

Rising like a star

First Timbers Resort in Hawaii blessed at former Kauai Lagoons Golf Club

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Elise Guirao, Hokuala employee, performs 'Aloha Kauai' as Lady Ipo Ferreira and Mayor Bernard Carvalho Jr. performs the mele and Hua Duncan, who earlier did 'Beautiful Kauai' and other Hokuala employees watch, Tuesday during the blessing at the No. 15 tee box of the former Kauai Lagoons Golf Club.



The view from the No. 15 tee box shows the foundation of the resort which will become the flagship resort, Timbers Kauai Ocean Club Resort and Residences, within the Hokuala project which was blessed Tuesday.

LIHUE — Lady Ipo Ferreira of Ke Akua Mana Church wanted to know Tuesday — are they staying?

“Excuse my bluntness,” Ferreira said. “I have done blessings at this site on several occasions for people who came, and look at what they left us?”

Ferreira led the blessing Tuesday at the No. 15 tee box for Hokuala, the name change from the former Kauai Lagoons Golf Club.

“The name ‘Hokuala’ means rising star,” said Mike Cuthbertson, managing director for Timbers’ Resorts Development Hawaiian Islands. “This is the front door and welcome mat to Kauai, and we have been making connections to Kauai since I got here. I am reminded of the responsibility to the land every day when I drive by and watch the employees and the commitment they have.”

The name change to Hokuala symbolizes the arrival of Timber Resorts to Hawaii. Long-term plans call for the completion of the resort, whose foundation rises above the Running Waters beach and the entrance to Nawiliwili Harbor, as well as the Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course which covers a portion of the 450-acre parcel overlooking the harbor.

“This is Timbers’ first full resort development in Hawaii,” Cuthbertson said. “This will be managed by Timbers’ Resort and will be called the Timbers’ Kauai Ocean Club and Residences.”

Adjacent to the planned flagship resort, there is room for future development which may include another resort.

“We’re building connections with the community,” Cuthbertson said.

The blessing was held before nearly 100 employees and government leaders.

“Timbers’ recognizes the value of the employees,” Cuthbertson said.