About The Dr. Sun Yat-sen Hawai'i Foundation

The mission of the Foundation is to raise the public's awareness of the important historical role Hawai'i and its people played, not only in the life of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the acknowledged Father of Modern China, but also in the founding of modern China. His role included his attending high schools at what are now known as Iolani School and Punahou School from 1879–1883, and later in the critical voluntary financial and manpower support he received for the revolution leading to the overthrow of the last emperor of China. The revolution brought an end to the Manchu/Qing Dynasty and culminated in Dr. Sun becoming the first provisional President of the Republic of China, in 1912.

The Dr. Sun Yat-sen Hawai'i Foundation was formed as a non-profit in 1997. It researches, chronicles, documents and exhibits the important historical links between Dr. Sun and Hawaii's people and institutions who made many contributions supporting him in his efforts to modernize China.

夏威夷孙中山基金会的使命是激发大众对夏威夷及夏威夷人在国父孙中山一生及新中国成立中扮演的重要角色的认识。夏威夷从孙中山1879年至1883年在伊奥拉尼学校和普纳荷学校读高中到后期他得到资金和人力的支持领导革命推翻中国末代皇帝政权发挥了重要作用。孙中山领导革命推翻了满清政府后,在1912年成为中华民国的第一位临时总统。

夏威夷孙中山基金会成立于1997年,是一个非盈利组织。基金会对历史上孙中山及支持孙中山开创近代中国作出贡献的夏威夷人和组织进行研究、记录、编载和成果展示。

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The Dr. Sun Yat-sen Hawai'i Foundation proudly presents the U.S. Premiere of an

Exhibition of Rare Photographs of Dr. Sun Yat-sen

together with a Public Forum

"Sun Yat-sen, Sun Mei and Hawai'i 孙中山、孙眉与夏威夷"



Photo Exhibit: June 4–14, 2013 State Capitol Building (basement)
Forum: June 5, 2013, 3:30–5:30 PM, State Capitol Auditorium

Free admission and open to the public.

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Public Forum, June 5, 2013

"Sun Yat-sen, Sun Mei and Hawai'i 孙中山、孙眉与夏威夷"

Program

Emcee: Yen Chun, Vice President of The Dr. Sun Yat-sen Hawai'i Foundation, and Chairperson, Photo Exhibit and Forum Committee

3:30 PM Introduction of guests: Yen Chun

- 3:40 Welcome remarks: Warren Luke, Chairman of the Board, The Dr. Sun Yat-sen Hawai'i Foundation
- 3:45 Proclamation: The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor, State of Hawai'i
- 3:50 Photo Exhibit ribbon cutting ceremony
- 4:15 Presentations

Prof. Qiu Jie, Dean of the History Department, Zhongshan University, "The Revolution Led by Sun Yat-sen and His Role in Chinese History"

Prof. Huang Xiangnong, Vice Chancellor, Private Hualian University of Guangzhou, "The Ideology of Sun Yat-sen: Blending of the East and West"

Dr. Sharat G. Lin, President, San Jose Peace and Justice Center, "Sun Yat-sen and Sun Mei in the Historical Context of Revolutionary Mass Action"

Madam Chen Diqiu, Executive Director, Sun Yat-sen Research Society, Zhongshan City, "The Influence of Overseas Chinese in Hawai'i on the Revolution Led by Sun Yat-sen"

Moderator: Victor Sun, Great-grandson of Sun Mei Interpreters: Prof. Qikeng Li, Director, and Yunyun Zha, Confucius Institute of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

5:30 VIPs and audience are invited to view the photo exhibits.

June 4–14, 2013

Exhibition of Rare Photographs of Dr. Sun Yat-sen

An exhibit of more than a hundred rare photographs of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, known as the Father of Modern China, will make its first ever appearance in the United States at an exhibit to be held in Honolulu during the month of June.

During his lifetime, Dr. Sun spent more than seven years in Hawai'i; he has been quoted as having said, "This is my Hawai'i... here I was brought up and educated, and it was here that I came to know what modern, civilized governments are like and what they mean."

Dr. Sun formed his first revolutionary society, Xin Zhong Hui, in Hawaiʻi, and people in Hawaiʻi gave major financial and moral support for the cause of a modern and democratic China. Dr. Sun's older brother, Sun Mei, paid for Sun Yat-sen's education at Iolani School and Oahu College (now Punahou School). He was a member of Dr. Sun's revolutionary society and gave all of his wealth to the point of bankruptcy to support his brother for the cause.

Location: State Capitol Building (basement)

Dates: June 4–14, 2013

Photo exhibits:

- 1. "Sun Yat-sen and the United States (孙中山与美国)"
 —a gift from the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou and Guangzhou
 Memorial Museum of Generalissmo Sun Yat-sen's Mansion
- 2. "Sun Yat-sen's Relatives and Descendants (孙中山的亲属与后裔)"
 —a gift from Sun Yat-sen Museum in Cuiheng, Guangdong Province,
 Dr. Sun's birth place