Editors’ Note

The editors of the Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal (“APLPJ”), proudly present Volume 13, Issue 2, which ambitiously features two translations, five articles, and four comments. The translations include reporting of landmark Chinese cases from 2009 and 2010 by China’s progressive investigative newspaper, the Southern Weekend. The topics covered in the articles include food safety in China; Japan’s relationship with nuclear weapons; Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument’s precedence-setting for international marine conservation efforts; and a piece on Native Hawaiian polity written in response to an article published by APLPJ in 2010. This issue also includes comments ranging from human trafficking in South Korea; legal history on Hawai‘i land inheritance law; corporate social responsibility in India; and an analysis of the natural resource enforcement chain in Hawai‘i.

Along with producing this exciting issue, the APLPJ staff presented what proved to be one of the largest and most significant student-run symposiums in the history of the William S. Richardson School of Law. The Rainbow Rising Symposium Committee, comprised of APLPJ staff and members of both the Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Organization and the Lambda Law Student Association, ultimately raised over $20,000 through generous grant support by the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s Center for Japanese Studies, Center for Korean Studies, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Student Equity, Excellence & Diversity Board, and the Student Activity & Program Fee Board. Rainbow Rising also received support from the William S. Richardson School of Law and the Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law. We also received excellent support from community organizations and members: the Hawaii LGBT Lawyer Association, Japanese-American Citizen’s League, Kim Coco Iwamoto, and Equality Hawaii.

On April 6-7, 2012, the “Rainbow Rising: Community, Solidarity, and Scholarship on Gender Identities and Sexualities in Asian and Oceanic Law & Policy” symposium facilitated engaging dialogues between LGBTQI leaders from Indonesia, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Samoa, the continental United States (for a Western doctrinal comparison), and the Hawai‘i community. Rainbow Rising perfectly fulfilled its stated objectives of serving as a forum for important scholars, politicians, and community activists from Asia, Oceania, and the United States to share and advance thinking on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues. In addition, the symposium contributed to our local community by fostering communication regarding issues relating to persons of diverse sexual orientations and bringing greater awareness to the local community of these issues.

We also received important media support from Equality Hawaii
and ‘Ōlelo Community Media. Thanks to Equality Hawaii and ‘Ōlelo, Rainbow Rising will continue to inspire and educate beyond the symposium event itself. Video footage covering the entire symposium will be aired on ‘Ōlelo stations and featured on the ‘Ōlelo website for a period of time. DVDs of the coverage are also on file with APLPJ and are available for public access upon request.

A warm mahalo to APLPJ’s hard-working editorial staff, authors, faculty advisors, symposium sponsors, and support staff at the William S. Richardson School of Law for making 2011-2012 an incredible year for APLPJ.

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