

## **Anniversary “Celebrating the Past, Leading the Future”**

On behalf of the School of Travel Industry Management (TIM), University of Hawaii at Manoa, it is a privilege and an honor to extend a warm *aloha* and congratulations to the Department of Tourism Sciences (DTS), University of the Ryukyus on the inaugural edition of this important journal. In recent years, DTS and TIM have established a collaborative relationship involving teaching and research that builds upon our mutual areas of interest and expertise, and upon our shared commitment to the dynamic field of tourism. This relationship has already enabled TIM to explore new methods of delivering instructional and research excellence to our students and stakeholders, and we are excited about the prospects of further developing joint projects in educational exchange and cutting-edge research.

As islands with rich and unique environmental and cultural resources, Okinawa and Hawaii share a common interest in ensuring that our tourism industries are based firmly in sustainable principles and practices. Our collaboration is built on a shared understanding of the tourism industry’s responsibility to extend its benefits to visitors, host communities, and succeeding generations alike. On this basis, TIM looks forward to many years of continued collaboration with DTS in developing tourism instruction and inquiry that contribute to the industry’s role as a vital, responsible partner in the global community.

Again, congratulations to the Department of Tourism Sciences, University of the Ryukyus, on this auspicious occasion!

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