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Hawaii, Okinawa extend renewable energy collaboration

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Hawaii and Okinawa are proposing to extend an existing memorandum to keep collaborating on renewable energy development projects through June 2020, the state's Energy Office said Wednesday.

The Hawaii-Okinawa of Cooperation for Clean and Efficient Energy Development and Deployment was established in June 2010 to expand upon existing activities in technology research and development.

The extended memorandum will focus on advancement and market development of emerging and innovative technologies in the field of clean energy.

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A forum to discuss this new focus will be held on Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hawaii State Capitol in Honolulu in the House chamber.

Representatives from the state, Okinawa Prefectural Government, [U.S. Department of Energy](#), Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan's Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor, [Hawaiian Electric Co.](#) and research institutions from Japan and Hawaii will be on hand for the event, which is open to the public.

Speakers include Hawaii Gov. [David Ige](#), [Takeshi Onaga](#), governor of the Prefecture of Okinawa, [Phyllis Yoshida](#), deputy assistant secretary of the Department of Energy, [Junichiro Kuroda](#), deputy of Americas Division of Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, [Luis Salaveria](#), director of the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, state Rep. [Joseph Souki](#), speaker of the Hawaii House of Representatives, state Sen. [Ronald Kouchi](#), president of the Hawaii Senate ,and Maui Mayor [Alan Arakawa](#).

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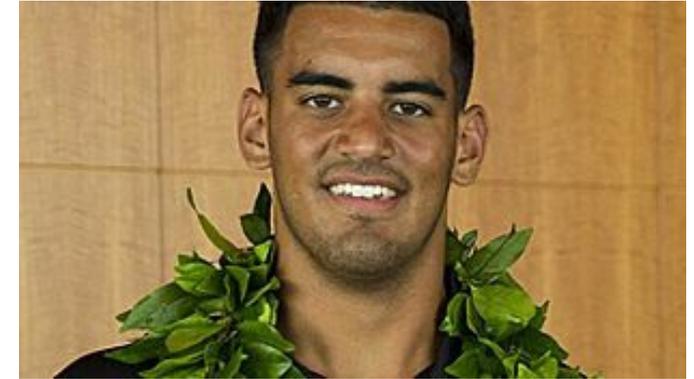
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