



# Japan-America Society of Hawaii

“Opening Minds and Hearts in Friendship”



The Tomodachi Committee cordially invites you and your guests to



## “When Japanese and Pakistani Cultures Meet”

### Let's Talk Story

featuring **Saleem Ahmed, Ph.D.**

at

The Willows

901 Hausten Street

Thursday, September 2, 2010

11:30 am Registration/12:00 pm Lunch & Program

\$26.00 Members / \$28.00 Non-members

Interested in meeting new people and catching up with old friends? This fifth annual “talk story” session is meant to help each person to get to know others better and perhaps learn some interesting new things. The Tomodachi Committee is pleased to have special guest Saleem Ahmed, Ph.D. as this year’s speaker.

Dr. Ahmed will discuss his experiences of cultural adjustments between himself and his third generation Japanese wife while learning about each other’s culture and religion, and the impact it had on their daughters. He will share his experience of living in Hawaii upon his initial arrival nearly 50 years ago, his wife’s experience living in Pakistan during the 1965 and 1972 Indo-Pakistani wars, and his experience back in Hawaii after the 9/11 terrorist attack.

Born in India and raised in Pakistan, Dr. Ahmed first arrived in Hawaii as an East-West Center (EWC) grantee. At the EWC, Dr. Ahmed led the “botanical pest control” project, and introduced the Neem Tree of South Asia to Hawaii for its safe pest control and therapeutic properties. Dr. Ahmed is also the founder of the All Believers Network (Belnet) which promotes the concept that all religions revere the same Being, and should therefore work together. Belnet includes members of the Baha’i, Buddhist, Christian, Hawaiian Spirituality, Hindu, Islam, Jain, Jew, Mormon, Seicho-No-Ie, Sikh, Subud, Sufi, Taoist, Unitarian Universalist, Unity, and Zoroastrian faiths. He is also the author of “Beyond the Veil & Holy War,” “Islam: A Religion of Peace?” and others.

友達の会の恒例ランチオン、“トークストーリー”にいらっしゃいませんか。新しい友達に出会う場、顔なじみの友人との交流を深める場のこの友達プログラムは今年で5年目を迎えます。今回のゲストスピーカーはサリーム・アーメッド博士です。アーメッド先生はインドで生まれ、パキスタンで成長され、やがてハワイで約50年を過ごされました。日系アメリカ人三世の御夫人の体験、また異文化間に生まれたお二人の娘さん達、さらに9・11のテロ事件直後の体験など様々な貴重な体験談をお話し下さいます。東西文化センターのグラウンティーターとしての学問と、プライベートの体験を生かし、アーメッド先生はオールビリーバース・ネットワーク(Belnet)を創立されました。仏教、キリスト教、ユダヤ教、モスLEM教などその他数々の宗教のリーダーがメンバーとなり、すべての宗教に共通する接点を追究するこの団体のお話も伺えます。アーメッド先生は「ベールの彼方、そして聖戦争」、「イスラム教：平和の宗教」、その他の著者でもいらっしゃいます。

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