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Background Paper on the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation (CPASF)

- The CPASF was established in 1959 to commemorate the wedding of then Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko, now the Emperor and Empress of Japan.
- The purpose of the CPASF is to promote understanding between the U.S. and Japan by offering scholarships for study in Hawaii and Japan.
- The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship is awarded annually to Japanese graduate students in Japan for study at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and to American graduate students at UH Manoa for study in Japan who are pursuing a subject area leading to better understanding between Japan and the U.S.
- To date, a grand total of 129 scholarships have been awarded since 1973 when the first grant was made; scholars are actively serving societies in both U.S. and Japan as "Ambassadors of Goodwill."
- The Foundation is overseen by a Board of Trustees composed of business and academic community leaders, currently numbering 27.
- The Consul General of Japan is an Ex-Officio Trustee.
- The Japan Committee composed of Director General, Nippon Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) and the CEO of the Mitsubishi Estate Company, Ltd. oversees and administers the Foundation and Scholarship in Japan.

What sets the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship apart from other scholarship funds and student exchange programs?

- The CPAS is the only program to which the Crown Prince has lent his name.
- Scholars are honored with a private audience with the Emperor and Empress.