Japanese arts, traditions, and demonstrations.

This year's featured guests are the **Iwate Morioka Minyo Group** from Japan. They will present traditional folk songs, dances, and kimono dressing demonstrations, providing a unique opportunity to experience authentic Japanese culture. Additional cultural activities are expected to include mochi pounding and making, Judo & KCC gaming group demonstrations, taiko drumming, Japanese dance, bonsai, ikebana, origami, children's kitsuke as well as the return of the popular **Gyotaku (fish printing)** demonstration. We will also have Japanese foods for sale.

Your sponsorship helps us preserve and share Japanese culture while strengthening the longstanding friendship between Hawai'i and Japan. **As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, contributions to the Kauai Japanese Cultural Society are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

We invite you to consider one of the following sponsorship opportunities:

Chrysanthemum (Kiku) Sponsor – \$2,500

- Eight (8) complimentary tickets to the Welcome Reception & Dinner
- Recognition in media advertising

- Banner acknowledgment at festival events
- Verbal and printed recognition
- Speaking opportunity at the event
- Sponsor display table during the October 10 festival

Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Sponsor – \$1,000

- Four (4) complimentary tickets to the Welcome Reception & Dinner
- Recognition in media advertising
- Banner acknowledgment at festival events
- Verbal and printed recognition

Ayame (Iris) Sponsor – \$500

- Two (2) complimentary tickets to the Welcome Reception & Dinner
- Recognition in media advertising
- Banner acknowledgment at festival events
- Verbal and printed recognition

Every contribution, regardless of size, including In-kind donations, helps us continue our mission of educating the public about Japanese culture and fostering the enduring friendship between Hawai'i and Japan. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact **Pearl Shimizu** at **(808) 822-5353**.

On behalf of the Kauai Japanese Cultural Society, thank you for your consideration and generous support. We hope you will join us in making the 41st Matsuri Kauai Festival a wonderful celebration for our community.

With sincere appreciation,

Kauai Japanese Cultural Society
Matsuri Kauai Festival Committee