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The Honorable Mrs. Anson Chan, Chief Secretary for Administration, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Will be the Guest of Honor at the Cocktail Reception Hosted by the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii

Honolulu, Hawaii, April 6, 2001 -- Mrs. Anson Chan will be attending a special cocktail reception to honor her at the Maile Ballroom of the Kahala Mandarin Oriental Hawaii for special guests of the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii on April 14, 2001.

As Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, Mrs. Anson Chan is principal adviser to the Chief Executive and heads the 190,000-strong civil service in Hong Kong.

She was appointed Chief Secretary of the Hong Kong Government in November 1993, the first Chinese and the first woman to hold the position after 150 years of British incumbents. The Chief Secretary for Administration ranks second to the Chief Executive, and Mrs. Chan advises him on matters of policy, deputises for him during his absence and is responsible for the effective implementation of the full range of Government policies. She is the Senior Official Member of the Executive Council, the highest policy-making body in Hong Kong.

Mrs. Chan is a career public servant. She joined the Hong Kong Government as an Administrative Officer in 1962. She has held many senior positions in the Administration dealing with finance, the economy, commerce, industry and social services. She has been Director of Social Welfare and Secretary for the Civil Service.

Mrs. Chan was Secretary for Economic Services between 1987 and 1993, a Cabinet-level post which gave her responsibilities for overseeing the development of Hong Kong's physical infrastructure, including ambitious port and airport facilities, the liberalisation of Hong Kong's telecommunications market, tourism, energy, food supplies and the monitoring of public utility companies.

Mrs. Chan was born in Shanghai in 1940. She moved with her family in 1948 to Hong Kong, where she received her education. She graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a BA(Hons) in English and English Literature.

Mrs. Chan was made an official Justice of the Peace (JP) in 1975 and a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1992 and was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM) in 1999. She holds honorary degrees from Tufts University, the University of Hong Kong, the University of Liverpool and the Open University of Hong Kong. She was conferred the title of Honorary Professor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in 1997 and title of Honorary Fellow by the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London in 2000.

Mrs. Chan is married to Mr. Archibald Chan Tai Wing, a Consultant of Caltex Oil (HK) Limited. They have a daughter, a son and three grandchildren.

Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii (HKBAH) was formed in January 1996 as an IRC 503(c)(6) non-profit politically neutral organization. The mission of HKBAH is to provide a bridge in facilitating trade, investment, and business opportunities between Hawaii and Hong Kong, China and its neighboring regions so as to enhance our separate commercial and investment environments for mutual benefit. There are 29 Hong Kong Associations throughout the world with a combined membership over 7,600.



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