

## Volunteer Resource Center of Hawaii

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### **Volunteer Leadership in Motion**

#### Registration Fees Cut to \$200 for Asia Pacific Volunteer Leadership Conference

HONOLULU, July 18—Volunteerism extends a helping hand, and the organizers of the Asia Pacific Volunteer Leadership Conference (APVLC) are leading the way by dropping the conference fee to just \$200. The conference, scheduled for September 16–19 at the Hawaii Convention Center, will equip and inspire volunteers to service that enhances communities, businesses, and government and service agencies.

With economic pressures mounting, many volunteers and organizations were making the difficult decision to pass on this volunteer management training opportunity. But the APVLC organizers put their hands and hearts in motion by altering the ancillary aspects of the conference, allowing for the helpful fee adjustment.

“We know organizations are suffering from skyrocketing costs, the loss of jobs and health-care benefits, and a multitude of other challenges. We want more people to benefit from our conference speakers and from sharing their own experiences with colleagues from around the world. That’s why we’re providing the same content but with belt-tightening measures, such as in food and support services, to drop the fee to \$200,” says Mary Matayoshi, executive director of the Volunteer Resource Center of Hawaii, which is spearheading the conference.

Matayoshi says the changes in the global economy only highlight the critical need to reach out and support others through volunteerism. The work and support garnered through volunteer efforts is found to infuse families, organizations, and communities with hope when people face difficulties and challenges together.

Experts from the United States, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, and Micronesia are on the conference schedule to address issues in volunteer management, opportunities for the aging, disaster readiness and recovery, and pathways to peace and service.

For information and registration, call 808-236-9201 or visit [www.vrchawaii.org/APVLCconference](http://www.vrchawaii.org/APVLCconference). Registration is available by fax, mail, or online.

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