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HVCB APPOINTS JOSETTE MURAI AS CONVENTION SERVICES MANAGER

HONOLULU – The Hawai‘i Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) announced today that Josette Murai has been appointed as convention services manager for its corporate, meetings and incentives division.

Her primary responsibilities are supporting the destination travel needs of convention groups utilizing HVCB’s services and assisting with the marketing and promotional activities conducted by HVCB’s regional sales directors nationwide.

“Josette is another asset for us in selling Hawai‘i’s benefits as a meetings destination by helping to make destination travel plans for groups supported by HVCB as seamless as possible,” said Michael Murray, CMP, CMM, CASE, HVCB vice president of sales and marketing for corporate meetings and incentives.

Murai brings 17 years of Hawai‘i convention and hotel services experience to her new role at HVCB, most recently serving as catering sales manager for the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa since 2005.

Before that, she lived and worked on the Big Island for 14 years, serving as catering sales manager for Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort from 2000-2005, and also working in hotel sales at Mauna Kea Resort from 1991-2000.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Murai earned a Bachelor’s degree in business administration. She is a member of the National Association of Catering Executives.

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Special note to media: The Hawai‘i Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) recognizes the use of Hawaiian diacritical markings (e.g. glottal stop [‘], macron [ā] in place names of Hawai‘i such as Lāna‘i). However, HVCB respects the individual use of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.

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