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Aloha Neighbors,

With the International Astronomical Union (IAU) General Assembly taking place at the Hawai'i Convention Center (HCC) from August 3-14, 2015, I wanted to update you on our security plans as we welcome this prestigious global conference to the State of Hawai'i.

Hosted by the American Astronomical Society, this triennial conference will welcome to Hawai'i more than 2,500 astronomers from 75 countries. This marks the first time the conference will be held in Hawai'i and is a result of the State successfully winning the bid in 2009 to serve as the host site.

The IAU General Assembly schedule includes private and public events at HCC and other O'ahu locations.

We anticipate this will bring a noticeable increase in pedestrians and traffic, as well as potential business to establishments in the area surrounding HCC.

However, considering the protests taking place on Hawai'i Island regarding the Thirty Meter Telescope project, we are aware that there may be peaceful demonstrations near the HCC during the conference. This may also add to an increase in traffic and pedestrians in the surrounding area.

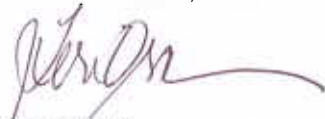
In preparation, HCC's security team is working closely with the IAU, the Honolulu Police Department, and the State's Sheriff Division to implement a comprehensive plan, if needed, which protects the safety of all IAU attendees and any potential demonstrators. We encourage you to assess your security needs and procedures for your business.

Hosting this global conference is an honor for the State of Hawai'i, especially considering that the IAU last met in the United States more than 25 years ago. We are grateful to be the host site and look forward to the exchange of knowledge and sharing of groundbreaking advancements amongst the global scientific community.

For more information about the IAU General Assembly, visit astronomy2015.org.

Please direct questions related to HCC's security plans to Wayne Goodwin, HCC's security and guest services manager, at wgoodwin@hccaeg.com or 943-3505. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Warmest Aloha,



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