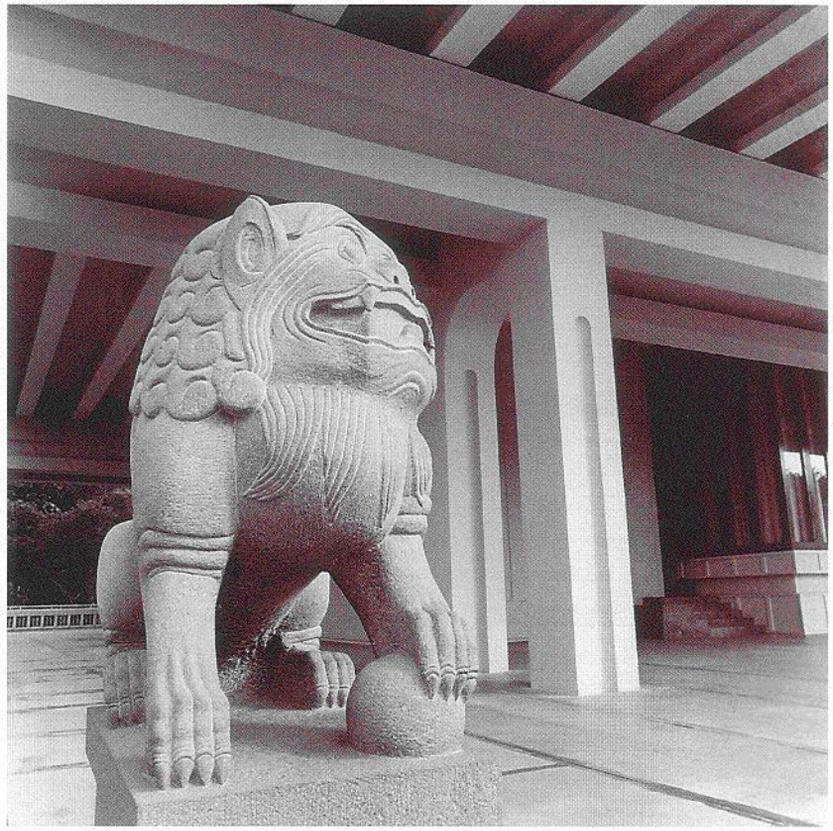

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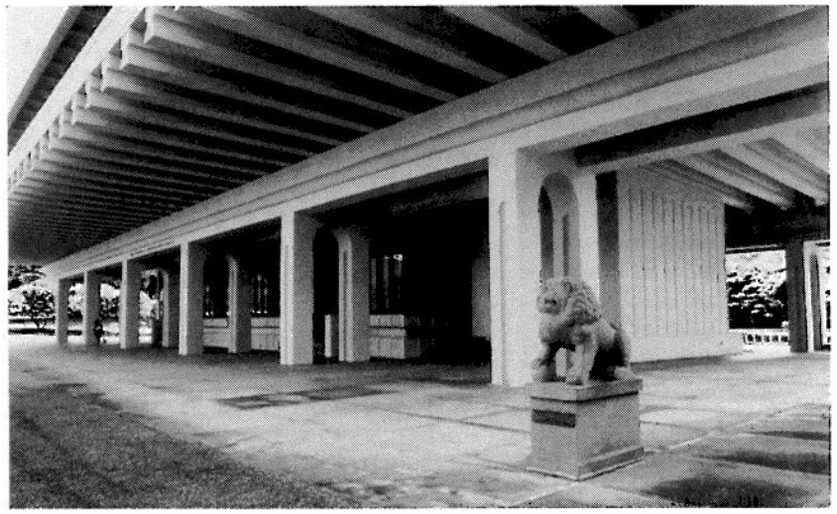


The U.S. Congress established the East-West Center in 1960 to foster mutual understanding and cooperation among the governments and peoples of the Asia-Pacific region, including the United States. Officially known as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, it is a public, non-profit institution with an international board of governors. Principal funding for the Center comes from the U.S. government, with additional support provided by private agencies, individuals and corporations, and more than 20 Asian and Pacific governments.

The Center works to strengthen relations in the region and serves as a national and regional resource for information and analysis on Asia and the Pacific. It provides a neutral meeting ground where people with a wide range of perspectives exchange views on topics of regional concern. Center staff members work with collaborating institutions and some 2,000 scholars, government and business leaders, educators, journalists, and other professionals from throughout the region each year in programs of research, education and training, dialogue and outreach. Researchers address issues of contemporary significance in such areas as international economics and politics, the environment, population, energy and mineral resources, journalism and Pacific islands development.

President's Message

President Kenji Sumida

By Kenji Sumida
President, East-West Center

The East-West Center's mandate is to promote better relations and understanding among the nations and peoples of Asia, the Pacific and the United States. We do this principally by bringing students, researchers, government officials, business executives, journalists and other specialists together to engage in cooperative study, training, research and dialogue, as well as collaborating with colleagues throughout the region. Since 1960, more than 45,000 men and women from Asian and Pacific countries, the United States, and other parts of the world have participated in our programs and projects.

East-West Center participants take an active part in a variety of study and research projects that address contemporary issues of importance in the Asia-Pacific region. Together with our resident specialists, they form multinational teams, share information, exchange ideas and views, and jointly develop information and analyses that support the needs of decision makers.

Our cooperative study and research teams currently focus on regional economic, political and security relationships, population growth and demographic change, environmental problems, and energy and resource issues.

The Asia-Pacific region, like the rest of the world, is rapidly becoming a single community — where economic, political and social relationships are less defined by national boundaries. It is apparent that mutual understanding and cooperation will be the only way we can all share in a stable, prosperous and peaceful future.

A major result of the East-West Center experience is the lasting bonds of people-to-people understanding, respect and friendship that develop among our participants as they work together to solve problems and collaborate on projects. As we have seen time and again, these bonds remain strong long after participants return to their home country and continue to play an important role in improving relationships, not only across the Pacific Ocean but among the countries and cultures in our region.

We are pleased to present in this report examples and highlights of the past year.

Those familiar with the Center know that the last two years have been particularly challenging when, as with other American international educational institutions, our funding was drastically reduced. But thanks to the dedication and professionalism of our staff, the assistance of our alumni and friends, and the support of our network of collaborating individuals and institutions, we have continued to meet our mandate and retain our essential strengths as a premier regional institution.

We look forward to the future with much optimism. We are clearly back on an upward trajectory as we adjust to changes in our environment. We will continue to become more efficient while we seek a wider and more diverse base of support. With increasing understanding and support of our work in Congress and the administration, and a revitalized alumni network that is actively and vigorously stepping forward to assist us in promoting our mission, we are prepared to meet our responsibilities and the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Research Highlights

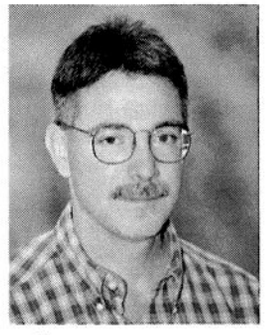
Hawaii Imin International Conference Center at Jefferson Hall.

East-West Center programs concentrate on the causes and consequences of the increasing integration of the Asia-Pacific region and the effects on its economic, social and cultural systems. Researchers focus on critical real-world issues emerging from the Asia-Pacific region's rapid development and population growth and the impact on urban and rural communities, resources and the environment. They work closely with government officials, researchers and private sector specialists throughout the region on projects which contribute to and promote regional cooperation and responsible development. Multinational teams identify problems and trends and make research findings available to policy makers. Following are highlights of 1997 research and publications.

Lee-Jay Cho presiding in Mongolia.

A Development Bank for Northeast Asia

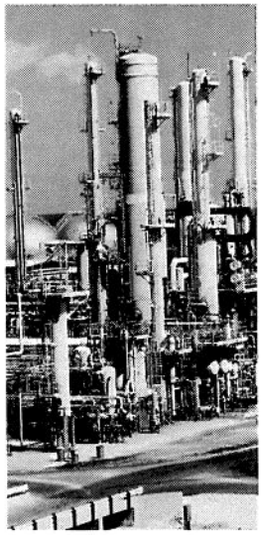
The concept of establishing a new development bank for Northeast Asia was endorsed by the Northeast Asia Economic Forum, meeting in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia, in August. Forum members emphasized that mobilization of capital is one of the most important tasks facing the region, which comprises Northeast China, the Russian Far East, Mongolia, Japan, and North and South Korea. The rationale for creating a Northeast Asia development bank was outlined at the conference by Stanley Katz of the East-West Center. He noted that the Northeast Asian economy is seriously deficient in terms of the infrastructure, including environment-related investments, required to support future viable economic and commercial development. Up-grading and expanding the region's infrastructure to adequate standards will require as much as US$7.5 billion a year of external long-term financing, Katz said, and existing private, bilateral and multilateral institutions cannot be counted on to meet more than perhaps one-third of the region's projected effective need for external long-term capital. Forum members also endorsed a consultative group on cooperation in communications, which led to a workshop convened at the EWC in Hawaii. Participants included Lim Tae Dok, vice chairman of North Korea's Committee for the Promotion of External Economic Cooperation, and Ho Deng Guk, deputy director of North Korea's Ministry of Post and Telecommunications. The Northeast Asia Economic Forum is a regional non-governmental organization established in 1990 to promote economic cooperation. The Forum secretariat is based at the East-West Center. Lee-Jay Cho, EWC Executive Vice President, is Forum chairman.



Jefferson Fox

Evaluating Environmental Change

The EWC's Spatial Information Lab was awarded a grant by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to expand the use of remotely sensed information for detecting and evaluating environmental change in Asia and the Pacific. Spatial information technology includes aerial photographs, satellite images, and geographic information systems. Since 1985 the Lab has used aerial photographs from the 1950s and more recent LANDSAT satellite images to estimate land cover changes in northern Thailand, northern Vietnam, and Southern China (Yunnan). In all three cases the researchers found more than 60 percent of the land remained under some kind of tree cover. What has changed is the number of forest fragments and the size of these fragments. Researchers conclude that the major change in land cover in these areas has not been deforestation, but rather the conversion of a relatively homogeneous forest to a highly heterogeneous mosaic of forest-like cover such as second-growth forests, tree plantations, and swidden fallow. This conclusion has implications for global issues such as tropical deforestation, global warming, and biodiversity conservation, as well as for debates concerning land use and land tenure systems. Project coordinator Jefferson Fox of the EWC Program on Environment said the project will increase both the amount and variety of research and the training of people in imaging processing techniques in environmental monitoring.



Oil Demand to Soar

Over the next decade, incremental oil demand growth is expected to increase by some 12 million barrels per day, predicted EWC's Fereidun Fesharaki in his keynote address at the 5th annual Middle East Petroleum and Gas Conference in Abu Dhabi in March. He noted that a key challenge for OPEC is the growth of non-OPEC production, which may increase by 5 to 8 million barrels per day over the next decade. There is every likelihood that a larger portion of the new oil demand will go to non-OPEC producers, in particular from the Central Asia Republics. The conference, organized by the EWC Program on Resources: Energy and Minerals, brought together 700 key decision makers from major international and regional companies and government and the private sector for exchange of information and dialogue on evolving political, economic and product trends in the Middle East. Delegates also focused attention on the effects of competitive forces in the refining products market and the outlook for re-aligning natural gas producers and end users. Also scheduled in conjunction with the conference were briefings on Middle East petroleum strategy and shipping. Fesharaki, director of the Program on Resources, was conference chairman.

Tracking Hazardous Waste

Tracking hazardous waste "from the cradle to the grave" was a major topic for researchers, policy makers, industrialists and other professionals from 18 countries in November in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at the seventh international conference sponsored by the Pacific Basin Consortium for Hazardous Waste Research and Management. Since the first conference in 1988, members have seen progress in dealing with hazardous waste, but rapid industrialization and development in the region call for continued review of new technologies, new management techniques, and the most recent research results, commented Richard Cirillo, the Consortium executive secretary. But at any stage from manufacture to final disposal, hazardous chemicals may escape containment, enter the biosphere, and become hazardous waste. The East-West Center serves as the secretariat of the Consortium, which was established to speed the conduct of research and its application to reduce cost and improve the effectiveness of managing hazardous waste. Members include governmental agencies, international organizations, private industry, and researchers in Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States.

Pacific Island Leaders

Improvement of Internet capabilities and upgrading of air transportation in the Pacific islands through collaboration with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration were among the discussion topics at the February meeting of the Standing Committee of the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders at the East-West Center. During their annual review of the EWC Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP)'s work program, the leaders also heard reports on the results of PIDP research projects and suggested priority areas of future research. Additional reports were presented on PIDP's education and training initiative and PIDP's work as secretariat for the U.S.-Pacific Island Nations Joint Commercial Commission. The Committee is composed of the leaders of the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa, and the State of Hawaii. The PIDP serves as the secretariat and research arm of the Pacific Island Conference's Standing Committee. The PIDP's research and training activities are developed as a direct response to the issues identified by the Conference of Leaders. Fiji Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka is chairman of the Standing Committee.

Asia Labor Migration

Migration in Asia is increasing in size and scope as workers leave countries with too few jobs and head for countries that offer jobs in construction, manufacturing and services. Though many governments say they plan to reduce their dependence on labor migration, all indicators point to more, not less, labor migration in the years ahead. Researchers Philip Martin and Andrew Mason, who co-direct a project on the dynamics of migration, found that many Asian leaders insist that the European experience of migration, in which temporary workers become permanent settlers, will not be replayed in Asia. But there is little, if any, evidence to suggest that Asian governments will be any more successful in preventing migrants from settling. The possibility exists that migration may aggravate tensions between sending and receiving countries, or may slow economic integration if disputes over migrant workers interfere with free trade and investment.

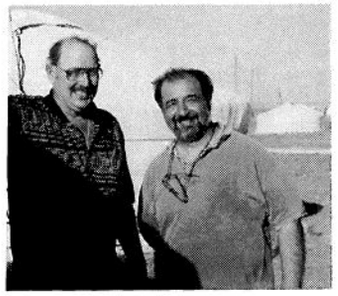
Biodiversity Conservation

Biodiversity in Southeast Asia continues to degrade despite the energetic, diverse, and widespread efforts of many individuals and institutions, and in spite of impressive research initiatives and findings, outreach efforts and policy initiatives. This was the starting point for a new research project in the EWC Program on Environment, funded by a grant of $245,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The grant was awarded to Michael R. Dove, program director, and Percy Sajise, director of the SEAMEO Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (Los Banos, Philippines). The researchers seek to rectify what they perceive as a lack of rationality in the institutional context of biodiversity conservation by clarifying how biodiversity is perceived, how it is studied and what is done with the results of those studies, and how perceptions of it differ between the public and private sector, between one country and the next, and between local, national and international communities. A workshop in June concentrated on policy research, the role of non-governmental organizations, and resource management issues.

Energy Security

The East-West Center's Program on Resources was awarded a competitive bid for a $120,000 contract with the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat in Singapore to undertake a study on promoting energy security. Principal investigator Fereidun Fesharaki said the study will identify existing technical, regulatory and other barriers to improving the operation of markets for primary fuels — oil, natural gas, coal and uranium — among the APEC member economies. Issues to be explored include:

- The ability of fuel developers to secure tenure over resources.



Researchers Fereidun Fesharaki and Mark J. Valencia in Mongolia.

- Supply side government imposed taxes, charges and regulations.
- Demand side tariff barriers and subsidies which distort markets.
- Government imposed conditions such as requiring private companies to use specific freight facilities.
- Regulatory barriers such as government controlled fuel prices.
- Technical barriers such as fuel type specifications.
- Fuel supply mechanisms for power infrastructure projects such as long-term contracts.

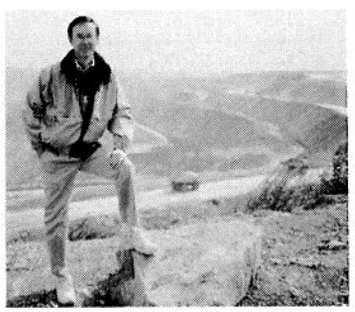
Delegates from the 18 APEC member economies will discuss the research findings at a 1998 workshop at the East-West Center.

Asia in the Pacific

This collaborative project, supported by the Ford Foundation, is designed to understand the ways in which Asia is increasingly involved in the Pacific islands. The initial focus is on the Republic of Palau. A conference planned for June 1998 will examine how Palauan society is being rapidly transformed by flows of capital, workers, and tourists from Asia, providing insights and lessons for other Pacific island nations. Collaborating institutions include the EWC Pacific Islands Development Program, the University of Hawaii's Center for Pacific Islands Studies, Auckland University, and Palau Community College.

Adolescent Sexuality

Premarital sex and high-risk behaviors are increasing among teenagers and young adults at an alarming rate throughout Asia and the Pacific as traditional social structures and family values change. Common to all countries is the trend toward later marriage for both men and women. Population researcher Peter Xenos notes that this has produced a much longer adolescence, extending the time between puberty and marriage, when young people are more likely to engage in high-risk behavior. A youth sexuality study of 11,000 Filipinos, conducted by the University of the Philippines and the East-West Center, found that 18 percent of Filipinos aged 15 to 24 have engaged in premarital sex, and 74 percent of them do not use any method of birth control. Much of the Center's current research is directed toward the urgent need to understand how HIV/AIDS spreads through a society and how it can be slowed or halted. Lessons learned in countries like Thailand are now being applied to other societies, with media campaigns and other educational efforts warning young people of the dangers.



Charles Johnson at China's largest coal mine.

Clean Fuel Technology

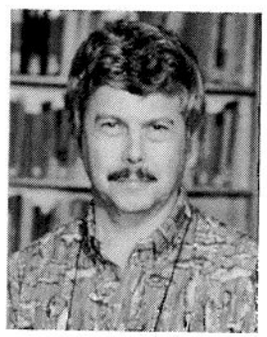
Senior government and industry energy policy officials convened at the annual meeting of the APEC Experts' Group on Clean Fossil energy to address the latest issues and experiences in developing and employing clean fossil fuel technologies. Discussions centered on environmental policies and legislation related to coal use for electricity generation, clean fuel technologies for oil and gas, and options and implications of fuel choices in the changing Asia-Pacific region. Technical sessions concentrated on policy issues, such as options for encouraging the introduction of appropriate clean fossil fuel technologies into the APEC economies with full consideration of the need to accommodate environmental resources. The conference coordinator was Charles Johnson, who heads the EWC Coal and Environment Project.

Regional Telecommunications

The EWC Program on Regional Economics and Politics convened working groups focusing on developing Asia's regional telecommunications hub. A new cooperative project is designed to examine and define the future role of Korea's telecommunications industry in the evolution of a network hub for the whole of Northeast Asia, while also designing a regional institutional mechanism that will facilitate unifying the telecommunications systems of South and North Korea. A second working group is producing a comparative analysis of telecommunications strategies in the United States, the European Union, and Japan, with special emphases on globalization and its impact on trade policy. Researcher Yoon Hyung Kim said the work will include developing strategies and an agenda for transforming the interlinked telecommunications systems of the Tumen delta, North Korea and South Korea, China and Russia into the network hub for all of Northeast Asia.

Aging Population

Americans worried about the rising costs of social security and medicare need only look at Japan to get a sobering glimpse into the future, according to population researcher Robert Retherford and collaborator Naohiro Ogawa of Nihon University in Tokyo. Over the course of the next 30 years the percentage of Japan's population who are elderly will rise rapidly to unprecedented levels, and Japan will become far and away the oldest population in the world. The financial pressures on Japan's social security system will be severe, with the sum of social security taxes plus other kinds of taxes projected to rise to more than half of the entire national income. To alleviate these pressures, the government of Japan is attempting to shift some of the costs of the social security system back to families. But fundamental economic and social change and associated changes in values are eroding both the capacity and willingness of the Japanese family to care for elderly parents. These changes are associated with declines in coresidence of adult children and elderly parents, increases in women's education and full-time employment, a consequent decline in the availability of caregivers, and weakening values of filial piety. It is therefore unlikely that the government will succeed in shifting much of the cost of caring for the elderly back to families.



Kirk Smith

Global Warming Debts

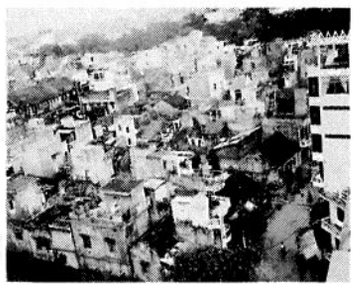
After deciding how much to spend for activities to reduce global warming risks, a basic problem is deciding how to apportion these costs among particular nations, industries or sectors. This is necessary not only for international negotiations over a global regime of greenhouse gas reductions, but for evaluating the potential impacts of any technology, policy, price or behavior. The amount of greenhouse gases remaining in the atmosphere due to a nation's emissions can be termed its "natural debt." Researcher Kirk R. Smith says that given complete information on historic emissions of all greenhouse gases, it is possible to calculate the contribution of each country to the current concentrations in the atmosphere. Payment for remedial action by each country then could be proportional to its remaining contributions. The average U.S. citizen, for example, has a debt of about 120 tons of carbon, as carbon dioxide remaining in the atmosphere, while the average Nepal resident owes for only 150kg. It can be argued that past generations acted out of ignorance and thus their descendants should not be penalized. But Smith contends that the current economic standard of living in the United States, for example, would not be as high as today if previous U.S. generations had spent more resources in greenhouse-gas reductions, and that it is fair to expect that current generations meet the obligations that came with the benefits they receive.

Pacific Population and Development

This recently completed multi-year project examined population issues in Pacific island nations in relation to the economic, environmental and cultural dimensions of national development. An objective was to increase the Pacific region's capacity to conduct population-related research, policy analysis, and integrated planning. A regional meeting in Rarotonga identified four research areas: Youth and Employment Creation, International Migration and Development Planning, Gender Equality and the Enhancement of Women's Roles in Socio-Economic Development, and Population, Environment and Sustainable Economic Development. Project participants in addition to the Center's Pacific Islands Development Program included the United Nations Fund for Population Activity, regional organizations, and the EWC Program on Population. Policy-oriented research publications issued to date cover findings in such areas as employment creation, migrants' remittances, women's employment, sustainable economic development, and demographic transition in the Pacific islands region.

Human Resource Development

The two greatest challenges facing the peoples and governments of the Pacific island nations are human resource development and creating jobs. This situation is due mainly to the rapidly growing number of young people who are joining the labor force but who have few prospects for acquiring skills that will lead to gainful employment. In response to this challenge, the Fifth Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders directed that its research arm, the EWC Pacific Islands Development Program, take primary responsibility for a project dealing with these issues. PIDP is working with national government and non-governmental institutions in the Pacific islands to form an international consortium with scholars from the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands; The School of Development Studies/Overseas Development Group, Norwich, United Kingdom; and the Institute for World Economies of the Free University of Berlin, Germany.



Hanoi City, Vietnam.

Health Issues

All countries in the Asia-Pacific region face important health and health-care issues. Some are related to demographic phenomena such as fertility, population aging, and migration, others to the recent resurgence of infectious diseases. The EWC Program on Population is conducting research on the HIV/AIDS epidemic, maternal and child health, health policy, and health-care financing. With national collaborators, program staff are analyzing findings on HIV/AIDS from surveys in Thailand, the Philippines, and India. This work includes modeling the growth of the epidemic and comparing findings on risk behaviors, disease incidence, and economic and social impacts. In Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines, researchers are exploring demographic determinants of child survival, such as birth intervals, and how child survival influences fertility. In response to requests from national institutions, staff members are analyzing data on household expenditures for health and on the use of public versus private health facilities. Findings are shared with policy makers responsible for health reform and the design of health insurance programs.

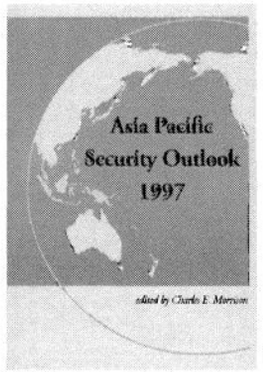
Latin American Energy

Restructuring the national oil and gas companies, improving investment climate, attracting foreign investment, and strengthening regional cooperation in the areas of energy security and environmental protection have become the major trends in Latin America's energy sector. The EWC Program on Resources studies the development of the Latin American hydrocarbons sector to assess its interactions with the Western Hemisphere energy market and links to other markets. Research also facilitates dialogue between the United States, Latin American governments and private sector companies to further market stability, energy security and investment opportunities. While primarily focusing on the oil and gas sectors, the project also covers coal, hydroelectricity and nuclear power sectors. Analysis focuses on financial issues and the foreign investment climate in the region, including trends in overall political and economic risk and hydrocarbon investment legislation.

Coastal Preservation

Two projects being conducted by James Maragos of the EWC Program on Environment are helping Asian countries develop procedures for monitoring and mitigating threats to coastal areas in the region. One is an environmental impact assessment of a planned space shuttle landing site and hotel on Christmas Island in Kiribati, conducted for the Mitsubishi Corporation on behalf of the National Space Agency of Japan. Maragos and colleagues completed a coral reef assessment and next will establish a long-range monitoring program. In Bali, Indonesia, where beaches and reefs are being threatened by development and misuse, Maragos is helping to set up a model state-of-the-art monitoring system for coral reefs. The program has been established at 15 sites on Bali's most important coral reefs. The project has involved international scientists, Bali government and university specialists, an engineering management team from Japan, and an international non-government organization.

Research Publications

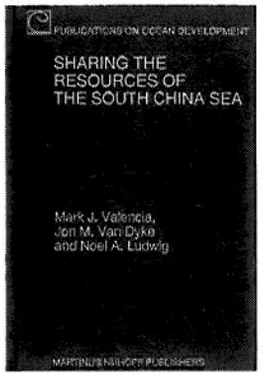


"Asia-Pacific Security Outlook: 1997" Edited by Charles E. Morrison, East-West Center Publication.

Reports by 15 strategic analysts, each from a different Asia-Pacific country. According to Morrison, who organized and directed the project, this is the first regional security outlook of its kind. Includes country perspectives around three themes: perceptions of the security environment, defense doctrines and issues, and national contributions to regional and global security.

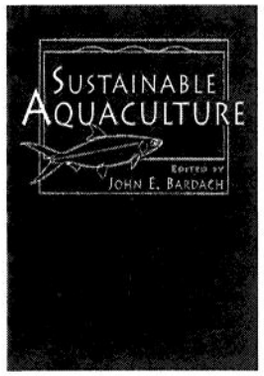
The countries (including the European Union as a collective entity) are all members of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), the only regionwide mechanism for governmental consultation on political and security issues. "As a non-government or 'track two' mechanism, the Asia-Pacific Security Outlook is intended to more clearly identify and raise issues that for diplomatic reasons are often difficult to address in multilateral governmental meetings," Morrison said.

The report was funded by the Center for Global Partnership of the Japan Foundation. The Research Institute of Peace and Security in Tokyo and the ASEAN Institutes for Strategic and International Studies joined with the East-West Center in sponsoring the project.



"Sharing the Resources of the South China Sea."
By Mark J. Valencia, Jon M. Van Dyke, and Noel A. Ludwig. Martinus Nijhoff Publishers.

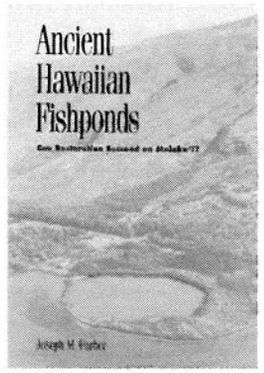
SUMMARY: The book offers several possible interim solutions to the South China Sea disputes. All of the national claims to both islands and ocean space in the area have weaknesses. An interim solution is needed urgently, as the status quo is dangerous and unstable because of unilateral actions by the claimants and continuing opportunities for involvement by outside powers. A regional multinational solution for part of the area is proposed because other alternatives do not appear to be practical. Division or allocation of the features and ocean space among the competing claimants seem unfeasible because of their sharp disagreements over the boundaries of the area in dispute as well as what would constitute an appropriate equitable division. Serial bilateral negotiations might resolve some conflicting claims but would leave or create others, and they would be costly, inefficient and impractical. The creation of an institutionalized dialogue would add structure and stability to the discussions but would not in itself provide an interim solution. Confidence-building measures could help move the situation forward, but are not sufficient as solutions. However, the creation of a regional multilateral resource management body has the potential to reduce the tension currently rife in the region. Many international and regional precedents provide valuable lessons for the design of such a regime for the South China Sea.



"Sustainable Aquaculture."
Edited by John E. Bardach. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. publisher.

FROM THE PREFACE: By dealing with many aspects of aquaculture, this books broaches two important topics of human survival — food supplies and sustainability… Although not primarily a technical book, it contains some technical information together with discussions of a social and economic nature. It examines the questions, Can aquatic animal husbandry keep the promise many hold for it of closing the gap between the increasingly larger shortfalls of fish caught from the sea and the increasing need for high-grade animal protein worldwide? It must be stressed that aquaculture is developing very rapidly, especially in Asia. Therefore, this book must be looked at as a landmark or way station rather than as a report on the state of the art…

How optimistic can we be that aquaculture will fulfill its promise? …A comparison of aquaculture with avian and mammalian animal husbandry is certainly warranted. However, we must never forget that life in the water is very different from life on land, that we can control that medium and its denizens only to a certain extent, and that there are quite naturally a great many more candidates for aquatic rearing than the few domesticated terrestrial creatures that currently give us our protein food supply.



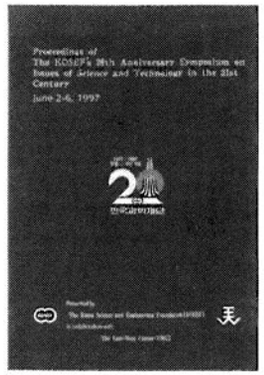
"Ancient Hawaiian Fishponds: Can Restoration Succeed on Moloka'i?"
By Joseph M. Farber. Neptune House Publications. Published in association with the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program.

FROM THE FORWARD: At this point in history there is a need to rethink and reframe our fundamental concepts of what constitutes development within the Pacific. It is important that we go beyond mere economic considerations and include the equally important issues of culture, tradition and sustainable living.

As such, in support of the revival of native Hawaiian culture and development, we must help build a sustainable foundation for the unique way of life of the people of Hawai'i who live and remember a past that leads to their present needs and aspirations. Restoring the ancient Hawaiian fishponds by and for the people of Moloka'i is one way this foundation can be successfully constructed and sustained through time.

This book sends a strong heartfelt message that now is the time to move this restoration process forward as an integral part of the foundation of Hawaiian cultural renaissance while at the same time recognizing that such a community-based effort is a valid approach to promote economic self-sufficiency and job creation through the sustainable management of land and water resources….

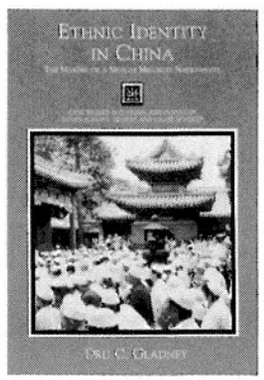
—Sitiveni Halapua, Director, Pacific Islands Development Program, East-West Center.



"Proceedings of KOSEF's 20th Anniversary Symposium on Issues of Science and Technology in the 21st Century."
Published by the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation in collaboration with the East-West Center.

The symposium was held June 2-6, 1997 in Seoul, with presentations by 21 prominent foreign and Korean scientists, including Nobel Prize winners, presidents, and leaders of similar institutions from nine other countries. More than 50 invited speakers and commentators participated.

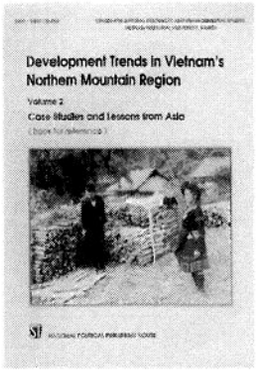
The book includes chapters by East-West Center researchers Charles J. Johnson on "Asia's Energy Future, The Case of Coal — Opportunities and Constraints," Meheroo Jussawalla on "Changing Telecommunications Technologies: Their Impact on Global Issues," and Kirk R. Smith on "Time and Technology in the 21st Century"; the opening address by Lee-Jay Cho, EWC executive vice president, and an introduction by symposium organizer John E. Bardach, EWC senior fellow emeritus.



"Ethnic Identity in China: The Making of a Muslim Minority. By Dru C. Gladney. Harcourt Brace, Publishers.

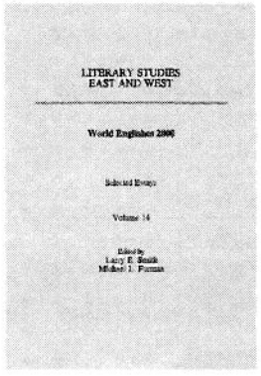
SUMMARY: The common outlook on China is that it is a monolithic nation-state with billions of people very much like each other. In fact, China is seen as potentially threatening because it is so huge and so homogeneous. Nothing could be further from the truth… This case study makes most interesting reading and raises question about the nature of ethnic groups everywhere, not just in China. It is relevant to a wide audience, extending well beyond the students of affairs Chinese. This work will be especially useful to those interested in the anthropology of the religion, particularly the comparative study of Muslim societies outside of the Middle East and in Asia, where Muslims now have their largest populations. Also, it can tell us much about minority groups in America, that are also internally diverse and have floating, indeterminate, unifying characteristics but are treated as homogeneous by the majority group and in much official policy.

—George Spindler, Stanford University, series editor.



"Development Trends in Vietnam's Northern Mountain Region." Vol. 1 & 2
Edited by Deanna Donovan, A. Terry Rambo, Jefferson Fox, Le Trong Cuc, and Tran Duc Vien. National Political Publishing House, Hanoi.

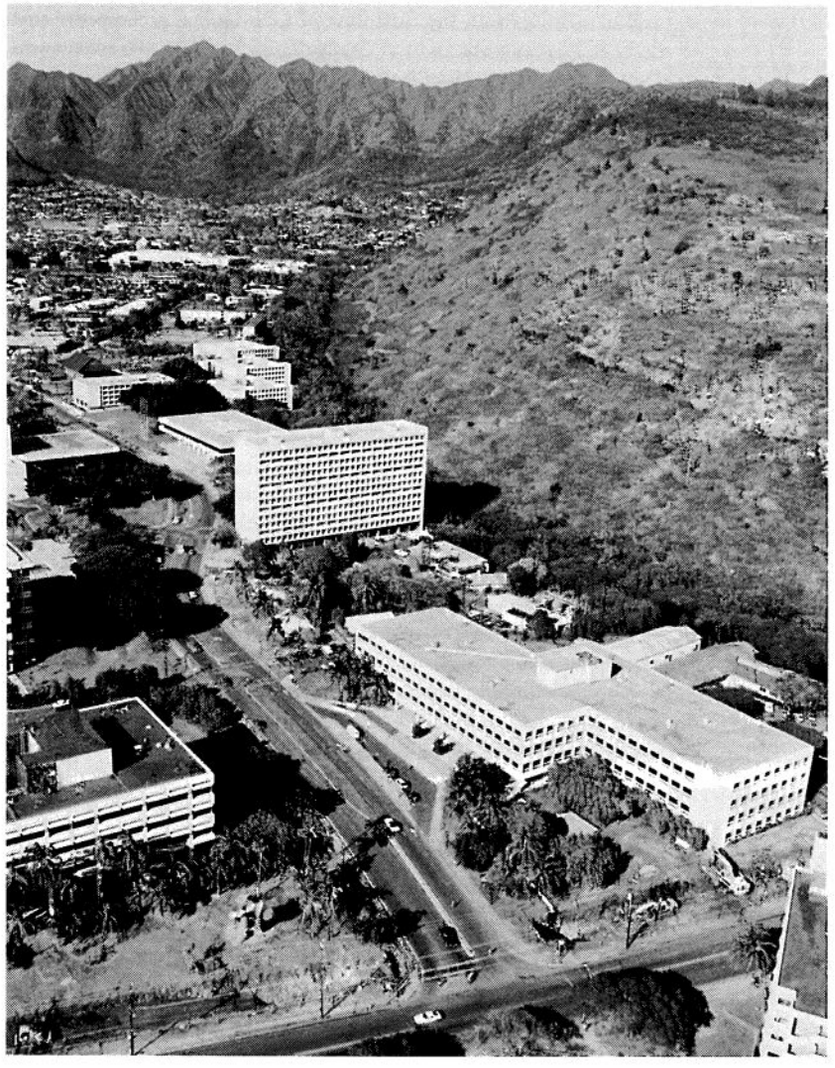
Report on the findings of a study conducted by the East-West Center's Program on Environment and the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies of the Vietnam National University, Hanoi, under contract to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. Collaborating in the field research phase were several researchers from member institutions of the Southeast Asian Universities Agroecosystem Network.



"World Englishes 2000." Edited by Larry E. Smith and Michael Forman. University of Hawaii Press.

Focusing on broadening the understanding of the purposes, functions and potentials (and potential problems) of English across cultures. The book is a selection of papers from the third annual conference of the International Association for World Englishes, held at the East-West Center. Association President Larry E. Smith, director of EWC Education and Training, notes that "there are many more non-native users of English than native users and it is they who are instrumental in its spread. It is estimated that there are 350 million users in the Asia-Pacific region alone."

Education & Training



Oahu's Manoa Valley, with the EWC John Burns Hall and Hale Manoa in the foreground.

Educational opportunities at the East-West Center are designed both for students and for professionals specializing in Asia-Pacific affairs. The Center, in cooperation with the neighboring University of Hawaii, supports undergraduate and graduate study. Other programs provide training for elementary and high school teachers and college and university educators to broaden teaching about Asia and the Pacific.

Education

The East-West Center Education Program offers degree fellows more than the opportunity to study for a university degree in the discipline of their choice. It provides a total environment for cross-cultural leadership training, involvement in the East-West Center community, and local field work in the multicultural setting of Hawaii.

The program's objectives are to prepare students to be agents of change, to develop and enhance their capabilities for leadership in cultural exchange, and to increase their knowledge of the dynamic relations and interdependencies of the Asia-Pacific region.

Degree fellows are required to work toward the EWC Leadership Certificate by completing special academic coursework, participating in weekly forums and seminars to discuss regional issues and present their academic research, and taking part in community service projects. They also are required to assist with planning and organizing an East-West Center seminar series or symposium and to present at least two scholarly papers at professional conferences. One degree fellow, Jaida N'ha Sandra, also published a book during the year: "The Joy of Conversation: The Complete Guide to Salons."

Degree Fellows. Thirty-six countries were represented among the 211 degree participants on EWC grants in 1996-97. Included were 62 in doctoral programs, 119 working toward master's degrees, and 30 undergraduate students. The Center welcomed its first degree fellows from Cambodia since 1963.

Asian Development Bank Program. This scholarship program, supported by the Asian Development Bank and the government of Japan, had 16 new and continuing students. In addition to participating in EWC activities, these students enroll in the MBA program, the Japan-focused MBA program in economics or the master's program in urban and regional planning at the University of Hawaii.

Student Affiliates. This program gives full-time University of Hawaii students who are not on EWC grants the opportunity to participate in the Center's education program and live in EWC's Hale Manoa residence hall. The affiliates are responsible for their own tuition and room and board expenses. They supplement their education by participating in Center research and cultural activities. Several of the 108 affiliates this year were from countries beyond the Asia-Pacific region, including Brazil, Canada, Germany, Madagascar, Mexico, Romania and Spain.

Pacific Island Students. Twenty-three Pacific island students pursued full-time degree study and an increasing number participated in exchange programs with universities on the U.S. mainland. The special U.S. Congressional appropriation for the Pacific Islands Scholarship Program was renewed with a small increase. Since its inception in 1994, the scholarship program has received $1,796,000 exclusively for Pacific island degree students. Sixteen undergraduate students are currently supported by the EWC Pacific Islands Development Program. One of this year's graduates was successful in her application to the highly competitive Asian Development Bank scholarship program to pursue graduate study. Another graduate was offered the opportunity to participate in a private sector practicum program for young engineers. Several other PIDP students continued their education in New York, Florida, California, Utah and Pennsylvania. Funding made available through the Consulate General of France in San Francisco allowed six students from Tahiti to enroll in summer courses at the University of Hawaii.

Larry E. Smith is director of EWC Education & Training

ASDP field trip to dryland rice farm in Laos.

CTAPS seminar in Boston.

Training

Asian Studies Development Program ASDP is a faculty development program that works to expand teaching about Asia in American colleges and universities. More than 245 colleges in 47 states have sent teams of faculty to ASDP summer institutes, Asian field study programs, and workshops on the U.S. mainland. In addition, ASDP has an on-line, full text Internet/World Wide Web data base of Asian studies material, including course syllabi, bibliographies and other instructional documents in virtually all fields of the humanities, social sciences and business at http.//lama.kcc.hawaii.edu/asdp/

Fourteen colleges and universities across the country have taken on the responsibilities of serving as ASDP regional resource centers that work with neighboring higher education institutions to expand Asian studies.

In the first year of a major grant by the Freeman Foundation, ASDP conducted a field study program in China for 16 educators; a workshop on Japan's culture, hosted by Middlesex Community College in Lowell, Massachusetts, and a workshop on China, hosted by Piedmont Virginia Community College. Nine more Freeman-funded workshops are planned in Georgia, Florida, Washington, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Illinois.

ASDP convened the organizational workshop for the "Pacific Studies Initiative: Teaching the New Pacific," a joint project by the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii. Funding is from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project is designed to promote and improve teaching about Pacific islands cultures in American colleges and universities. ASDP also conducted its sixth regional workshop funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, on "China: Traditions in Transformation," hosted by the University of Texas at El Paso.

Established in 1991, ASDP is a joint program of the East-West Center (co-director Elizabeth Buck) and the University of Hawaii (co-director Roger T. Ames), two institutions that together constitute the largest national resource for Asian studies in the United States. In addition to EWC funding and UH resources, Freeman and NEH, ASDP has received support from the Fulbright-Hayes Group Travel Abroad Program, the Japan Foundation (through Morgan State University), and the Henry Luce Foundation. The program collaborates with several national education associations and calls on the services of outstanding Asian scholars in organizing institutes and workshops.

Consortium for Teaching Asia and the Pacific in the Schools. The focus of CTAPS is on developing teaching and leadership skills to infuse more Asian and Pacific content into kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms in the United States. CTAPS, a cooperative project between the EWC and the Hawaii State Department of Education, was initiated in 1988. It has received national recognition as a model program for educational planning and development.

In Hawaii, CTAPS has trained 7,500 educators from 155 schools and has reached more than 73,000 students. In addition to the central resource library at the Center, more than 20 leadership teams across the state have established an Asia-Pacific resource collection in their complex/school site. Currently, 13 teams throughout the state of Hawaii participate in leadership team workshops for follow-up training. To date, 156 educators have participated in CTAPS travel study programs to China, Indonesia, Japan, Vietnam, Laos and the South Pacific. Each program includes intensive pre-trip orientation sessions and post-trip development of curriculum lesson plans.

The program's development strategy calls for disseminating relevant aspects of the model program developed in Hawaii to school systems on the U.S. mainland. A total of 317 educators from Hawaii, 18 U.S. mainland states,

and several Asian and Pacific countries have attended the annual CTAPS Summer Institute. In addition to other funding sources, CTAPS received a major grant from the Freeman Foundation for Southeast Asia field study programs and U.S. mainland workshops.

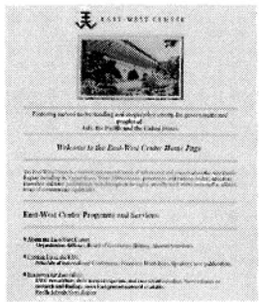
Sixteen educators participated in Southeast Asia Travel Seminar to Thailand, Vietnam and Laos, following an intensive pre-trip seminar at the East-West Center. The academic leader was Gerald Fry, director of the International Studies Department at the University of Oregon. The lessons prepared as a result of the experience will be made available to other educators in the CTAPS network. CTAPS also conducted workshops for K-12 educators in St. Louis and Boston on the cultures of East and Southeast Asia.

Elizabeth Buck is the coordinator of CTAPS and ASDP

Outreach

Congressman Doug Bereuter (R-Nebraska), chair of the International Relations Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, attends a briefing at the East-West Center. At right is EWC president Kenji Sumida.

The Center conveys analysis of major issues, results of research, and cultural awareness to a wide range of audiences in government, business, education and the news media through publications, briefings, conferences, workshops, visual and performing arts, and other dissemination activities.



EWC on the Internet

Pacific Islands Report, a news digest updated daily, debuted in 1997 on the Internet. The site was developed in the Center's Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) by Al Hulsen, president and general manager emeritus of Hawaii Public Radio, who joined PIDP as a visiting fellow. Assisting PIDP with the project are the University of Hawaii Center for Pacific Islands Studies, on-the-job journalism trainees from the Pacific islands, and EWC/UH student interns. The site averages a dozen new news stories each day, Monday through Friday, and includes links to previous reports, other news sources, and additional sites related to the Pacific islands.
PACIFIC ISLANDS REPORT is at http://pidp.ewc.hawaii.edu/PIReport/

The East-West Center's home page attracted widespread use during the year. The site has information on EWC organization, officers, Board of Governors, history, annual report, research programs, education and training opportunities, alumni, publications, the EWC conference center and visitor housing, and Research Information Services. Also included is a monthly "Coming Up" page on conferences and new publications, capsules of EWC staff and their areas of expertise, and editions of the EWC Observer and alumni newsletters.
The EWC HOME PAGE is at http://www.ewc.hawaii.edu

EWC in The News

New York Times

"Most of the governments in Southeast Asia claim the right to rule on the basis of delivering the economic goods," noted Muthiah Alagappa, a Malaysia scholar of politics at the East-West Center in Honolulu. "So one of the sharpest repercussions of all this is going to be the questioning of governments that are no longer able to deliver the goods"
—Article: "Asia's Economy May Bring Upheavals"

Wall Street Journal

"All the U.S. oil companies are looking at power generation now. They're looking at South America and Asia, but Asia's where the money is."
—Ronald Hagen in "Exxon Seeks Power Projects in Mainland China"

"Contemporary scientists are increasingly rejecting the concept of 'natural disasters.' Most events so labeled can be shown, upon closer study, to be 'man-made disasters' caused by social, economic and political policies. Indonesia is a textbook case."
—Op-ed piece by Kirk R. Smith and Michael Dove, "Leaders in a Haze"

"'There's a level of comfort with the South Koreans that China doesn't have with the North,' says Charles Morrison, a fellow at the East-West Center in Hawaii. 'China doesn't want the North to collapse — it doesn't want the South's democratic system all the way up to the Yalu River — but the two countries have more and more in common.'"
—Article: "North Korean's Defection Forces Beijing to Choose Between Investors, Old Ally"

Washington Post

"The economic or political support Burma gets from other Southeast Asian countries and from China has 'effectively annulled the West's attempt to induce domestic political change through international pressure,' said Muthiah Alagappa, a Malaysian political scientist and senior fellow at the East-West Center."
—Article: Burma Road of WWII Fame Brings Arms From China"

Chicago Tribune

"'Indonesia is the core and anchor of Southeast Asia, a region of more than 500 million people that collectively would be the 10th largest economy in the world,' says Richard Baker, senior fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu."
—Article: "Disco Dancing Around Democracy in Indonesia"

Long Beach Press Telegram

"'Ironically,' notes Charles Morrison, an Asian trade expert at the East-West Center in Honolulu, 'most people who follow China closely feel it is more open today than it was in 1989.'"
—Article: "Tiananmen Haunts China as Nation Expands Trade"

Christian Science Monitor

"'The Dalai Lama has succeeded in uniting Tibetans behind his calls for a peaceful dialogue on Tibet's future, but no similar figure has emerged in Xinjiang,' says Dru Gladney, a senior researcher at the East-West Center in Honolulu."
—Article: "How China Sees its Ethnic Separatists Differently"

Washington Times

"Northeast Asian and North Americans tend to be more concerned about the future of the regional security environment, and to stress dangers and uncertainties. Southeast Asian and Australians and New Zealanders are more optimistic about the values and benefits of constructive engagement, and believe that the region will work out its problems."
—"ASEAN Analysts See Internal, External Threats Fading" by Charles Morrison

Asian Communications

"The time is coming for the ITU to prevent trafficking in orbit and satellite wars by putting in place an international regime to meet the requirements of Asian countries, because this very valuable and scarce natural resource should be conserved and optimally distributed. Of the forthcoming low and medium earth orbit, global mobile satellite systems, Iridium has secured investments from Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia in Southeast Asia. Such new technologies enable the Asian countries to enter the 21st century without having been in the 20th."
—Article by Meheroo Jussawalla

International Herald Tribune

"Charles Morrison, a specialist on Asia at the East-West Center in Hawaii, said that while U.S. policies toward the region should reflect American national interests, they must also be consistent with Asian trends and realities. 'Too often we have taken a position, pushed a cause, or tried to establish a linkage, for example, between human rights and trade treatment, because of its political appeal at home, irrespective of its chance for success or even consistency with widely established international practice,' he said."
—Article: "Clinton's Stance on Rights Challenges Ties With Asia"

"'The timing is not all that ideal for the region to be experiencing a product surplus, given the economic slowdown we've seen,' said Sara Banaszak, an analyst with the East-West Center, based in Honolulu."
—Article: "Currency Woes Slow Asia Oil Refineries"

"'Today, Japan is one of the world's most heavily forested countries, the result of massive reforestation efforts and very strict enforcement of conservation laws,' noted A. Terry Rambo, a senior fellow in the environment program at the East-West Center in Hawaii. 'At the same time, however, rain forests in Southeast Asia are felled to meet the huge demand of the Japanese market for wood.'"
—Article: "Asia Chokes on Growing Pollution"

Island Business

"Convergence is about multimedia, which blends together multiple streams of information in a single presentation on a single device. It is estimated that the revenues from multimedia services in the Pacific Rim will increase from $9.8 billion in 1996 to $22.7 billion in the year 2000."
—"Preparing for Convergence" by Meheroo Jussawalla, EWC Senior Fellow Emerita

Bangkok Post

"The possibility of a strong Sino-Russian strategic and military relationship has begun to ring alarm bells in Japan and the United States. Few analysts, however, have gone beyond mere alarm to consider the strategic implications of Sino-Russian accommodation for distant regions like Southeast Asia."
—"Sino-Russian ties and Southeast Asian Security" by Mark J. Valencia

Honolulu Star Bulletin

"'My guess is that the Chinese will do their best to keep the economic momentum going because Hong Kong is vital to their economy. But my worry is that they will suppress dissent, and that could doom Hong Kong. Hong Kong's only resource is its people,' Karnow said."
—Article on the January 6 address at the East-West Center by journalist Stanley Karnow

Los Angeles Times

"Charles Johnson, an energy analyst at the East-West Center in Honolulu, said China must assume most of the cleanup burden itself, because 'there's probably not enough aid in the world to make a major impact.'"
—Article: "China Tries to Control Worsening Air Pollution" -Associated Press

Asahi Evening News (Tokyo)

"The hope is that China, appreciating the benefits of international recognition and cooperation, will view it in its own interests to behave in a benign and responsible manner."
—"Southeast Asia's Challenge in Getting on with China" by Muthiah Alagappa

Pacific Business News

"Geography alone is not going to put Hawaii on the world map as a place blessed with a unique insight into the Asia-Pacific region. To gain that reputation, we need businesses and institutions that have built some credibility in this arena. Our business ventures in the region are growing, but that does not negate the contribution to Hawaii's potential for prominence in the Pacific made by a prestigious institution like the East-West Center. In fact, the Center must be preserved because there is nothing 'like' it."
—Editorial, 1/6/97

Far Eastern Economic Review

"This year is much more a test for APEC," adds Charles Morrison, who follows the organization from Hawaii's East-West Centre. "The question is: Can this institution be relevant given what the region is going through?"
—Article: "APEC: Which Way Ahead?"

Viet Nam News

"'Our foundation came to know about Viet Nam's biodiversity works through American scientists at the East-West Centre of Hawaii. We decided to help Viet Nam because its biodiversity is among the world's richest specimen,' said Dan M. Martin, director of the World Environment and Resources Program."
—Article on support by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Honolulu Advertiser

"The No. 1 problem in world trade today is bribery and corruption, and the No. 1 problem in America is its deteriorating public education system."
—Mickey Kantor in coverage of his speech at the Global Partners Forum at the EWC.

"Being accepted as an Asia-Pacific country involves more than having an economic or military presence in the region. It requires us to have the mentality of an Asia-Pacific country. This means accommodating ourselves to a style that often requires more listening than speaking and more compromising than demanding."
—"America Doesn't Yet See Importance of Engagement in Asia" by George R. Ariyoshi, Chair, EWC Board of Governors

Japan Times

"The East-West Center has the only nationwide programs of their kind to introduce and expand teaching about Asia and the Pacific in U.S. elementary schools as well as colleges and universities. Currently colleges and universities in 45 states are participating in this effort to redress traditional Eurocentrism."
—Columnist Edward Neilan

"The government has decided to set up an international education and research institution in Okinawa modeled on the Hawaii-based East-West Center as part of its program to develop the island prefecture."
—Article: Okinawa to Get Center"

Reuters

"'The center of gravity of energy demand has now shifted from Asia to the United States,' Fereidun Fesharaki, director of energy and minerals at the Hawaii-based East-West Centre, told Reuters. 'In the U.S., oil demand and gas demand are bigger than anywhere else in terms of growth. This year, the U.S.'s oil demand is growing faster than China's oil demand.'"
—Article: "Southeast Asia Woes Cut Crude Oil Demand - Analyst"

"'Xinjiang already has more than enough oil which China is trying to transport to the east,' said energy analyst Kang Wu of the East-West Center. 'The pipeline project is a little remote at the moment. It could take a long time to realize.'"
—Article: "China Takes Major Step on to World Oil Stage"

"'This project has gone forward against a great deal of skepticism, but North Korea could still face very serious problems in terms of distribution once the plants are completed,' said Ron Hagen, nuclear energy analyst at the Honolulu-based East-West Center."
—Article: "New Reactors Spotlight Aging North Korea Power Grid"

Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal

"Of the issues of concern about the hand-over, said Charles Morrison, director of the APEC Study Center at the East-West Center in Honolulu, wondering if China will build up Shanghai at the expense of Hong Kong is not one of them. 'It is in the interest of China to let Hong Kong flourish,' Morrison said. 'If it is killed, it will hurt China as much as anyone.'"
—Article: "Many Anticipate Access to Chinese Mainland: Hand-Over Could Be Ohio Boost"

Singapore Business Times

"By encouraging investments and energy trade, a Northeast Asia Energy Treaty would improve energy supply and security in world markets. But it would also yield major environmental benefits by promoting the transfer of technologies and knowhow in the energy efficiency and energy-environment fields."
—Op-ed piece by Mark J. Valencia, "An Energy Treaty for N.E. Asia?"

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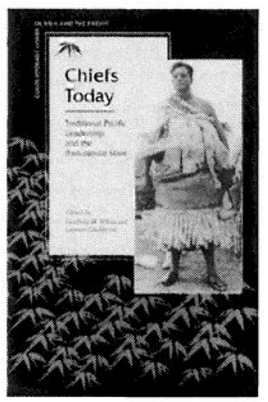


Publications

"AsiaPacific Issues" Series
Described by a correspondent with Agence France-Presse as "exceptionally well researched and uniquely unbiased sources of information," the AsiaPacific Issues series addressed these topics:

The Fallacy of Global Sustainable Development, by A. Terry Rambo
Recognition of the international failure to halt degradation of the global environment requires: acknowledgment that we have neither the knowledge nor the political will to prevent many of the threats we face; less reliance on international treaties and greater focus on localized and non-governmental action; and development of our capacities to adapt to environmental changes that may, in fact, be inevitable.

China and Central Asia's Volatile Mix: Energy, Trade, and Ethnic Relations, by James P. Dorian, Brett H. Wigdortz, and Dru C. Gladney
Separatist violence is one product of a surge of investment in Western China and Central Asia, where oil, gas, and coal reserves are attracting international interest. But new connections between Muslims on both sides of the border, and tensions between Chinese Muslims and ethnic Chinese, threaten the region's promising energy and economic development.

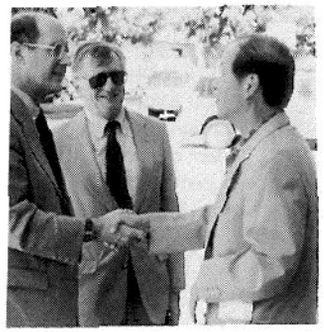
A New Era for Japan and the Pacific Islands: The Tokyo Summit, by Gerard A. Finin and Terence Wesley-Smith
At a time when many traditional Pacific powers are reducing their presence in the region, Japan called its first-ever summit with Pacific nations. Some saw the move as a signal of a more assertive leadership role; others as an effort to assure access to the nation's vast marine resources. The Pacific Islands welcomes both the opportunity and dialogue and the chance to articulate their agenda for the future.

Will Population Change Sustain the Asian Economic Miracle? By Andrew Mason
Though Asia's "miracle economies" have hit hard times, a new analysis of their earlier growth shows that favorable fundamentals will persist for another two decades or so. Changing demographics will support higher earnings, expansion of educational systems, and high rates of savings and investment.

Hazardous Waste: Toxic to Asia's Health, by David Nelson
Hazardous waste threatens millions of people in Asia, where sometimes reckless development, high population density and an often tropical climate put the region especially at risk for contamination.

"Contemporary Issues in Asia and the Pacific" Series
In this book series published by Stanford University Press and supported by the East-West Center, 1997 saw publication of *Chiefs Today: Traditional Pacific Leadership in the Postcolonial State*, edited by Geoffrey M. White and Lamont Lindstrom.
The first volume in the series, *Political Legitimacy in Southeast Asia: The Search for Moral Authority*, edited by Muthiah Alagappa, has been adopted as a textbook in major Asian and American universities. It has been described as "an important contribution to reflection on legitimacy and democratization as well as the study of Southeast Asian politics" (*Journal of Democracy*) and has been recommended "not only for its focus on political legitimacy but also as an excellent introduction to Southeast Asian contemporary history and politics." (*The Journal of Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*).
The next title, due out in late 1998, is *Making Majorities: Constituting the Nation in Japan, China, Korea, Malaysia, Fiji, Turkey, and the United States*, edited by Dru C. Gladney. Another manuscript has been accepted, and the Center's editorial board continues to review submissions and forward them to Stanford for review and publication.

Elisa W. Johnston is the EWC Managing Editor



Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, Ambassador Richard Teare, Political Advisor to CINCPAC, and Dr. Lee-Jay Cho, EWC vice president.

Briefings

East-West Center Briefings

The East-West Center provides analysis of Asia-Pacific issues to government officials, diplomats, journalists, corporate executives, military officers and the general public through briefings, seminars and special programs. In 1996-97, East-West Center researchers and staff met with or conducted briefings for more than 145 official visitors, many of whom were en route to their posts in the region or on fact-finding missions. This number is up from 75 officials the previous year.

Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott and a delegation of officials from USAID, Department of Defense, and the National Security Council attended a comprehensive briefing before traveling to the region. Congressman Doug Bereuter (R-Nebraska), chairman of the House International Relations Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, attended a working luncheon with Center researchers and staff discussing the region and recent developments.

AsiaPacific Breakfast Briefings

Sponsored by the Bank of Hawaii, the AsiaPacific Breakfast Briefings are attended by EWC Foundation members and prominent members of the Hawaii community. Last year's Breakfast Briefings included: "The Lotus Unfolds: Telecommunications Market Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific Region" by Meheroo Jussawalla, "Thinking Strategically about Asia: Investment, Energy and Environment" by Charles Johnson, "Northeastern Asia: Asia's Last Economic Frontier" by Stanley Katz, "Misunderstanding China" by Ambassador Richard Walker, "Political Developments in Southeast Asia and Their Economic Implications" by Muthiah Alagappa, "The Pacific Islands: Our Closest Neighbors and Their Importance to Hawaii" by Al Hulsen, and "Trends in Power Investment and Market Structure in APEC Economies" by Ronald Hagen.

Performance in China.

The Arts

Twenty-three public concerts and numerous workshops and master classes were presented during three weeks in China by a 16-member ensemble of Hawaiian dance artists and musicians in the Hawaii-China Performing Arts Exchange project, coordinated by the EWC Arts Program. Audiences included Chinese artists, students, faculty and government officials. The ensemble also attracted extensive coverage on China Television. Because of the program's success, the principal Chinese sponsoring institute, the Beiputuo Film and Television Base, is working with the EWC to plan a reciprocal tour to Hawaii and the U.S. mainland by a 24-member ensemble from Beijing.

In Hawaii, the Arts Program sponsored a variety of public concerts, including Filipino dance performed by the "Pearl of the Orient" company, Japanese Kabuki theater performance and lecture-demonstration, Chinese music of the 7-string Qin, Vietnamese and Indonesian music and dance, and "Middle Passage," a program telling the history of African Americans through music, dance and poetry.

Exhibitions in the EWC gallery, combined with seminars, demonstrations and school visits, included Melanesian art, raku ceramics, archival photos from the Mekong River Basin, an exhibition of 20 contemporary Hawaiian artists, Philippine-American contemporary artists, and a Japan Foundation traveling exhibition of Japanese kites and tops.

William Feltz is the EWC Arts Program coordinator.

Asian developer Gordon Wu speaking at the Hong Kong conference. (Hongkong Standard photo)

Media Program

The cornerstone of the Media Program is the annual, eight-week Jefferson Fellowships, in which nearly 300 journalists from Asia, the Pacific and the United States have participated since it was established in 1967. A conference in Hong Kong marked the 30th anniversary of the Jefferson program, bringing together some 50 journalists and other guests from the region for discussions about Greater China, the future of the news media in Hong Kong and the business outlook for the former British colony. Conference panelists included Asian and American journalists and scholars from the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Sponsors, in addition to the EWC, were the Better Hong Kong Foundation, the Hongkong Standard, and Radio Television Hong Kong.

The 1997 Jefferson fellows were from the Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), BusinessWorld (Philippines), Ryukyu Shimpo (Japan), People's Daily (China), The Friday Times (Pakistan), Idaho Statesman, CNN in New York, Sacramento Bee in California, WMHT Public television in Albany, New York, The Washington Post and The Chicago Tribune.

The Media Program also conducted the third annual U.S.-Korea Journalists Forum, at which journalists and economic and business experts discussed the economic relationship between the two countries. Gennadi Gerasimov, chief international spokesman for Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev during the glasnost period, joined the Media Program as a visiting fellow for eight months to conduct research, write, lecture and work with visiting journalists.

Webster K. Nolan is the director of the Media Program

New Generation Seminar

A bank officer from Maryland, a union official from the Philippines, a legislative assembly member from Malaysia, and an international relations researcher from China were among 17 participants in the 7th "New Generation Seminar" at the East-West Center. "The seminar is a special program of education and dialogue that seeks to build 'Asia-Pacific awareness' among the rising generation of leaders from Asia, the Pacific and the United States," according to Charles Morrison, seminar coordinator. After a broad introduction to the region and policy issues at the EWC, the group visited Hong Kong and Shenzhen and Guangshou, China, organized in cooperation with the Vision 2047 Foundation of Hong Kong and the Better Hong Kong Foundation. The field work related to the theme of "One Country, Two Systems," the transition of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty, and the economic dynamism of Southern China. The seminar is funded by the Freeman Foundation. The participants were from Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, United States, and Vietnam.

Asian culture teaching aids.

Summer Programs

A total of 28 countries and 31 U.S. mainland states were represented by participants in summer programs of the East-West Center:

- EWC Program on Population's 28th summer seminar, for population and public health specialists from throughout the region. Topics included issues of AIDS prevention and care, utilization of census results, health care financing and insurance systems, and communicating population and health research to policy makers.
- Institute on Southeast Asian cultures for two- and four-year college faculty who teach introductory courses in the humanities and social sciences. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP).
- ASDP Institute funded by the Korea Foundation to expand Korean studies in the United States. Participants —U.S. college faculty who teach Asian studies and world civilization courses— spent two weeks in Hawaii on Korean history, culture and social issues, followed by two weeks of field study in Korea.
- Field study tour to China for college and university faculty, providing participants the opportunity to experience Chinese culture and society, for use in infusing Asian studies into their curricula. They visited cultural and historical sites, attended lectures by professors at Peking University, and visited cities along China's "Silk Road." Sponsored by the ASDP.
- Internationalization Forum: Participants discussed management of organization change in a variety of cultural and cross-cultural settings within government agencies, business and industry, education and training, against the backdrop of rapid advances in technology, the globalization of communication, and a growing emphasis on human resource management.
- "Pacific Islands In The Classroom" — A three-week course to introduce seventh-grade teachers to the diversity of the Pacific region and the role that geography and history have played in shaping the contemporary Pacific. Sponsors were the University of Hawaii Center for Pacific Islands Studies, U.H. College of Education, Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, and the EWC.
- Joint U.S.-Russia secondary school curriculum development and teacher training program. The objective was to bring together high school teachers from Russia and Hawaii to develop a curriculum that will foster the values, skills and practices of democratic citizenship. Funded by the U.S. Information Agency. Sponsored by EWC Education & Training (Asian Studies Development Program) and the University of Hawaii Social Science Research Institute's Center for Democracy.
- Japan Field Study Tour for college and university faculty, sponsored by Kapiolani Community College and ASDP. Included was study of cultural connections between Japan and the United States.
- The annual summer institute of the Consortium for Teaching Asia and the Pacific in the Schools (CTAPS), a joint project of the East-West Center and the Hawaii State Department of Education, for educators in kindergarten through 12th grade schools.
- National Endowment for the Humanities seminar on "The Politics of Representation in the Pacific Islands" and issues of new forms of nationalism, migration, tourism and environmental policies.

Supporting the Center

The EWC's Japanese garden.

At "An International Affair."

East-West Center Foundation

The East-West Center Foundation was established in 1982 to expand and enhance support for the work of the East-West Center from individuals, corporations and foundations. Private resources make possible educational and research projects and new initiatives not covered by the Center's core funding from Congress. This past year the Foundation received $103,040 in gifts and grants.

The annual direct mail membership campaign provides unrestricted support to a wide range of Center programs and projects. Unrestricted gifts support Center research, expand outreach, and improve the quality of East-West Center students' lives.

Unrestricted funds provide the flexibility to initiate new projects as opportunities arise. Last year, donors in Hawaii and around the world contributed $87,623 in unrestricted support through the East-West Center Foundation's annual membership campaign. Members of the East-West Center Foundation received timely and pertinent analyses, reports, and publications as well as invitations to special events, lectures and briefings.

A fundraising event, "An International Affair," sponsored by the East-West Center Board of Governors, drew almost 300 people from the Hawaii community and raised $3,110.

Friends of the East-West Center

The Friends of the East-West Center was established as a nonprofit support organization in 1962. Its membership comprises several hundred prominent members of the Hawaii community. The Friends members provide volunteer support which includes sponsoring a host family program for Center students; providing ticket refunds to students who attend cultural events in the community; administering the Mary Morgan Hewett Journalism Endowment funds and awards; maintaining reading materials such as country newspapers of Asia and the Pacific for participants; and sponsoring monthly public lectures featuring distinguished speakers. The Friends continue to coordinate the International Visitor Program as members of the National Council for International Visitors.

Left to right: Anton Hilman (EWCA Chair); Amy Agbayani (EWCA President); William Melton (1997 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient); Kenji Sumida (President, EWC); Arvinder Brara (Chair, EWCA International Conference); Emily Marohombsar (1997 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient); R. Santoso Donosepoetro (1997 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient); Gale Awaya, EWC Alumni Officer.

East-West Center Association

Three alumni were presented the EWC Distinguished Alumni Award at the East-West Center Association's (EWCA) international conference in New Delhi. Honored for their professional accomplishments and contributions toward the EWC's goal in promoting East-West relations were Emily Marohombsar, president of Mindanao State University in the Philippines and an eminent educator, administrator and civic leader; William Melton, founder of Real-Share and Verifone, a director of America Online, and creator of the Melton Foundation; and R. Santoso Donosepoetro, managing director, P.T. Induco Matra in Indonesia and president/director of P.T. Komasindo and the Bina Asia Pacific Foundation.

"The Emerging Role of Asia and the Pacific in the Changing Global Scenario" was the theme of the conference, hosted by the EWC Alumni Association of India, headed by Arvinder Brara. Serving as patron was Ratan Tata, a member of the EWC Board of Governors. One hundred alumni and associates participated in the conference which featured paper and panel presentations on regional issues.

The U.S. alumni continued to play a vital role in communicating with the U.S. Congress on the uniqueness of the Center and its key role in strengthening relations between and among the United States and the countries of Asia and the Pacific. To enhance communications between the Center and its alumni, the Associates Office designed an Internet web page for alumni and published two newsletters.

The East-West Center Association was established in 1977 to represent the alumni and to support the Center's work in promoting better relations and understanding. The organization now has 32 chapters throughout the world. More than 44,000 men and women from Asia, the Pacific and the United States have participated in East-West Center programs.

Gale Awaya is the EWC Alumni Officer

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East-West Center Participant Awards by Country

Year Ended September 30, 1997

	Visiting Fellows	Professional Associates EWC	Professional Associates Field	Research Interns	Degree Fellows Doctoral	Degree Fellows Master's	Degree Fellows Bachelor's	Student Affiliates Doctoral	Student Affiliates Master's	Student Affiliates Bachelor's	Non-Degree Students	Total
Southeast Asia												
Brunei			1									1
Cambodia	1	1		1		3					3	9
Indonesia	9	11	2	3	1	4		1	1			32
Malaysia	2	3	3		1	1			1			11
Philippines	1	24	1	1	3	5		8				43
Singapore		1	3									4
Thailand	2	5	6	3	1	6		3	1			27
Vietnam		2	3		1	2			1		1	10
Subtotal	15	47	19	8	7	21		12	4		4	137
East Asia												
China												
Mainland	5	22	14	4	1	11	2	1	2	1	16	79
Taiwan		3	3	2	1	3		4	2	1		19
Hong Kong			2	2	2			1				7
Japan	13	33	2	2	4	2		3	8			67
Korea, Dem Rep			7									7
Korea, Republic of	31	82	6	7	1	3		2	4		48	184
Mongolia		1	3			2						6
Russia		6	5		1			1				13
Subtotal	49	147	42	17	10	21	2	12	16	2	64	382
South Asia												
Bangladesh		3	1			1		2				7
Bhutan						1						1
India	8	5	23			6		2				44
Iran	1											1
Nepal	1	4	1		3	3		1				13
Pakistan		4	3			3		1				11
Sri Lanka		1			1	1						3
Subtotal	10	17	28		4	15		6				80

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East-West Center Participant Awards by Country

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	Visiting Fellows	Professional Associates EWC	Professional Associates Field	Research Interns	Degree Fellows Doctoral	Degree Fellows Master's	Degree Fellows Bachelor's	Student Affiliates Doctoral	Student Affiliates Master's	Student Affiliates Bachelor's	Non-Degree Students	Total
Pacific Region												
American Samoa	2	1										3
Australia	2	11	3			1						17
Cook Islands			1			1						2
Fed St of Micronesia			1				1					2
Fiji		1	3		1		5					10
French Polynesia											5	5
Guam		2			1	1			1			5
Kiribati							2					2
New Caledonia			1								1	2
New Zealand	1	2	1	1		1						6
Palau		3				1						4
Papua New Guinea		2	2				2					6
Solomon Islands				1			1					2
Tonga	1			2	2		3			1		9
Tuvalu					1		3					4
Vanuatu							4				1	5
Western Samoa			1		1		4	1				7
Subtotal	6	22	13	4	6	5	25	1	1	1	7	91
United States	52	259	76	11	19	31		15	29	1	1	494
Other	8	9	3	1				5	3			29
Total	140	501	181	41	46	93	27	51	53	4	76	1,213

East-West Center Financial Review

Consolidated Balance Sheet

September 30, 1997

ASSETS	
Current Funds	
General Operating Funds	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,051,410
Due from United States Information Agency	1,275,000
Accounts receivable	148,842
Investments	7,058,459
Inventories	6,267
Prepaid expenses	153,491
Total General Operating Funds	9,693,469
Restricted Operating Funds	
Cash and cash equivalents	883,700
Due from general operating fund	1,995,062
Due from sponsors	6,382,173
Investments	559,995
Prepaid expenses	19,367
Total Restricted Operating Funds	9,840,297
Total Current Funds	19,533,766
Endowment Funds	
Investments	473,367
Total Endowment Funds	473,367
Plant Funds	
Furniture and equipment	8,069,287
Building improvements	10,717,930
	18,787,217
Less accumulated depreciation	10,599,967
Total Plant Funds	8,187,250
TOTAL	$ 28,194,383
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Current Funds	
General Operating Funds	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 309,383
Accrued vacation	1,084,000
Due to restricted operating fund	1,995,062
Other deposits	2,297
	3,390,742
Fund balance	
Reserve for future revenue shortfalls	4,420,338
Housing revenue reserve	1,511,140
Reserve for encumbrances	371,249
	6,302,727
Total General Operating Funds	9,693,469
Restricted Operating Funds	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	200,223
Accrued vacation	40,303
Fund balance	9,599,771
Total Restricted Operating Funds	9,840,297
Total Current Funds	19,533,766
Endowment Funds	
Fund balance	473,367
Total Endowment Funds	473,367
Plant Funds	
Net investment in plant	8,187,250
Total Plant Funds	8,187,250
TOTAL	$ 28,194,383

Consolidated Statement of Current Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Other Changes

Year Ended September 30, 1997

	Current Funds		
	General Operating	Restricted Operating	Total
Revenues			
Federal grant	$ 10,000,000	$ 2,910,626	$ 12,910,626
Gifts			
General	439,412	40,185	479,597
Cost sharing - cash	909,015	—	909,015
Cost sharing - donated services	—	—	—
Contracts and grants - Other	—	4,854,363	4,854,363
Auxiliary enterprises	1,671,705	—	1,671,705
Other	1,521,027	14,341	1,535,368
Total current revenues	14,541,159	7,819,515	22,360,674
Expenditures			
Education, research and training programs			
Program on Environment	729,499	1,105,453	1,834,952
Program on Population	1,203,948	1,893,734	3,097,682
Regional Economics and Politics	1,806,524	2,198,620	4,005,144
Pacific Islands Development Program	119,574	673,553	793,127
Education and Training Program	2,952,060	1,873,815	4,825,875
Auxiliary Enterprises	1,823,828	—	1,823,828
Total	8,635,433	7,745,175	16,380,608
Program direction, administration and program support			
Board of Governors	144,484	—	144,484
President	666,469	59,999	726,468
East-West Center Foundation	40,465	14,341	54,806
Office of Administration	2,449,477	—	2,449,477
Plant Operations	793,864	—	793,864
Total	4,094,759	74,340	4,169,099
Total current expenditures	12,730,192	7,819,515	20,549,707
Transfers and other additions (deductions)			
Excess of current restricted revenues over expenditures	—	1,407,073	1,407,073
Refund to grantors	—	(56,453)	(56,453)
Transfers from (to) other funds	(6,610)	2,971	(3,639)
Total transfers and other additions (deductions)	(6,610)	1,353,591	1,346,981
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balances	$ 1,804,357	$ 1,353,591	$ 3,157,948

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Fund Balances

Year Ended September 30, 1997

	Current Funds			
	General Operating	Restricted Operating	Endowment	Plant
Revenues and Other Additions				
Federal contracts and grants	$ 10,000,000	$ 3,815,418	$ —	$ —
Expended for plant facilities charged to current funds expenditures	—	—	—	209,492
Retirement of indebtedness	—	—	—	—
Cost sharing gifts and donated services	909,015	103,040	—	—
Gifts and bequests - unrestricted	439,412	—	—	—
Gifts, grants and contracts - restricted	—	5,993,575	—	48,996
Auxiliary enterprises revenue	1,671,705	—	—	—
Other miscellaneous income	1,521,027	50,754	10,632	—
Total revenues and other additions	14,541,159	9,962,787	10,632	258,488
Expenditures, Transfers and Other Deductions				
Education, research and training programs	8,635,433	7,745,175	—	—
Program direction, administration and program support	4,094,759	74,340	—	—
Depreciation	—	—	—	1,129,490
Equipment disposals	—	—	—	2,195
Indirect costs	—	736,199	—	—
Refund to grantors	—	56,453	—	—
Transfers to (from) other funds	6,610	(2,971)	(3,639)	—
Total expenditures, transfers and other deductions	12,736,802	8,609,196	(3,639)	1,131,685
Net Increase (Decrease) for the Year	1,804,357	1,353,591	14,271	(873,197)
Fund balances at beginning of year	4,498,370	8,246,180	459,096	9,060,447
Fund balances at end of year	$ 6,302,727	$ 9,599,771	$ 473,367	$ 8,187,250

Consolidated Schedule of Current Gifts, Grants, Contracts, and Donated Services Revenues Awarded

Year Ended September 30, 1997

	General Operating Gifts		Restricted Gifts, Grants and Contracts	Total
	General	Cost Sharing		
Public Donors				
Cook Islands	$ —	$ —	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Federated States of Micronesia	—	—	15,000	15,000
Fiji Islands	—	—	10,000	10,000
France	—	—	126,316	126,316
French Polynesia	—	—	25,000	25,000
Japan	12,450	2,500	450,000	464,950
New Caledonia	—	—	24,007	24,007
State of Hawaii	1,350	20,000	208,489	229,839
Thailand	50,000	—	—	50,000
United States (excluding State of Hawaii)	—	36,922	3,815,418	3,852,340
Miscellaneous public donors	23,075	4,058	—	27,133
Total Public Donors	$ 86,875	$ 63,480	$ 4,684,230	$ 4,834,585
Private Donors				
Apogee Research International, Ltd.	$ —	$ —	$ 15,000	$ 15,000
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation	—	—	120,000	120,000
Asian Cultural Council	—	—	10,750	10,750
Asian Development Bank	—	—	421,870	421,870
Beiputuo Film & Television Base	—	10,500	—	10,500
Better Hong Kong Foundation	25,000	—	—	25,000
Center of Excellence in Disaster Management	—	—	50,000	50,000
Central Research Institute of Electric Power	—	50,000	—	50,000
Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation	—	—	25,000	25,000
East-West Center Foundation	87,623	—	153,794	241,417
Environment Agency - Japan	—	—	151,587	151,587
Ford Foundation	—	—	656,700	656,700
Freeman Foundation	—	—	595,000	595,000
Harvard Institute for International Development	—	—	16,070	16,070
Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.	—	—	75,000	75,000
International Union Scientific Study of Population	5,950	1,466	—	7,416
Japan Center for International Exchange	8,000	—	—	8,000
Japan Environment Association	—	—	43,103	43,103
Japan Foundation	—	—	180,383	180,383
John D. and Catherine T. McArthur Foundation	—	—	472,500	472,500
Kamehameha Schools/Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate	—	—	28,684	28,684
Keidnaren Nature Conservation Fund	—	—	26,008	26,008
Korea Development Institute	—	19,362	180,000	199,362
Korea Electric Power Corporation	—	50,000	390,000	440,000
Korea Foundation	—	—	50,000	50,000
Korea Labor Institute	—	—	150,000	150,000
Korea Research Foundation	—	—	90,000	90,000
Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements	—	—	120,006	120,006
Korea Telecom America, Inc.	—	—	600,000	600,000
Lincoln National Corporation	—	18,490	—	18,490
Metal Mining Agency of Japan	—	—	86,451	86,451
Nihon University - Japan	770	23,458	—	24,228
Pohang Iron and Steel Company	—	486,000	—	486,000
Rockefeller Brothers Fund	—	—	110,000	110,000
Rockefeller Foundation	—	—	34,994	34,994
United Nations	30,472	13,758	74,696	118,926
United States-Japan Foundation	—	—	40,000	40,000
University of California, Berkeley	—	10,000	—	10,000
University of Hawaii	5,653	12,066	—	17,719
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	—	—	50,000	50,000
World Bank	—	—	47,602	47,602
World Resources Institute	—	1,282	59,987	61,269
Miscellaneous private donors	189,069	149,153	153,372	491,594
Total Private Donors	352,537	845,535	5,278,557	6,476,629
TOTAL	$ 439,412	$ 909,015	$ 9,962,787	$11,311,214

East-West Center Foundation Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 1997

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 842,370
Marketable securities	107,627
Due from East-West Center	95,856
Total current assets	1,045,853
Property and Equipment	
Office furniture and equipment	15,165
Less accumulated depreciation	(14,312)
	853
Other Assets	
Investments	421,907
	$ 1,468,613
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Net Assets (restated)	
Unrestricted	$ 303,587
Temporarily restricted	743,119
Permanently restricted	421,907
	$ 1,468,613

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended September 30, 1997

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	
Cash flows from operating activities	
Change in net assets	$ 182,026
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	445
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(40,268)
Increase in due from East-West Center	(61,555)
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle	(21,449)
Other	(13,887)
Total adjustments	(136,714)
Net cash provided by operating activities (Net increase in cash and cash equivalents)	45,312
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of fiscal year	797,058
Cash and cash equivalents at end of fiscal year	$ 842,370

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 1997

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue				
Gifts	$ 87,623	$ 103,040	$ —	$ 190,663
Interest income	25,354	50,754	—	76,108
Net realized and unrealized gains	—	40,268	—	40,268
Temporarily restricted net assets released from restrictions:				
Satisfaction of usage restrictions	98,941	(98,941)	—	—
Total support and revenue	211,918	95,121	—	307,039
Expenses				
Program services				
Grants and allocations to East-West Center	91,210	—	—	91,210
Total program services	91,210	—	—	91,210
Supporting services				
Management and general	52,294	—	—	52,294
Fundraising	2,958	—	—	2,958
	55,252	—	—	55,252
Total expenses	146,462	—	—	146,462
Increase in net assets before cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle	65,456	95,121	—	160,577
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle	—	21,449	—	21,449
Change in net assets	65,456	116,570	—	182,026
Net Assets at beginning of fiscal year (restated)	238,131	626,549	421,907	1,286,587
Net Assest at end of fiscal year	$ 303,587	$ 743,119	$ 421,907	$ 1,468,613

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