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HDS Promotes Two to Managers in Information Systems and Technology Departments

Hawaii Dental Service (HDS), the state's leading dental benefits provider, has promoted Junko Kawabata to systems development manager and Jerome Galang to network operations manager.

Kawabata has been with HDS for the past 14 years, starting as a project analyst in 2004. In her current role, she serves as the chief architect of HDS's systems development plan and is responsible for systems analysis, department planning and application development, and leading conceptual and physical systems design processes.

Kawabata, a resident of downtown Honolulu, holds a bachelor of science degree in information and computer science from the University of Hawaii-Manoa, and a master of science degree in technical Japanese and computer science from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Galang joined HDS in 2015 as a network operations specialist, providing information technology support for all HDS users and performing system and network administration duties. In his new role, Galang is responsible for leading, managing and planning the hardware and operating system functions for the information technology department.

Prior to joining HDS, Galang had served a similar role in information technology for IBM Corporation. The Mililani resident earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications from the University of Hawaii-Manoa, with a concentration in management and telecommunications.

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About Hawaii Dental Service

HDS is the leading dental benefits provider in the state, serving nearly a million members throughout Hawaii, Guam and Saipan. It has the largest network of dentists, with more than 95 percent of Hawaii's licensed, practicing dentists participating with HDS.

As a nonprofit founded in Hawaii more than 55 years ago, HDS is committed to making quality oral health care affordable and accessible. Employers who offer HDS dental plans to their employees represent Hawaii's diverse industries, companies, unions, associations, and nonprofit organizations. HDS also offers dental plans for individuals and families.

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