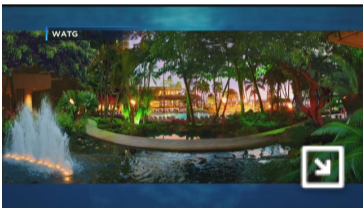




American Institute of Architects' Hawai'i State Council awards Donald Goo, FAIA with Medal of Honor

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HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - The American Institute of Architects' (AIA) Hawai'i State Council will present Donald Goo, FAIA with the Medal of Honor. This is the highest accolade that the Hawai'i Chapter bestows and represents only the seventh time that the Medal of Honor has been presented.

Goo will be recognized and officially receive the Medal of Honor on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015. The gala event will be held at the landmark Hawai'i Convention Center, a structure that

stands as a testament to Goo's award-winning design leadership and his lasting impact on Hawai'i's built environment.

The Hawai'i-based international architecture and planning firm known today as WATG was just Wimberly and Cook in 1959 when Goo first joined. He would later be elevated to partner and the firm renamed Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo. Goo served as president, CEO and finally chairman, leading many prominent local projects from the re-visioning of the Sheraton Maui in 1960 and 1997 and the major re-positioning of the Hilton Hawaiian Village from 1982 to 1988, as well as the design of Bank of Hawai'i's iconic Waikiki building with Jerry Allison, FAIA and Pete Wimberly, FAIA in 1966 and the Hawai'i Convention Center with George Loschky of LMN in 1997. He has also led international projects as diverse as the master plan for a resort in Kurumbunai, Malaysia and Arizona's Wild Horse Resort for the Pima Maricopa Native American tribe.

Goo was elevated into the AIA Fellowship program and received the FAIA designation in 1988, recognizing the significant contribution he had made to architecture and society, as well as his design excellence on a national level.

For more information about attending the Medal of Honor event to recognize the more than 50-year career of the architect, urbanist, educator, philanthropist and industry pioneer, please visit www.donaldgoo-medalofhonor.com.

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