

FRIENDS OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU
A 501c(3) Organization
ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION
A 501c(4) Organization
To Support the City & County of Honolulu in a Public-Private Partnership

WHY THE 'FRIENDS' WAS FOUNDED

The Friends of the City & County of Honolulu was formed to help fund official city events without spending taxpayers' dollars. In late August 1995 the State Department requested that the City & County of Honolulu host a reception for high level dignitaries from 28 countries coming to Honolulu to attend ceremonies to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Local guests were also invited.

No City funds were budgeted for unanticipated requests such as this. Honolulu businesses were approached and contributed a total of \$24,500, and the Friends was formed to receive these monies and to pay for the expenses at no cost to taxpayers.

EVENTS FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

The Friends of the City & County of Honolulu helped provide funding for other official City events such as the Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit, held in January 1999 and May 2001 as well as other official events.

- **OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CHINA**

In November 1997, the State Department again requested that the City & County of Honolulu host another event, this time a luncheon in honor of His Excellency Jiang Zemin which would be the first official event in the United States of the China President's visit. Honolulu received international media coverage of the President doing the hula with a keiki halau at the luncheon, and then going for a swim off the beach at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. This luncheon was held at no cost to taxpayers and the Friends underwrote the entire costs for this event.

- **WELCOME TO THE 'MIGHTY MO'**

The Friends has also helped underwrite expenses to welcome the Mighty Mo in June 1998 with military bands and a formal ceremony followed by a fireworks display held at Magic Island. The entire community was invited.

- **1999 MAYORS' ASIA-PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT**

In January 1999 the first Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit was held in Honolulu and attended by approximately 450 Mayors, other municipal leaders and environmental experts from 29 Asia-Pacific countries representing 118 cities. Vice President Al Gore delivered the keynote address by satellite video.

Conference Collaborating Partners for the 1999 Environmental Summit included:

- The City & County of Honolulu
- The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, DC
- The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), Toronto, Canada
- Public Technology, Inc. (PTI), Washington, DC
- The E ON Group Environmental Foundation, Chiba, Japan
- The Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines
- The US Agency for International Development (US AID) and the US Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP), Washington, DC

Senator Daniel K. Inouye has been the Honorary Chair of the Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit. Mayor Harris and Karl Hausker, Ph.D., are co-chairs. Dr. Hausker is an expert in environmental policy and sustainable development. At the time he was a Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC (where he is now an Adjunct Fellow). He had previously worked for the US EPA and the US Senate Energy Committee.

- **FUNDING BY THE CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU OF THE 1999 ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT**

The 1999 budget of the City & County of Honolulu included a line item allocation of \$100,000 to underwrite expenses for the 1999 Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit. The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services made the determination to provide the funding from the City & County of Honolulu by way of contract to the Friends of the City & County of Honolulu. There was full compliance with the terms of the agreement with the City, including providing a full accounting of how the City monies were allocated.

As a part of the public-private partnership with the City & County of Honolulu, the Friends and the Environmental Foundation (which was subsequently founded, see below) funded approximately \$190,000 for the 1999 Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit.

Funding came from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the E ON Environmental Group Foundation in Chiba, Japan, the Ebara Corporation in Tokyo, Toyota and a number of local businesses and consultants who also participated in the conference sessions and exhibits.

OTHER OFFICIAL EVENTS FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS

In addition to the above events, the Friends of the City & County of Honolulu has provided funding to other official City events:

	Honolulu City Lights (partially funded)
Fall, 1997	Crossings '97 -- Art in Public Places - Reception at Honolulu Hale (fully funded)
November 1997	Japan-American Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce Presidents - Reception (fully funded)
May 1999	Welcome Dinner in honor of the Mayor of Zhongshan, China and accompanying group (fully funded)
September 1999	Dinners in honor of the President and the Vice President of Pohnpei (fully funded)
January 2001	Mayor's Cabinet Planning Retreat - Hilton Turtle Bay (partially funded)
January 2002	ICMA Resource Cities Exchange Program with Hue, Vietnam - Honolulu delegation to Hue (partially funded)
February 2002	Roundtable Planning Meeting on Golf & the Environment - Hilton Hawaiian Village (fully funded)
June 2002	ICMA Resource Cities Exchange Program with Hue, Vietnam - Hue delegation to Honolulu (partially funded)

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION

In 1998, the Environmental Foundation was established (in addition to the Friends of the City & County of Honolulu) to support the Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit and related events. The reason was that a foundation dedicated to environmental causes would better meet the requirements of major funding organizations such as the Asian Development Bank and US-AEP. At the suggestion of tax counsel, 501c(4) status was sought and obtained from the Internal Revenue Service. As with the Friends organization, the Environmental Foundation does not engage in any political activity, although it has received funds from federal agencies.

2001 MAYORS' ASIA-PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT

The second Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit was held in May 2001. The City budget was increased to \$406,500 because the Environmental Summit would be held in conjunction with the Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting and the conference program was expanded. International media attention was on Honolulu during this time.

The Environmental Summit featured three keynote speakers renown in the international environmental arena:

- Professor Klaus Toepfer, United Nations Under-Secretary General, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi and Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Nairobi, Kenya
- Amory Lovins, CEO (Research) and Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Institute; founder of Hypercar, Inc.; author of numerous books including Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution; named a Hero of the Planet in 2000 by Time Magazine, Snowmass, Colorado
- Maurice Strong, Senior Advisor to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Chairman of the Earth Council, Secretary General of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development (the Earth Summit) held in Rio de Janeiro, President of the United Nations University for Peace, Toronto, Canada

Collaborating partners of the 2001 Environmental Summit included:

- The City & County of Honolulu
- E ON Group Environmental Foundation, Chiba, Japan
- Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines

- Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, DC
- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), Toronto, Canada
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Washington, DC
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Nairobi, Kenya
- UNDP/UNCHS (Habitat) Urban Management Programme, Bangkok, Thailand
- US Agency for International Development (US AID) and US Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP), Washington, DC

The original budget allocation of \$406,500 was not entirely used, because the Friends and the Environmental Foundation funded approximately \$205,000 of the cost of the 2001 Environmental Summit, which was approximately \$575,000.

INTERIM YEAR CONFERENCES

During the interim years of the Environmental Summits, a smaller conference is held with a specific focus.

- **2000 MAYOR'S PACIFIC ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL SYMPOSIUM**

In May 2000, the City & County of Honolulu held the Mayor's Pacific Islands Environmental Symposium in collaboration with the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR) and the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). Delegations representing numerous Pacific Islands nations attended. The cost for this Symposium was about \$80,000 and the Friends and the Foundation jointly funded approximately \$35,000.

- **2002 INAUGURAL SEMINAR OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC URBAN INSTITUTE**

In April 2002 the City & County of Honolulu held an Inaugural Seminar of the Asia-Pacific Urban Institute on Integrated Water Resource Management for Cities led by US-AEP and the US AID Water Team. The Honolulu Board of Water Supply experts, Mayor's Cabinet members and local consultants also had key roles.

Mayor Harris had announced in his 2001 inaugural address that one of his initiatives would be the opening of such an institute to emphasize his goal of making Honolulu a place known for its expertise in environmental technology and best practices for sustainable communities, as well as an international conference center in the Asia-Pacific.

Keynote speaker was His Worship Councillor Amos Masondo, Executive Mayor of Johannesburg, host city of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in August 2002.

Collaborating partners of the Inaugural Seminar included:

- The City & County of Honolulu
- Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines
- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Toronto, Canada
- Honolulu Board of Water Supply
- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), Toronto, Canada
- UNDP/UNCHS (Habitat) Urban Management Programme Urban Partnership Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand
- US Agency for International Development (US AID) Water Team, Washington, DC
- United States-Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP), Washington, DC

The Environmental Foundation funded the cost of the seminar of \$170,000 with some funding from the Asian Development Bank, US-AEP and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

2002 FUNDING OF OTHER CITY PROGRAMS—PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

The Friends of the City & County of Honolulu and the Environmental Foundation provided funding in 2002 as a public-private partnership for the following official events of the City & County of Honolulu related to the Environmental Summit. Now that the Environmental Foundation is more established, the plan is to increase financial support for the 2003 Environmental Summit and related programs.

ICMA RESOURCE CITIES EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH HUE, VIETNAM – JANUARY 2002

Due to the success of the Environmental Summit, Honolulu was selected to participate in the ICMA Resource Cities Exchange Program with Hue, Vietnam. This federally funded program covers airfare and hotel expenses for exchange visits over a period of 18 to 24 months. The Honolulu City Council passed a resolution in support of the Exchange Program.

A City delegation traveled to Vietnam in January 2002 to meet with Hue government officials and signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The Environmental Foundation funded \$1,300 for visa application fees, gifts for the dignitaries and briefing meetings.

An exchange delegation from Hue came to Honolulu in June 2002. The Environmental Foundation funded \$2,000 for the program during their week's stay. The next exchange to Hue by members of the Department of Environmental Services will take place in October 2002 for a solid waste management pilot project.

- **ROUNDTABLE PLANNING MEETING ON GOLF & THE ENVIRONMENT, FEBRUARY, 2002**

This meeting was held in collaboration with the Center for Resource Management, Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. About 30 leaders in the golf industry in the US, including golf course managers and superintendents from Oahu and the City golf courses met to discuss sound environmental practices in golf course operations and to plan for a possible meeting to be held in Honolulu in 2003. The Friends and the Environmental Foundation together funded approximately \$15,000 to cover costs of the meeting, meals and transportation.

- **ICLEI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MEETING, APRIL, 2002**

In April 2002 the City & County of Honolulu hosted the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Executive Committee for their annual meeting that was held with the Inaugural Seminar of the Asia-Pacific Urban Institute. The City & County of Honolulu is a member of ICLEI, and Mayor Harris is a member of the ICLEI Board.

ICLEI and its Executive Committee facilitated the Local Government Preparatory Process for the United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development in August 2002 in Johannesburg.

The Environmental Foundation funded the expenses of the ExCom Meeting at a cost of \$18,000.

PRESENCE AT THE 2002 UNITED NATIONS WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN JOHANNESBURG

The Mayors' Commitments Program, which has been ongoing since the 1999 Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit, received international recognition in August 2002 at the United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg with Jeb Brugmann, former Secretary General of ICLEI, making a presentation on behalf of the City & County of Honolulu and the Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit.

The Environmental Foundation is funding stipends for four Special Advisors to assist

the cities of Hue, Vietnam; Iloilo, Philippines; Uttaradit, Thailand, and Vadodara, India. These Special Advisors come from those regions and provide ongoing technical support to the mayors. They will report on their progress at the 2003 Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit.

2003 MAYORS' ASIA-PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT

Plans are underway for the 2003 Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit to be held in June 2003 in Honolulu. The Environmental Foundation is prepared to be the primary underwriter of the 2003 Mayors' Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit, to continue the promotion of environment protection, to promote environmentally sound economic growth and governmental activities, as well as to showcase the City & County of Honolulu and to promote business development for the environmental technology industry.

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