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DOH SELECTS TWO FOR GOVERNOR'S AWARD

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has selected May Shindo as the department's 2009 Employee of the Year, and the Deposit Beverage Container (DBC) Program as the DOH 2009 Team of the Year. These two department winners will go on to compete for state awards at the Governor's Award ceremony in October.

May Shindo, a resident of Kapolei, is a secretary in the Administrative Services Section of the Central Oahu Family Guidance Center. The center is operated under the department's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division, and provides mental health services to children and youth. Ms. Shindo is well-known for her extensive knowledge and efficiency in operations, and was responsible for significant fiscal savings for the office in the past year. She is also described as "the glue that holds the program together."

The Hawai'i DBC Program Team received the DOH 2009 Team of the Year Award for their diligent efforts to encourage recycling and reduce litter in the state. The DBC Team's efforts have resulted in a total of 2.4 billion beverage containers being redeemed and recycled. This translates into about 130,400 tons of material being diverted from being buried as solid waste.

The DOH conducts an annual awards ceremony each year to recognize employees who excel at leadership, teamwork and public service over the previous year. Nominations of those who demonstrated superior service are submitted by subordinates, peers and supervisors both within and outside of the department.

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