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**STATE'S INVESTOR EDUCATION PROGRAM RECEIVES  
NATIONAL AWARD**

HONOLULU – The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) Office of the Securities Commissioner was awarded the 2007 Investor Education Outreach Award by the North American Securities Administrator's Association (NASAA). The award was presented to Hawaii's Investor Education specialist, Theresa Kong Kee, at NASAA's annual Investor Education Training Seminar in Atlanta on November 5.

The award recognizes the state, province or territory in North America with the greatest consumer outreach through their investor education program run by the state, province or territory's securities administrator.

"This award is well-deserved recognition of Theresa's hard work and commitment as well as the dedication of the securities staff to inform the public about investor education," said Commissioner of Securities Tung Chan. "Education is a critical part of consumer protection, and the department believes that increased fraud awareness and financial literacy will help people make better financial decisions."

Organized in 1919, NASAA is the oldest international organization devoted to investor protection. NASAA is a voluntary association whose membership consists of 67 state, provincial, and territorial securities administrators in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, and Mexico.

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