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HAWAII KOREAN ADOPTEES HOST FILM FESTIVAL ON O'AHU
International Participants to Gather in Honolulu in October

Korean Adoptees of Hawai'i (KAHI), a nonprofit organization based on O'ahu, is pleased to announce the first-ever Asian Adoptee Film Festival, to be held in conjunction with the Asian Adult Adoptee Gathering in Honolulu from Oct. 10-13, 2008. Screenings of films by artists adopted from Asian countries will primarily be held at the Doris Duke Theatre at the Honolulu Academy of Arts on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008.

KAHI invites film submissions that are original works addressing the theme of adoption or the experience of being adoptees, either directed, written or produced by adult Asian adoptees. Films may be narratives, documentaries or features of any length. Multiple submissions are encouraged.

Entries should be submitted in DVD format no later than March 30, 2008, to:

Korean Adoptees of Hawai'i
ATTN: Film Festival Selection Committee
47-671 Hui Kelo Street, Unit 2
Kaneohe HI 96744-4627
USA

Entries will not be returned. For more information or for additional submission guidelines, please contact KAHI at info@KAHawaii.org, or visit www.KAHawaii.org/mini08.

The Asian Adult Adoptee Gathering and Film Festival is an event that has evolved from previous international gatherings of transnationally adopted Koreans, held since 1999 in locations including Seoul, Oslo and Washington, D.C., and smaller-scale gatherings in U.S. cities such as New York, Las Vegas, Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago and Minneapolis. This is the first-ever event of its kind to be held in Hawai'i.

The Asian Adult Adoptee Gathering and Film Festival is a celebration of the range of experiences – from the unique to the unifying – found among the diverse diaspora and global community of adoptees of Asian descent. The Gathering and Film Festival are expected to draw upward of 100 visitors from Hawai'i and the mainland United States, and such international locations as Sweden, Denmark, Australia and South Korea.

KAHI will also welcome members of the general public to the Oct. 11 film screenings, which will represent a unique aspect of the Asian-Pacific immigrant experience that has been historically underrepresented in the mainstream and even art-house film circuits. The Doris Duke Theatre will manage ticketing for this special event this autumn and will feature selected films in its newsletter.

Businesses, organizations and individuals interested in sponsorship opportunities for the film festival or the Asian Adult Adoptee Gathering are invited to contact KAHI for further information.

Korean Adoptees of Hawai'i (KAHI) is a nonprofit organization founded upon the experiences of adult Korean adoptees, working to build a supportive community in Hawai'i through public outreach, networking, education and sharing resources. KAHI believes in fostering awareness about adoption and identity, recognizing that we, as a community, can extend our reach beyond what we can accomplish individually.

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