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Aloha Friends,

It is difficult to believe that a year has passed since Irene Hirano Inouye left us for the other side of the rainbow. The U.S.-Japan Council has organized a beautiful one year anniversary tribute of the life of an amazing woman. Please see the registration information below. We hope that you will tune in.

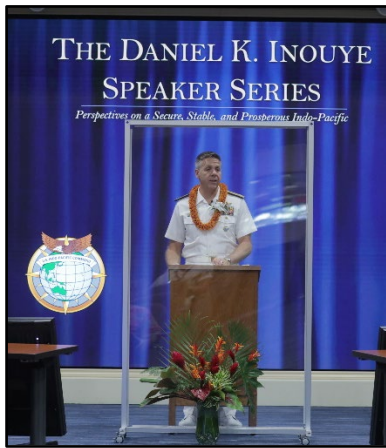
*“You are invited to join family and friends for a special event, “Remembering Irene: A Memorial Tribute,” at 5:00pm PST/8:00pm EST on April 28, and 9:00am JST on April 29. The virtual program will feature remembrances of Irene’s impact on and contributions to society through the countless lives she touched and the many causes she championed. Registration is available **here** -- https://usjapancouncil-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tbfGTxL5S2uxByqYiVBCXQ*

*At the time of her passing one year ago, Irene was the President of the U.S.-Japan Council (USJC). She established USJC in 2009 with her late husband, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, and other prominent Japanese Americans to connect leaders and strengthen ties between the two countries. Recent observances of the tenth anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake took note of **Irene’s support** for the Tohoku region, including USJC’s TOMODACHI Initiative.*

*Registration is required for “Remembering Irene: A Memorial Tribute.” To sign up, please click **here**. Japanese interpretation will be available, and all participants will be able to leave written comments for the family at the end of the program. Please note that the event will not be archived for later viewing.”*

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The Daniel K Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Strategic Studies welcomed INDOPACOM Commander Phil Davidson for his farewell address to an in-person/virtual audience of more than 425 participants. He was passionate and clear in both the challenges and opportunities ahead for this region and the criticality of US leadership. Davidson spoke of the importance of the person-to-person relationships nurtured at the APCSS amongst individuals representing the Indo-Pacific nations. Over time, these relationships have become integral part of a larger network fostering greater diplomacy, stability and economic prosperity.



I was honored to share a bit of history: Senator Inouye and Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska, in the best of bi-partisan traditions, were at the Marshall Center in Europe many, many moons ago. They looked at each other and said, “Why don’t we have one of these centers in the Pacific?” And, the rest is history.

And, then I presented the Admiral with a copy of Senator’s book, “Journey to Washington” as a small token of our aloha and affection on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years of loyal service and leadership.

Aloha
Jennifer, Sara and DKII team

