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He makamaka, ke pā la kāhea.

That is a friend, for he calls out an invitation.

Greetings from Hawai'i. I hope many of you were able to experience the excitement and fanfare of the 37th Pan-Pacific Festival in 2016. As Chair, it was my pleasure and honor to meet and greet all of you during the festival. A big welcome back to our repeat performers and a heartfelt mahalo to those who joined us for the first time. Whether it is your first, fifth or tenth year at the festival, we hope that you were able to make new friends, feel the aloha spirit in the air and enjoy our beautiful islands.

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank our community supporters, sponsors and volunteers. We appreciate the assistance provided from the State of Hawai'i, City and County of Honolulu, The Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the Consulate General of Japan. Together, we were able to showcase another successful event. It is simply magic how participants, volunteers, visitors and the kama'āina merge together in celebration with affection and mutual regard for each other. Thank you all for helping to make the Pan-Pacific Festival a special place.

I look forward to the 38th Pan-Pacific Festival in 2017. I hope you will seriously consider becoming a part of this grand celebration. Each of us will play an important role in the festivities. I call out to each of you with an invitation to come and join us June 9, 10 and 11, 2017!

A hui hou,

Christine Kubota
Chair, Pan-Pacific Festival