



**MESSAGE FROM  
THE CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN**



I am pleased to extend a warm aloha to the participants and visitors of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Honolulu Festival.

For the past nearly three decades, the Honolulu Festival has served as one of Hawaii's premier cultural events, attracting much spectator interest, as well as participation from Japan, Hawaii, and other countries and regions of the Pacific Rim.

This year's theme, "Walk together with Aloha, Pass the Baton to a Sustainable and Peaceful Future," is truly befitting as the Honolulu Festival seeks to cultivate and foster the friendship of the people of the Asia-Pacific, and showcase the multiethnic and multicultural fabric of these islands and its people, while exploring ways to positively impact our world for the sake of our future generations.

As we look forward to the exciting colors, tastes, and sounds of the upcoming Honolulu Festival—and the return of the much-anticipated Honolulu Rainbow Ekiden public relay race—I would like to take this moment to thank the Honolulu Festival Foundation, and all of the Festival sponsors, performers, exhibitors, and volunteers, for doing their part in deepening the grassroots relationship between Japan and Hawaii, and beyond, in the true Spirit of Aloha.

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