

Neighbor Island News – Big Island

Roy Takemoto – PBR Hawai'i

On October 13-14, the Big Island hosted a delegation of Chinese mayors from Guizhou Province. At the request of Yuan (Andy) Fang, Program Associate for APA's International Affairs, tours and talks were arranged to provide examples of downtown revitalization (Downtown Hilo Improvement Association), agricultural and cultural tourism (Waipi'o Valley), geothermal energy (Puna Geothermal), resort planning and design (talk by WATG Architects), and agricultural processing (Ka'u Coffee Mill). The visit was a success and was followed by a letter of appreciation from the Guizhou team to APA CEO and FAICP Paul Farmer (next page).



Big Island Planning Representatives and Guests from Guizhou Province, China

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Dear Tom:

According to the feedback we received from the Chinese delegates from Guizhou, their experience in Honolulu this fall was a real enlightenment. Thanks to your effort and the assistance from your colleagues, we were able to make our training program a successful one. This was the first group from this environmentally and culturally rich province so I am glad your effort helped ensure they will continue our cooperation.

Jeff told me that the University of Hawaii prepared an intensive full-day program that covered a wide range of very useful topics, including the complete streets and how a program should be implemented in an urban environment. Tourism and government's role in its development and promotion at the state level as well as local level was another beneficial topic. Our training program coordinator, Andy Fang, also told me that working with you and your colleagues in Hawaii was a pleasure.

I would like to personally express my appreciation to you and your colleagues, including Dr. Dolores Foley, Dr. Reginald Yin-Wang Kwok, Anthony Ching, Frank Haas, John M. Knox, and Rick Egged. Thank you for your generous support to APA's international outreach effort and I hope to see you in Chicago!

Best regards,

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