

REMARKS ON THE PRESENTATION OF
THE DEAN EMERITUS CHUCK YIM GEE AWARDS

I AM DEEPLY HONORED THIS EVENING TO BE INVITED BY THE HONG KONG.CHINA.HAWAII CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PRESENT THREE AWARDS OF COMMENDATION AT THIS EVENT HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RENOWNED HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL.

INITIALLY I HAD WONDERED ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF MY NAME—ONE LONG ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY—IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE AWARDS TO RECOGNIZE DISTINGUISHED CREATIVITY AND NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE WORLD OF FILM AND CINEMA. YET, IT REQUIRES NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE TWO WORLDS, THAT IS, TRAVEL & TOURISM AND FILM & CINEMA, HAVE IN COMMON. BOTH REPRESENT INDUSTRIES THAT BRING ENTERTAINMENT, ENJOYMENT AND HOPEFULLY, ENLIGHTENMENT, TO PEOPLE FROM ALL LEVELS AND WALKS OF LIFE. THROUGH THE UNIVERSAL MEDIA OF TRAVEL AND OF FILM, WE MAY ALL GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF CULTURES, TIMES, PLACES AND ENVIRONMENTS, SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND POINTS OF VIEW OUTSIDE OF OUR OWN. ULTIMATELY, WE ARE ENGAGED IN THE SAME COMMUNICATION INDUSTRY STRIVING THROUGH ARDOR AND THROUGH ART TO CREATE AND SELL DREAMS, EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES THAT CAN TRANSFORM AND ENRICH LIVES.

FINALLY, THERE IS ALSO A SYMBIOTIC LINK BETWEEN TOURISM AND FILM. EACH PROMOTES THE OTHER. HAWAII IS THE LIVING PROOF. JUST AS OUR STATE PROVIDES SCENIC SPLENDOR AND OTHER RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE FILM INDUSTRY, SO THE MAGIC OF FILM HAS INDISPUTABLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF HAWAII AS THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY DESTINATION.

WITH THESE PERSPECTIVES IN MIND, IT IS WITH THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE AND HONOR THAT I PRESENT THREE AWARDS OF COMMENDATION ON BEHALF OF THE HK.CHINA.HAWAII CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT THIS TIME:

*THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN DOCUMENTARY FILM TO MR. QIAO FENG, PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR, OF SENTIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE OF THE LUTE;

*THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN CREATIVITY AND ART IN A DOCUMENTARY FILM: SENTIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE OF THE LUTE; AND CERTAINLY NOT LEAST,

*THE DEAN'S AWARD TO MR. CHUCK BOLLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HAWAII'S FILM INDUSTRIES AND HIS LEADERSHIP IN FURTHERING THE PROGRESS AND SUCCESS OF THE HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL.

THANK YOU AND HAVE AN ENJOYABLE REMAINDER OF THE EVENING.