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**Reps Karamatsu and Har among PBN's
"Forty Under 40"**

HONOLULU. Vice Speaker Jon Riki Karamatsu and freshman Representative Sharon Har were named in *Pacific Business News's* "Forty Under 40" list of Hawaii's young business leaders to be honored on June 21st. The list commends Hawaii's young leaders for juggling the responsibilities of family, home, career and community and celebrates their personal and professional accomplishments.

Rep. Karamatsu is an attorney and a member of numerous community organizations, including the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Waipahu Business Association. He is also the founder of JRK Enterprises, LLC – an e-commerce business that sells Hawaiian-themed products primarily to mainland customers. He was first elected to office in 2002, representing District 41 – Waipahu, Village Park and Waikele. He currently serves as the Vice Speaker of the House of Representatives under Speaker Calvin Say.

"I am honored to be selected by Pacific Business News to the 2007 Class of Forty Under 40," said Rep. Karamatsu, who is 32 years old. "I enjoy being creative with my business and working on legislation to strengthen and diversify Hawaii's economy."

Rep. Har is an attorney with Bays Deaver Lung Rose & Holma where she concentrates on complex commercial litigation with an emphasis in land use, real estate, and construction law. She is the former president of the Korean American Bar Association Hawaii and sits on the boards of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Hawaii Korean Chamber of Commerce, and the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii Alliance. She was first elected into office in 2006, and as a freshman legislator serves as the Vice-chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs. She represents District 40, which includes Kapolei, Makakilo, Royal Kunia, and Kalaeloa.

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"It is a special recognition to be honored as one of PBN's Forty Under 40, as my fellow awardees and I now join an elite group who have demonstrated their commitment and passion to making a difference in Hawaii," said Rep. Har, who is 38 years old. "As a legislator and attorney, I hope to bring about positive change not only for the Second City of Kapolei, but for the people of the State of Hawaii."

Pacific Business News will host a special event for the honorees on Thursday, June 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Liliu Theatre on the third floor of the Hawaii Convention Center. The event will be hosted by KHON-2 Sports Director Kanoa Leahey and is sponsored by Bank of Hawaii, Argosy University, JN Automotive Group and the Hawaii Convention Center.

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