## OCET Update March 2015

- Cynthia Nakamoto Tomono is representing OCET in West Hawaii as a parttime coordinator beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> and will be in Building 1
- The 13 students and 2 faculty members from the International Business Department of Aichi University had memorable experiences while in Hilo. They learned to play the ukulele, participated in the Girl's Day celebration at the Japanese Cultural Center, found out the background of KTA Mountain Apple products, visited our Early Childhood Education program and Waiakea High School, and how a mochi business began at Two Ladies Kitchen. Business Education and Technology students volunteered as conversation partners for the students. We're hoping that this can become an annual school visit with Hawaii Community College.
- This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that Iiyama Kita High School from Nagano, Japan sent student to Hilo to study oceanography, astronomy and volcanology. One of the highlights of this educational program was interacting with Hilo High Robotics Club students. The school hopes to apply with the Japanese government to again be a super science high school so they can study abroad through HawCC.
- OCET will be hosting an inaugural professional development activity for clerical and operational staff from other campuses on May 14-15.