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蔡曉如會長自我介紹

I was born in 重慶. Because my father was a diplomat, I moved to India with my family when I was 4 years old. I then moved to Indonesia when I was 9. My family finally moved to Taiwan in time for Carol to attend high school. After 3 years of high school, I came to Honolulu with my family because my father became the Consul General in Honolulu in 1958. Because most of my life was overseas, my Chinese is not as fluent as I would like.

After Hawaii I went to Seattle, Washington and got a pharmacy degree from the University of Washington. I worked as a registered pharmacist in 3 States, for 15 years. My last job was for the Food & Drug Administration in Maryland.

After coming to Hawaii, I became a Real Estate agent, but mostly was an activist in the Chinese Community.

In 1984 I founded the Hawaii Chapter of Organization of Chinese Americans (美華協會). Senator Hiram Fong was one of my Original supporter. We did voter registration every election cycle, and gave out \$15,000+ scholarships to high school & college students every year since 1984.

In 1994 I supported Mayor Jeremy Harris to run for Mayor, so he appointed me to become a Liquor Commissioner. After Mayor Harris' re-election, Mayor Harris appointed me to be his *Special Assistant for Economic Development*.

In 1996 I helped found the Hawaii Chinese Tourism Association and became President in 1999.

I am retired since 2000 so I have accepted the position as President of 華人聯誼會. I hope to serve ably, but for a short time. Our Association needs young blood & I would be happy to hand over the baton.