

Royal Order awarded by King Kalakaua of the Kingdom of Hawaii to Lord Date  
Munenari of Uwajima Domain and its Certificate of Decoration

1. The Royal Order and its Certificate of Decoration awarded by the 8<sup>th</sup> King of the Kingdom of Hawaii, David Kalakaua I (reign 1874-1891) to the 8<sup>th</sup> Lord of Uwajima Domain, Date Munenari is preserved at the Foundation of Uwajima Date Cultural Assets Preservation (General Manager : Mr. Toyoaki Ueda) at Gotenmachi, Uwajima-city, Japan.
2. Preserved Materials  
Second Class Hawaii Royal Order  
Certificate for Decoration dated May 7, 1881  
Appointment by Grand Minister of State dated July 16, 1881

(Contents of the Certificate)

KALAKAUA,

King of the Hawaiian Islands.

To all who shall see these Presents—Greeting:

know Ye, That

We have Appointed and Commissioned, and by these presents We Appoint and Commission \*\*\*\*Junii Date to be Night Grand Officer of Our Royal Order of KALAKAUA, to exercise and enjoy all the Rights, Pre-eminences and Privileges to the same of right appertaining, and to wear the Insignia as by \*\*\* created. In \*\*\*\*Hereof, We have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Deal of Our Kingdom to be hereunto affixed.

Given Under Our Land, at Our Palace, in Honolulu, this seventh day of May in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty One.

For the King

Lilinokalani

The Chancellor of the Royal Order of Kalakaua.

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3. Outline  
In March 1881, King Kalakaua I of the Kingdom of Hawaii visited Japan during his round-the-world trip. At that occasion, Lord Date Munenari was appointed as a marshal by the Japanese Government, entertained King Kalalaua and received the Royal Order of gratitude.
4. Reference  
The Emperor Meiji welcomed King Kalakaua as the first state guest (head of the state) in the history. After the King's visit, emigrants from Japan to Hawaii increased, which blazed a trail for active bilateral exchanges. The Kingdom of Hawaii continued until 1893, followed by The Republic of Hawaii. In 1959, Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> State.