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HONOLULU UNIVERSITY  
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Dear President:

A few days ago I discussed the case of one of my students with Registrar Naty Mercedo. She mentioned that you have been invited as a participant to attend a Press Conference in China.

I recall vividly one of my visits to Honolulu University in the year 1990. President Warren Walker introduced you to me as Vice-President for International Affairs. You have been very busy developing affiliations in the Orient, Africa and Europe.

Shortly after President Walker's death you became the President of Honolulu University in 1999. Being both an educational pragmatist and a futurist, you readily accepted Distance Education as a viable method of increasing access to learning opportunities for working adults. Our 13-year-old friendship and cooperation continue to be good, happy, joyful and successful.

Your innovative approach to higher education is exemplary. Honolulu University's programs are student oriented, and a variety of approaches are used to qualify enrolment for those unable to register in public institutes courses on a campus.

Great changes are underway in global society. Governments, business, industry and a variety of organisations are struggling to create and carry out effective educational programs.

Honolulu University is providing opportunity for non-traditional innovative education, with recognition for prior learning, work and life experience. Independent study, greater use of field resources, greater involvement by adult practitioners -- all have become important elements in the education process. Such realistic, individualized and interdisciplinary learning supports the integration of life and work experiences into a learner oriented, rather than a teacher oriented academic program.

The innovative, non-traditional approach of Honolulu University in offering higher education to mature adult students fills a real need.

Your vision is futuristic in the recognition of a special approach to higher education that has come to be recognized by your peers both nationally and internationally.

Honolulu University is demonstrating not only that there is a need for alternative degree programs, but also that such programs can succeed. For any interested person the easiest way to get information on programs or courses offered by Honolulu University is to request a FREE COPY of the "Student Catalog" and of the booklet "Thesis/Dissertation Writing Manual."

Dear President, your greatest reward is the managing and the flourishing of Honolulu University, whose programs and records are enjoying a worldwide reputation and are attracting the attention and interest of institutions in other countries.

With kindest regards and best wishes,



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