



AMBASSADOR OF  
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Dear Workshop Participants:

On behalf of the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, please accept my best wishes for the success of the First Renewable Energy Workshop in Kumejima, Okinawa. Allow me also to convey my appreciation to the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), Okinawa Prefecture, Kumejima, Hawaii County, and the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR) for making this important gathering possible.

Since its inception in 2010, the Hawaii-Okinawa Partnership on Clean and Efficient Energy Development and Deployment has aimed to promote collaboration in the areas of energy efficient buildings, smart grids, ocean energy, and people-to-people exchanges. The workshop promises to point the way toward the addition of a commercial component to the partnership's work in ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) and other clean energy technologies in a way that harnesses the entrepreneurial and innovative powers of both of our countries and advances the energy objectives of Hawaii and Okinawa. Strong commitment to extending the partnership next year will bring further opportunities to fulfill its potential, expand its reach, and deepen its impact.

With this in mind, I urge all participants in this workshop to make the most of the next two days, to learn from each other, and to identify areas where work can be done to the mutual benefit of both nations. Thank you for joining us in our endeavor to accelerate the arrival of a cleaner and more efficient energy future.

*Mahalo and Nifa-Deabill,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Kennedy".

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