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Agriculture Leadership Program Welcomes New Director

Honolulu, HI Since 1982, the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i (ALFH) has facilitated the development of leaders focused on sustaining and enhancing Hawai'i's agricultural sector and rural communities through the Agriculture Leadership Program (ALP). This successful program, led by Dr. Donna Ching of the University of Hawai'i, has trained more than 135 alumni from across the state. These alumni have formed a strong network and many individuals are actively serving in leadership roles for their industry and community organizations as well as the overall agricultural sector.

In 2006 ALFH began implementing a succession plan for the eventual retirement of Dr. Ching. The Foundation board of directors is happy to announce this plan has led to a contract with Pauline Sato as Program Director beginning with Class XIII. Participants in this class will benefit from excellent direction, from not one but two directors, as Ms. Sato and Dr. Ching will work together through the end of 2011.

Born and raised in Hawai'i, Pauline has always had a passion for protecting Hawai'i's environment. Her childhood interests led her to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan and a Master's degree in Educational Technology at the University of Hawai'i. Pauline has dedicated her career to environmental preservation through education and community outreach. Over the past 25 years, she has worked with various non-profit organizations such as the Bishop Museum and The Nature Conservancy as an environmental educator, volunteer coordinator, teacher trainer, internship coordinator and mentor, community outreach specialist, and island program director.

In an introductory greeting to ALFH's alumni Ms. Sato states, *"While my background is mainly in conservation, I see very close connections with agriculture and am eager to build stronger relationships. Knowing that I will learn much about agriculture in Hawai'i from the people who actually work in the field invigorates me. I hope that I will meet your expectations to put together a fantastic program with a great new group of participants. With everyone's help, I am confident we will all be successful."*

Pauline's work in conservation has helped her build a broad network among natural and cultural resources communities throughout the state. She believes in working with partners to accomplish shared goals and is active with networking groups such as Mālama Hawai'i and Mālama Learning Center. The Foundation board of directors, alumni and staff are honored to include Pauline Sato on their team dedicated to collaborative leadership training throughout the state of Hawai'i.

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Two PDF/Photos attached:
Pauline Sato
Pauline Sato and Dr. Donna Ching

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