

## Taiwan-U.S. Green Energy and Technology Delegation Meeting



(December 5, 2009)—On Saturday, December 5, Lt. Gov. James R. “Duke” Aiona Jr. and Energy Administrator Ted Peck of the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism’s (DBEDT’s) State Energy Office welcomed Hwang Jung-Chiou, vice minister, Taiwan Ministry of Economic Affairs, and delegates from the Taiwan-U.S. Green Energy & Technology to Hawai’i for an energy meeting.

DBEDT’s State Energy Office and the Taipei Economic Cultural Office organized the meeting to provide more than 15 Hawai’i energy organizations and companies the opportunity to discuss partnering and investment opportunities related to solar, photovoltaics and electric vehicles.

The meeting with the Taiwan delegation followed Gov. Linda Lingle’s successful Taiwan trip last year for the signing of an agreement between Taiwan Industrial Technology Research Institute and Lockheed Martin Corporation. The agreement was to develop a 10-megawatt Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion pilot plant in Hawai’i. The trip also provided the opportunity for the governor to engage in numerous discussions with Taiwan leaders about Hawai’i’s bold pursuit of a clean energy economy.

The Taiwan-U.S. Green Energy & technology delegation meeting also supports the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI), an unprecedented partnership between the State of Hawai'i and The U.S. Department of Energy signed in 2008. HCEI aims to transform Hawai'i into a world model for energy independence and sustainability. The goal is to meet 70 percent of Hawai'i's energy needs with clean energy by 2030 (40 percent from renewable sources and 30 percent from efficiencies and conservation).