

# 2007 Miss Chinatown Hawaii Pageant

## Distinguished Panel of Judges



*Lorraine Akiba*

Lorraine is a partner in the law firm McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP and heads the firm's environmental law practice group. She graduated from Punahou School, the University of California at Berkeley (Phi Beta Kappa) and from Hastings College of the Law, University of California. She is licensed to practice before the Hawaii State Courts, United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. She is a member of the Hawaii State and American Bar Associations and has been president of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, and the Hawaii Women Lawyers. Lorraine currently serves on the City & County of Honolulu Transportation Commission and was the former Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the State of Hawaii. She was also



*Amos Kotomori*

Amos has received several awards and fellowships over the years including the Advertising Man of the Year from the American Federation of Advertisers, the Clio Award from New York, he is a 3 time recipient of the Hawaii Fashion Guild Designer of the Year, First Lady's Award for fashion, Honolulu Fashion Group winner for the Tori Richard's national collection, Japan Airlines fashion representative for Hawaii and is a recipient of the Rockefeller fellowship from the MH de Young Museum, SF. Amos is active in several local pageants, which include the Miss Hawaii – America, Miss Hawaii USA – Universe, Miss Cherry Blossom, Narcissus, Filipina Hawaii and the Miss Chinatown Hawaii – USA.



*Sherry Shaoling*

A musician originally trained in piano & violin, Sherry earned her college degree in Biology under full scholarship from the UH Symphony as a violinist. She speaks conversational Mandarin and Cantonese, and has studied Japanese, French and German. She is a certified Pilates instructor and has studied Vocal Performance under the UH Orvis Foundation Scholarship Program and with Hawaii Opera Theatre's Young Artists' Program. Sherry has performed a wide variety of roles in both theatre and opera, including Tuptim in "The King and I," Hana-Ogi in "Sayonara," Chah Li in "Song of Singapore," Barb in "Romance, Romance," Lexie Lexus in Joe Moore's "Dirty Laundry," Shelley in "BatBoy the Musical," La Tasse Chinoise in "L'Enfant et les Sortilèges," Gretel in "Hansel and Gretel," and Papagena in "The Magic Flute." Most recently she appeared in Joe Moore's "An Unlikely Lawman," an original Western play. Current on-stage appearances include the Murder Mystery, "Murder So Romantic" as the femme fatale, Candy Cobra, & as Mabel in HOT's "Pirates of Penzance." Sherry designs and makes most of her own costumes, sings and dances with The Forbidden World of Don Tiki & appears every Wednesday evening singing Jazz Night at the O Lounge. Sherry is also a vocal coach at Chaminade University. Look for Sherry from the comfort of your home as she appears in local commercials such as Central Pacific Bank, Taco Bell, & Hawaiian TelCom or in the Honolulu Advertiser as an advisor for the Fashion Forum.



*Mangmang Brown*

Born and raised in China, Mangmang Qiu Brown graduated from Peking University with a B.A. in Economics. She worked for China's State Economic Commission before she came to the United States for graduate studies. She received her M.B.A and J.D. degrees with top honors from the University of Hawaii, and till recently, she was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the City and County of Honolulu, handling over a hundred criminal appeals, including numbers of oral arguments before the Hawaii State appellate courts. Mangmang is also a General Coordinator of the non-profit U.S.-ASIA Law Institute, conducting exchange and training programs with Chinese legal entities. She serves actively as a tie between the U.S. and Chinese legal communities, whether it is cross-border criminal prosecutions, or high-level dialogues on legal cooperation. During 2004-05, she lectured on the U.S. criminal justice system across China's universities and legal circles, under the Speaker's Program of the U.S. State Department.



*Dean Okimoto*

A former Manager of Hopaco Stationers and Instructor of Dale Carnegie courses, Dean graduated from the University of Redlands with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1980. In 1982, Dean started Nalo Farms, Inc. Beginning with green onions, daikon, American parsley, and hydroponic lettuces, Nalo Farms expanded its farming in 1986 by growing herbs such as basil, tarragon, thyme and rosemary for the mainland winter market. In 1991, Roy Yamaguchi agreed to take whatever herbs they were growing to use in his restaurant and in addition, requested baby greens. After two months, Roy helped Dean expand the business of Nalo Farms by taking him to cooking demos where Dean could explain the different types of greens and how they grew them. Within months, Nalo Farms was supplying 20 restaurants with herbs and greens. In 1996, he started Local Island Fresh Edibles, Inc., a distributor of fresh local grown produce. Today Nalo Farms services over 120 restaurants on Oahu, Maui and Kauai and has taught farmers on Maui and Kauai to do what they do here on Oahu. In addition, they looked for other locally grown premium produce to promote and deliver to restaurants. This has resulted in such products as Hau'ula Vine-Ripened Tomatoes, Kahuku Super Sweet Corn, Kahuku Long Eggplant, Kula Baby Romaine and many other



*Kirk T. Tengan*

Kirk is the General Manager for the Industrial Precast Products division of Ameron Hawaii. Prior to his employment with Ameron, he was the Director of Operations at Hawaii Family Dental Centers. A graduate of Leilehua High School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Kirk has held various positions serving the communities of Hawaii. He was the Commissioner for the Hawaii State Judicial Salary Commission, the Former Campaign Chair for City Council Chairman, Donovan Dela Cruz, and the Co-Chairperson for the Cherry Blossom Festival of Hawaii. Currently, Kirk serves as a member with the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Young Business Council.