

# Dong Guan Societies of Hawai‘i 夏威夷东莞社团联合会

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**Mission:** To perpetuate the community of descendants of people from Dong Guan (Dongguan Shi 东莞市; a city in Guangdong Province); to take care of its elders, and provide burial plots for those who have passed on; to receive charitable contributions and make donations for charitable, religious, educational, scientific or literary purposes.

**History:** The Society was established in 2003.

**Activities** Members use the main office to play chess, card games, and read newspapers, as well as to get assistance with translation between Chinese and English.

**Membership:** The Society has approximately 100 members. At present, there are no membership costs, but there is talk of establishing a \$10 annual fee. To be eligible for membership, one needs to have a connection with Dong Guan in China—to have lived there oneself, to have ancestors who once lived there, to do business there currently, etc.

**Association president:** 2003–pres. Mabel Lau



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Sources: Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs website; correspondence with Mabel Lau.