



## **Biography**

### **Chris J. Kanazawa, State Director Hawaii, Western Pacific and American Samoa USDA Rural Development**

In February 2010, Chris J. Kanazawa received the Presidential appointment as USDA Rural Development State Director for the Hawaii, Western Pacific and American Samoa region. Nationwide, USDA Rural Development administers and manages more than 48 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a network of 5,200 employees located in 460 national, state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. USDA Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$125 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

Prior to his appointment as State Director, Mr. Kanazawa spent his entire business career in the private sector with over 23 years in the real estate development industry directing the development of residential, commercial, industrial, resort and golf course development projects, generating over \$300 million in real estate transactions. During this period, he held positions as President of the Land Division for Amfac/JMB Hawaii and President and CEO of Coldwell Banker Commercial Pacific Properties. In addition, Kanazawa spent four and half years as President and CEO of Parker Ranch, Inc. on the island of Hawaii, the fifth largest cattle ranch in the United States.

Kanazawa holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Hawaii and a Master of Business Administration degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business. Raised in Hawaii, Kanazawa is a member of a number of national and local business and community organizations.