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Aloha e Marianne!

Congratulations on the Institute's 12th Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. Each year it keeps getting better!

SHYLI: it's great that our Hawaii youth have had this invaluable life-changing experience for six years. I've seen the impact first hand on these young people's lives – from Big Island to Lanai, and now Oahu.

Oceanit has been proud to be a strategic partner for SHYLI's Career Mentor & Job Shadow Day. Our company has benefitted from this positive exposure to these young people who aspire to become engineers and scientists.

Design Thinking Hawaii is also pleased to be a partner with the Institute's Summit and with SHYLI's Design Sustainable Hawaii Forum. Juanito Moises Jr., our youngest Design Thinking Hawaii facilitator really enjoyed working with Philippines delegate Jason Gavina to envision a sister island partnership. I believe this partnership holds great promise.

As a board member, I'm impressed with the Institute's commitment to building a feeder system for a global green workforce. The Institute's criteria for delegates to develop presentations on innovative sustainability projects from their islands has led to an impressive Summit Curriculum on best practices of island sustainability.

How fortuitous that the Institute is developing its Global Leaders Platform in the Philippines. Through the integration of technology, fieldwork, mentorship and reflection this personalized educational experience will train millennials in real-world situations. I love it!

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I'm pleased you will be traveling to the Philippines next month. Mahalo for introducing Oceanit to Federico Lopez during your last trip – and encouraging Luis Salaveria to invite us to his event in conjunction with VERGE. I encourage you to meet with our new friends at EDC to explore a possible collaboration. SHYLI's young leaders will be key ambassadors to moving geothermal production in Hawaii to the next level as we strive to be 100% renewable energy by 2045.

We also look forward to having you join us in Hawaii for the World Conservation Congress in September, and our 500+ student Design Thinking Challenge. We hope some of your Philippines friends will join you! Mahalo and best regards, Ian Kitajima