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## **“A Spectacular Success”-- Tonight's Amway China Gala Hosted 1600 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor**

Honolulu, HI— Tonight 1600 very happy Amway China business incentive guests celebrated at their annual awards gala at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. “The event was a spectacular success and a first of this magnitude for Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor,” said Museum Executive Director Kenneth DeHoff.

The festivities included a tour of the Museum, an outdoor cocktail party, and a gala dinner and show in the Museum's 87,000 sq. ft. historic Hangar 79. EventWorks, Inc. of Los Angeles was the meeting planner. Gourmet cuisine for the evening was catered by Chef Chai of Honolulu.

Among those attending were Governor Neil Abercrombie and the Museum's Chairman of the Board ADM Ron Hays.

Fifty-seven Roberts Hawaii and Polynesian Adventure Tour buses brought the guests and performers to the Museum where more than 200

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set designers, actors, dancers, sound and light technicians spent two weeks building the show in Hangar 79. The Museum staff assisted by moving aircraft and property to create an ambience fitting for the event, and by coordinating security access and ground movement for all guests, performers, and crew.

Pacific Aviation Museum is a truly international Museum with deep connections to the Chinese people.

Last year in January, Madame Li Xiaolin, president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and daughter of former Chinese President Li Xiannian, presented her documentary, *Touching the Tigers* – about the legendary American Volunteer Group/the Flying Tigers of the Chinese Air Force – in Hangar 79--to the Governor of Hawaii and many Chinese and American dignitary guests.

And this evening, in the back of Hangar 79, sits the P-40 Flying Tiger, one of the Museum's 35 prized aircraft. The Flying Tigers story is one that resonates with the Chinese people.

The Museum also partners with museums in China such as Jianchuan Museum Cluster in Chengdu where they engage young people in the important work of preserving stories of these aviation heroes through a student study exchange program with Kaiser High School here in Honolulu.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located at 319 Lexington Boulevard, Historic Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.

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