

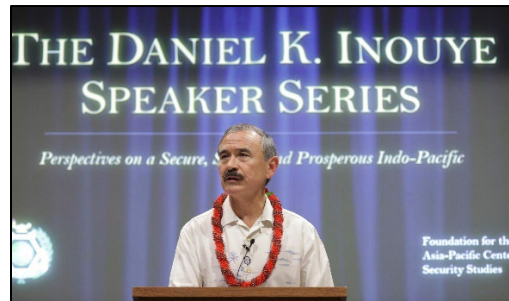


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Dear Friends:

Spring is in full bloom and in line with the Senator's life work of opening Hawaii to the world, bringing people together and looking forward to the future. We have been busy with events and partnerships here at the Daniel K. Inouye Institute!



DKI APCSS Lecture with Ambassador Harry Harris

On February 6, 2019, in partnership with the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) and the Foundation for the DKI APCSS, we launched the “Daniel K. Inouye Speaker Series: Perspectives on a Secure, Stable, and Prosperous Indo-Pacific.” It was touch and go for a bit as the federal government shutdown dragged on. Honestly, we were a few days away from considering a “No Go”. With 12 days to spare, our event was back on!

The series, which will be held twice a year, seeks to bring together community members and key leaders to have open and thoughtful discussions, building relationships that will support regional security and stability in the Indo-Asia Pacific region.



ADM Pete Gumataotao (ret) greets Ambassador Harry Harris



Jill Tokuda and Sara Hamakawa discuss details with ADM Gumataotao (ret)

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Over 175 senior officials and leaders from government, business, academia, and Hawaii’s nonprofit community gathered for this “off the record” event, and were treated to an informative discussion with U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Harry Harris. Recently retired as the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, his strong connection to Hawaii and its strategic role in the Indo-Pacific region provided for an engaging and timely conversation.



ADM Tom Fargo (ret) chats with ADM Pete Gumataotao (ret) & Gerry Sumida



Irene Hirano Inouye address the audience

“Dan would be pleased that his Institute and the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies are carrying forward the priority he placed on bringing people together, sharing information and experiences, and finding common ground together,” stated Irene Hirano Inouye in her welcome remarks. *“He would be especially pleased that Admiral, turned Ambassador, Harry Harris is our inaugural speaker, epitomizing the art of collaboration, skillful diplomacy and strong leadership in recognition of the importance of maintaining peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.”*



Mrs. Inouye and Bruni Bradley (Harris)



Ken Inouye and Mrs. Inouye



ADM Gumataotao (ret), Amb Harris, Mrs. Inouye & Gerald Sumida

Harris spoke of his “new” role as a diplomat, as he continues to address many of the same issues he did as a military commander. Working to strengthen U.S. ties with our allies in the region while keeping a watchful eye on North Korea, Harris remains right in the mix, using diplomacy and economic tools to support of some of our countries most loyal allies. His presentation was followed by a lively and candid Q&A from the audience. A fellowship reception followed on the APCSS lanai -- a delicious bibimbap was served in honor of the Ambassador’s new “home“, prepared by the Kapiolani Community College culinary school.



Chef Grant Chun and KCC culinary students
Prepared Korean bentos for guests

Stay tuned, our next event will be in the Fall 2019. We hope to announce details and our next speaker soon!



Talk Story” Event with Zocalo & Hawaii Public Radio

Continuing our popular Talk Story “Pau Hana” event series in partnership with Zocalo Public Square and Hawaii Public Radio (HPR) — over 150 people gathered on Thursday, February 21st to talk story on a timely topic, "How Much Tourism is Too Much?"

<https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/2019/02/22/hawaii-doesnt-need-tourists-needs-better-tourists/events/the-takeaway/>



HPR host Catherine Cruz moderated a panel of experts featuring Executive Director of the Center for Responsible Travel Martha Honey, public policy researcher and former president of the Hawai'i Economic Association John Knox, cultural tourism specialist and former Office of Hawaiian Affairs trustee Peter Apo, and Frank Haas, marketing consultant and former vice president of tourism marketing at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.



With 2018 marking the seventh straight year of record tourist arrivals and historically high tax receipts, the discussion focused on how to “manage” the number of visitors coming into Hawaii, the categories of “optimal visitors” we want to attract, balancing Hawaii’s carrying capacity against our largest economic sector and generation of tax revenues.

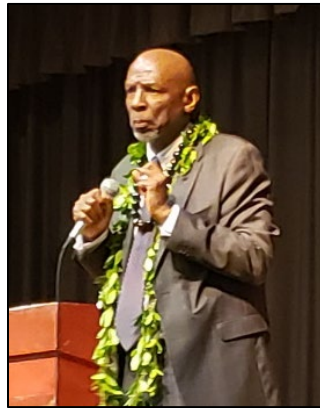


Acknowledging that the U.S. Constitution (Commerce Clause) prohibits capping domestic visitors to the Islands, the conversation was relevant, timely and lively. The discussion touched on the impact growth has had on our environment and quality of life. Attendees continued chatting after the panel concluded over some ono lup cheong fried rice provided by from Broken Rice on Waialae!

A Conversation with Geoffrey Canada

Senator Inouye was a strong advocate of education, as the ultimate equalizer. Throughout his career, he sought to level the playing field by increasing opportunities for all children regardless of their zip code. So, when the chance arose to partner with the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, Hawaii Community Foundation, Hawaii Pacific Health and Kamehameha Schools to bring one of the nation's premier educational reform thought leaders to our local education community, DKII jumped at the chance! We were honored to assist with the preparation and logistics for the event.

In the presence of a true education rock star, on March 11th over four hundred Hawaii educators and community leaders were lifted up and inspired by Geoffrey Canada of the Harlem Children's Zone at the Neal Blaisdell Center. Educators, education supporters and community leaders flew in from the neighbor islands and drove in from all corners of Oahu. Amazing and inspiring!



"Hope is as contagious as despair," said Canada. Reinvigorating and applauding all who work *"in the deep end of the pool,"* he reminded us that even in the most hopeless situations, we must fight to *"save that one."* He also reminded us that teaching is a most noble career to be supported and honored, and that it truly takes a village to fully prepare a child for adulthood. We each have a role to play.



Inspired by the conversations and connections in early 2019, the months ahead are filled with exciting opportunities to engage! From the next Pau Hana "talk story" event on May 21 "Will Pidgin Survive the 21st Century", the christening of the USS Destroyer Daniel Inouye in Bath, Maine on June 22, to our final Library of Congress lecture on July 16th. Stay tuned and we hope to see you soon!

Aloha,

Irene, Kenny and Jennifer