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Kupu, which means “to sprout” or “to grow” in Hawaiian, has a two-fold mission: to preserve the land while empowering youth. The organization provides hands-on training in conservation, sustainability, and environmental education for young adults, with the goal of fostering our next generation of environmental and cultural stewards. Kupu’s work has been likened to the role of the kupukupu fern, which is one of the first plants to cultivate the land after a lava flow. The fern not only serves as a foundational species for rebuilding a healthy, native ecosystem, but it also symbolizes a place where knowledge can grow.

As we reflect on our accomplishments during our 2018-2019 fiscal year with immense gratitude, we are also mindful of how 2020 has been a daunting year for all of us due to the global pandemic. However, we remain optimistic and are humbled to have the opportunity to continue our work in making a positive difference, both in the lives of our youth and with our ‘aina.

We remain fully committed to serving our community, and with your continued support, we look forward to what the future holds.

John Leong
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