

2015 MEDAL OF HONOR

presented by the AIA Hawaii State Council and Hawaii Architectural Foundation

Congratulations Donald Goo, FAIA

HONOLULU – 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 Karambunai, 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.

About the Medal of Honor

Since 1998, the AIA Hawai'i State Council has presented the Medal of Honor to an

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island architect for significantly advancing the profession and, through his or her leadership, inspiring fellow practitioners. The Medal of Honor is not presented annually; Goo joins a list of only six other individuals who have received this prestigious honor since the award's inception: Vladimir Ossipoff, FAIA (1998), Charles R. Sutton, FAIA (1999), Frank Haines, FAIA (2000), Ernest Hara, FAIA and Elmer Botsai, FAIA (2002) and Kenneth F. Brown, FAIA (2004).

The Medal of Honor is presented by the Hawai'i Architectural Foundation on behalf of the AIA Hawai'i State Council. The mission of the HAF is to connect people to the profound influence of design and support the appreciation of architecture in our state, a mission further perpetuated by the awarding of the prestigious Medal of Honor.

About the AIA Hawai'i State Council

The American Institute of Architects Hawai'i State Council represents members on matters of statewide interest and provides assistance and advice to state and other governmental and regulatory bodies regarding issues affecting the architectural profession and the practice of architecture in Hawai'i.

About the Hawai'i Architectural Foundation

The Hawai'i Architectural Foundation works to advance the understanding and value of architecture in our local community and society. The non-profit connects people to the profound influence of design and stimulates education and public engagement in shaping our island communities.

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