



# QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI TRUST

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## **TRUSTEES ANNOUNCE SELECTION OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE**

### **QLCC President Claire Asam to succeed Trustee Peters**

**HONOLULU** – The Board of Trustees of Queen Lili'uokalani Trust (Trust) today selected Dr. Claire Asam to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the recently-announced retirement of Trustee David M. Peters. The Board will submit the name of Asam as its nominee to the Probate Court for formal appointment. The Trust believes the formal appointment process will be completed in August.

Dr. Asam is the current president of the Trust's program division, the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, having served in this capacity since 1999. For the previous twenty-five years she was an educator with the Kamehameha Schools.

Asam earned her undergraduate degree in the field of child development at Connecticut College. She received a Master's Degree in curriculum and instruction at the University of Hawai'i, where she also eventually earned a Ph.D. in education.

She is a Distinguished Alumnus of Kamehameha Schools, and a recipient of the Woman of Distinction award given by the Girl Scout Council of Hawaii. She holds leadership positions in several community organizations.

“After much deliberation and a careful analysis of the current leadership requirements of our Trust, we know that Dr. Asam (“Claire” as she is known to most of us) is exactly the right person for this role,” said Thomas Kaulukukui, Jr., chairman of the board of the Trust. “Claire has impeccable credentials. She has devoted her life to the education and care of our Hawaiian and other children. As head of the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, she has gained intimate knowledge of our operations, staff, programs and beneficiaries. She has unimpeachable character, is committed to our work, and is courageous, competent and compatible. We have absolute confidence in her.”

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The other two trustees of the Trust echoed this sentiment. “Dr. Asam is the perfect choice-- the right person at the right time,” said Trustee Patrick Yim. Retiring Trustee Peters said, “Claire is a fine, fine person, and she will do well. I look forward to helping her achieve a seamless transition. There’s a lot that I can share with her after my thirty years as trustee.”

The Queen Lili‘uokalani Trust is a 501(c)(3) private operating foundation established by Queen Lili‘uokalani in 1909 and amended in 1911 for the benefit of orphaned and destitute children in Hawai‘i with preference given to those of pure or part aboriginal blood. The Trust serves thousands of beneficiaries annually through its Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Centers located through out the state.

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