



## **Message of Aloha from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority**

April 21, 2016

To Our Friends and Travel Partners in Japan,

Please know that our hearts are with the people of Kumamoto.

We have been closely following the news of the past week and understand your priorities are focused on aiding the families suffering and businesses damaged due to this terrible earthquake.

The reports from this tragic act of nature have been saddening to all of us in Hawai'i. But we are drawing upon the inspiration that our relationship with the people of Japan is everlasting, an unbreakable bond of friendship and goodwill that grows mightier with each new day.

As Kumamoto recovers, as its families heal, and as its structures are re-built, we offer strength in the compassion of our prayers, the kind wishes of our thoughts, and the spirit of our aloha for Japan.

And when the business of travel resumes, please know that the people of Hawai'i will be awaiting our friends from Japan with open arms and a warm heart.

We stand ready to provide our support.

With Warmest Aloha,

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President and CEO  
Hawai'i Tourism Authority