

## Deaf Piliialoha Conference: Deaf Japanese-American Friendship Conference



**Event Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2015 - 12:00am to Monday, May 4, 2015 - 12:00am

**Place / Location:** The Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa 2552 Kalakaua Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96815

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Piliialoha” (pee-lee-aw-loh-ha) is the Hawaiian word for “friendship.”

The Deaf communities of Japan and the United States would seem to have little in common, but in fact, the similarities between them are more remarkable than the differences. They share a common experience of linguistic and social oppression. Most Japanese schools for the deaf employ a rigidly oral methodology, and are, of course, run by hearing administrators and teachers. The two communities also share a common bond of Deaf experience—a hunger to communicate, connect, and celebrate their sign languages and sign-languaged-based artistry: storytelling, theater, and folklore.

The first Deaf Piliialoha Conference, held in December 2009, was the first of its kind. Like the 2009 conference, the second Deaf Piliialoha brings together Deaf Japanese and Americans in the spirit of friendship and interchange. The focus will be on sharing our cultures, sign languages, histories, and experiences. Presentations will focus on ASL and JSL, and CODAs, and interpreters.

The Conference will include workshops, tours, informal chats, and fun events. On Saturday evening, May 2, MSM Productions, Ltd. will celebrate its 30th anniversary with an elegant “Pearl Gala” banquet. And since you'll be staying and having fun on Waikiki Beach, don't forget to pack sunglasses and sunblock!

To ensure a comfortable and enjoyable experience, attendance will be limited to 200—100 Japanese and 100 Americans.

See [website](#) [2] to register and get more information!

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