

Prestigious International Scientific Conference Held at Turtle Bay Resort

NORTH SHORE, Oahu, HI (Nov. 22, 2005)—A prestigious conference of scientists from the United States and Japan was held Nov. 12 to 16 at Turtle Bay Resort, involving such notable organizations as NASA, the University of Hawaii-Hilo and the State Department of Business & Economic Development (DBEDT).

The Japan-U.S. Science, Technology & Space Applications Program (JUSTSAP) conference brought together over 90 attendees—many of them well-known scientists from Japan and the U.S.—to present papers and to discuss four areas of endeavor: space exploration, space applications, space environment and space policy.

The organization seeks to identify areas of mutual interest for collaboration that address significant needs, scientific interests or challenges among communities within the Asia-Pacific region.

Relative to these areas, groups confer on subjects such as robotic and manned missions to the moon, Mars and beyond; earth-oriented satellite communications; remote sensing; space power; microgravity research and human space habitation.

Judith Fox-Goldstein of U.H.-Hilo, conference director, stated, “This is one of the most important scientific, diplomatic and positive economic endeavors we undertake annually. We have assembled some of the most brilliant minds in the field of space.”

Abid Butt, general manager and vice president of Turtle Bay Resort, said, “The opportunity to host a group composed of such eminent academic and scientific minds is a rare privilege. Our staff rose to the occasion with a flawless performance. I am extremely proud of the level of professionalism and service that the staff of Turtle Bay Resort now represents.”

Located on the North Shore of Oahu, the 880-acre Turtle Bay Resort recently completed \$60 million in renovations. Managed by Benchmark Hospitality International, the resort’s accommodations include a 401-room hotel and The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort, 42 luxurious, beachfront cottages.

The resort has five miles of beachfront that include Kawela Bay, Kuilima Cove and Turtle Bay. It is the only resort on Oahu with 36 holes of championship golf: the George Fazio and Arnold Palmer courses. In addition to world class golf, Turtle Bay Resort is rich in other recreation and resort amenities, including an exquisite new spa, two lushly landscaped oceanside pools, riding stables with ocean and trail riding, pedal bike rentals, a full-service tennis center by Peter Burwash International, North Shore and waterfall aerial tours by Paradise Helicopters, a surf school by Hans Hedemann, and 12 miles of oceanfront hiking trails.

For reservations or more information, visit www.TurtleBayResort.com; e-mail TBRreservations@benchmarkmanagement.com or call toll free (866) 827-5327.

Turtle Bay Resort is a Preferred Hotels® & Resorts Worldwide property – a collection of the world’s finest independent luxury hotels. This prestigious designation is reserved for accommodations offering the utmost standards in product and service and is now held by only three resort properties in Hawaii. Turtle Bay Resort’s accolades include:

- **Conde Nast Traveler 2004 Annual Golf Poll**, “Top 100 Golf Resorts”
- **Resorts & Great Hotels “Connoisseur's Choice” Award 2004**
- **Meetings & Conventions 2004 Gold Key Award**, Turtle Bay Resort
- **Conde Nast “Hot List” 2003**, The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort
- **Travel + Leisure 2003**, “Best Beach Escape”
- **Elite Traveler Magazine 2003**, “Top Five Spas in Hawaii”

EDITOR’S NOTE:

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