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Japan Sport Wellness Fukiya Association

### Obituary

With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Mr. Joichi Saito, President of the Japan Sport Wellness Fukiya Association of Hawaii (JSWFA of Hawaii). He passed away on March 18, 2022 after battling cancer for the past two years.

In August of 2006, Mr. Saito established the first overseas branch of our Association and obtained its legal status as a nonprofit corporation in Hawaii. He promoted Sport Wellness Fukiya in Hawaii and had many Japanese-Americans as well as other nationalities in Hawaii participating.

Many of our Japan members visited Hawaii and really appreciated his island hospitality, which made our members' Hawaiian stay much more wonderful. The Hawaii-Japan Friendship Competition held in Hawaii was started by Mr. Saito. He made this special meet a recurring event, happening every 2 years. (Due to the pandemic, however, the event has been suspended temporarily.)

When the representatives from JSWFA of Hawaii participated in the Sport Wellness Fukiya National Championship tournament in Tokyo, Mr. and Mrs. Saito always accompanied them to Japan.

The growth and success of the JSWFA of Hawaii was achieved due to his efforts. We do believe that the presence of our overseas branch made a contribution towards helping Sport Wellness Fukiya to become a global activity.

It is still hard to overcome our grief, but we would like to sincerely praise his merits and thank him for everything he has done.

Rest in peace, Mr. Saito. Mahalo nui loa.

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