



MAEBASHI FOCUS

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My full name is Ryan Tsutomu Lee, but you can just call me Ryan. Lee is my last name, taken from my father who was born in Hong Kong but grew up in Hawaii. My father can speak Cantonese, but I didn't grow up speaking the language. My middle name, Tsutomu, is inherited from my grandfather. My mother is a third-generation Nikkei born and raised in Hawaii, but she doesn't speak Japanese. Her ancestors immigrated to Hawaii and have roots in Oshima, Tokyo.



KAILUA, OAHU

I had previously known about Gunma, but this is my first time coming to Maebashi. I hope to learn more about this place by seeking out new challenges and experiences, all while introducing Hawaii to the people who live here. I'd like to touch on themes such as disaster awareness and environmental conservation in this newsletter as well. I'm also hoping to actively communicate with those around me, so please feel free to strike up casual conversation anytime.

I was born and raised on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. To elaborate further, I grew up in a small place to the east called Kailua. When one thinks of Hawaii, famous spots popular with tourists such as Waikiki Beach, Diamond Head, and Ala Moana Shopping Center likely come to mind. However, the state of Hawaii consists of many islands, all with their own unique characteristics, famous places, and special atmospheres. I hope to share a wide variety of information on Hawaii in the near future.



WAKASAGI PRE-SEASON FISHING AT LAKE ONUMA ON MT. AKAGI