On behalf of the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law and its ASEAN Law & Integration Center (ALIC), and the Asia-Pacific Law & Policy Journal (APLPJ), we write to invite you to attend the ALIC-APLPJ International Symposium on Governance, Development, and Civil Society, titled “HAWAII: CATALYZING THE US-ASEAN PARTNERSHIP”, on 16 April 2016 from 8 am - 6 pm at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law.

Our International Symposium will explore various questions on Hawaii’s possible role in the deepening US-ASEAN Strategic Partnership in the new era of rules-based economic integration of Southeast Asia – the most rapidly growing dynamic economic region in the world and to date, the largest net foreign direct investor (28% annual FDI growth) into the United States economy. On November 2015, the United States officially concluded a Strategic Partnership with ASEAN, culminating with the Obama Administration’s hosting of the US-ASEAN Summit last 15-16 February 2016, in Sunnylands, California. The ten Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) – Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Viet Nam – have, since January 2016, officially started the rules-based, single market integration of the ASEAN Economic Community.

The International Symposium will feature:

- **Keynote Addresses** by H.E. Mr. Pratap Parameswaran, Director of the ASEAN Political-Security Community, and Justice Sabrina S. McKenna of the Hawaii Supreme Court;

- **Panel on Shared Governance and Ensuring the Rule of Law in the US-ASEAN Partnership**, with speakers Justice McKenna, H.E. Mr. Parameswaran, Prof. Dr. Kevin Tan (National University of Singapore, Asia Yearbook of International Law Editor-in-Chief), H.E. Ambassador Jose Cuisia (Philippine Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the United States – speaker role to be confirmed) and a representative of US Pacific Command;

- **Working Lunch Forum: Hawaii as the New Forum for Investor-State Arbitration in TPP and US-ASEAN?**, with Lunch Keynote Address by Mr. Ian Laird (Co-Chair, International Dispute Resolution Group, Crowell Moring LLP, Professor at Columbia Law and Georgetown Law, and Editor-in-Chief of Oxford Investment Claims), with Discussants Mr. Keith Hunter (DPR, to be confirmed), Mr. Michael Schwartz (formerly Cades Schutte), and Prof. Dr. Diane Desierto (ALIC Co-Director and Professor of International Investment and Commercial Arbitration at UH Richardson Law);

- **Panel on Economic Development Opportunities for Hawaii in the US-ASEAN Partnership**, with Dr. Timothy Buehrer (Chief of Party, US Agency for International Development/USAID Southeast Asia projects under ASEAN Connectivity through Trade
and Investment), Dr. Paul Brewbaker (Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, Bank of Hawaii), and key leaders of Hawaii business development;

- **Coffee Break Poster Presentations by UH Richardson Law Students on ongoing ALIC-sponsored scholarship, technical assistance projects and development work in Southeast Asia**

- **Panel on Human Impacts of ASEAN Integration: Shared Issues of Environmental Sustainability, Human Rights and Local Communities, Labor and Migration**, with Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Michael Wilson, Prof. Maxine Burkett, ALIC Co-Director Prof. Dr. David Cohen, Mr. Christoph Sperfeldt (Human Rights Resource Centre in ASEAN and Asian International Justice Initiative), Mr. Bow Mun Chin (Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center).

- **APLPJ Career Networking Breakfast** with Hawaii’s top law firms, and **APLPJ Concluding Cocktails** showcasing Hawaii and Southeast Asian art and historical-cultural linkages.

ALIC is the only institution in the United States legal academy to date that is specifically dedicated to supporting the analysis, assessment, development, and innovation by the ASEAN Member States in the process of creating and establishing “ASEAN Law”, “ASEAN jurisprudence”, and “ASEAN institutions” for the Southeast Asian single market. APLPJ is the most cited American legal journal covering issues in Asia and the Pacific Rim. Both ALIC and APLPJ are ideally hosted at the William S. Richardson School of Law – the leading American law school in Pacific-Asian legal studies with the specific pedagogical mandate “to recognize a special responsibility to the Pacific region”. UH Richardson Law is globally recognized within the top 169 law schools in The Princeton Review as having the United States’ “best environment for minority students”, having one of “the most diverse faculty” in the United States, and the only American law school to offer a Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Certificate for students specializing in the comparative study of law across Asian legal systems of Southeast Asia, China, Japan, Korea, among others.

We trust that you will be able to attend the International Symposium to exchange insights on the shared prospects, economic opportunities, and social justice challenges ahead for the State of Hawaii in the deepening US-ASEAN Strategic Partnership. To confirm your attendance, kindly indicate your meal preferences, and obtain information on parking, please enter information requested at this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DWeVcEr9j8u0WY9_ogHMb7yZWfo33Mssje3Jwxfb7p4/viewform

Mahalo nui loa and we look forward to welcoming you to the International Symposium!

Very truly yours,

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