THE EAST-WEST CENTER was established by the United States Congress in 1960 to “promote better relations and understanding between the United States and the nations of Asia and the Pacific region through cooperative study, education, and research.”

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 meeting ground where people with a wide range of perspectives exchange views on topics of regional concern. Since its founding more than 50,000 people have participated in Center programs. Many of these participants occupy key positions in government, business, journalism, and education in the region.

Officially known as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West, the East-West Center is a public, nonprofit institution with an international board of governors. Funding comes from the U.S. government in addition to support provided by private agencies, individuals and corporations, and governments in the region.

Located in Honolulu, three miles from Waikiki and adjacent to the University of Hawai‘i, the Center’s 21-acre campus includes conference facilities, a research and administration office building, and three residential halls.

Asia Pacific Leadership Program fellows in northern Vietnam.
MISSION
The East-West Center contributes to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia Pacific community by serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education, and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia Pacific region and the United States.

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Partnership and Leadership: Keys to Community-Building in the Asia Pacific Region

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In the nearly five decades since the East-West Center's founding, the Asia Pacific region has seen dramatic economic, political and social changes that have transformed its character, global influence, and future challenges. The Asian share of the world's annual production of goods and services has more than doubled, becoming equal to or exceeding the U.S. share, depending upon the type of measure. China alone has become the world's top emitter of carbon dioxide, and Asia's thirst for resources of all kinds has a huge impact on global commodity markets. Contemporary Asia is also a major source of much needed investment capital and the largest single source of new growth in the world economy. Today, no problem — from global warming to ensuring adequate food supplies — can be solved without the participation of both the U.S. and the major economies of Asia.

Because of the region's rapid growth, the East-West Center's efforts to develop common understanding of the resulting impacts and new challenges, and to promote consensus on how to deal with them, are more important than ever.

In his acceptance address, EWC alumnus Rajendra Pachauri, who shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for his leadership of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, stressed the need for cooperation if the world is to meet the long-term challenges posed by global warming. To galvanize such cooperation and action on this and other global challenges, leadership of the kind exhibited by Dr. Pachauri and his colleagues is essential.

A strong focus on cooperation and leadership imbues every program at the Center. From our Hawai'i headquarters and Washington office, we work each year in partnership with more than 650 organizations spanning the region and globe. Our goal is to inform present leaders and to help form and inspire future leaders. We seek to share substantive knowledge while building the cross-cultural communication and teamwork skills necessary for leadership success in the 21st Century.

The scope and depth of the Center's programs are illustrated by this brief overview of our 2007 activities:
The Asian International Justice Initiative, a collaborative program with the U.C. Berkeley War Crimes Studies Center, provided training to prosecution and defense for the international tribunal on Khmer Rouge atrocities in Cambodia. The Justice Initiative also developed videos and other media materials to educate the Cambodian public about the importance of the trials and the nature of the trial process. The Initiative also continued its human rights training for judges in Timor Leste and Indonesia.

The Center’s Pacific Island Conference of Leaders convened its triennial meeting of heads of state and other government leaders for the first time ever in Washington, D.C. In meetings with key U.S. executive and legislative figures, the island leaders learned more about U.S. policies and processes and also shared their own interests and concerns.

Student programs expanded to their highest level in several decades in 2007, engaging nearly 500 students from 53 countries. While the vast majority of East-West Center students come from the United States and the other Asia Pacific countries in our basic footprint, an increasing number of students come from other areas, such as Central Europe, Latin America and Africa, funded from non-appropriated resources.

More than 375 university and college faculty from across the U.S. and several Asian countries participated in the Asian Studies Development Program's workshops and conferences, focused on enhancing the teaching of Asia in the undergraduate curriculum. To further expand the program’s outreach to East and Southeast Asia, a new initiative — Asian Studies in Asia (ASIA) was developed with our partner universities in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore and the Philippines. This project brings Asian and American faculty who are not Asian studies specialists together for learning in residential institutes, field seminars, teaching and research exchanges, and international conferences.

Policymakers are involved in EWC programs, workshops, and seminars in Hawai‘i, Washington, and the region and receive the Center’s policy oriented publications, including East-West Wire, Asia Pacific Briefs and the Policy Studies series. Under development is an innovative interactive website for policymakers called Asia Matters for America, designed to help Americans and Asians understand their mutual importance and impact on each other.

Seven media dialogue and exchange programs helped more than 100 journalists from the U.S. and across the region increase their understanding of each other’s societies and regional challenges. These programs included the flagship Jefferson Fellowships, which celebrated their 40th year in 2007; the Senior Journalists Seminar, which creates dialogue among journalists from predominantly Muslim Asian countries and the U.S.; and a new program, the Northeast Asia Journalists Dialogue, which brought together journalists from Japan, Korea and the United States.

The East-West Center’s mission of contributing to a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia Pacific Community has never been more relevant. As we approach the Center’s watershed 50th birthday, our leadership, staff, partners, friends, and far-reaching network of 55,000 alumni are taking measure of our impact and rededicating ourselves to this vital mission.
Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders: Charting a Way Forward

For the first time in their organization’s history, the leaders of 20 Pacific island governments met in Washington, D.C., in May to discuss their challenges with climate change, globalization and isolation directly with top U.S. policymakers. The occasion was the latest triennial meeting of the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders, made up of top officials whose islands represent an area that spans nearly a third of the globe.

During the three-day gathering organized by the East-West Center’s Pacific Islands Development Program, they met with top congressional leaders, private sector executives and State Department officials, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Rice told the leaders that the meeting was a key event in the “Year of the Pacific,” a phrase she said “encapsulates our efforts to expand our engagement with your countries and to reaffirm America’s historic role in the Pacific.”

She acknowledged that the Pacific region faces growing political, environmental and economic challenges. “In response to these challenges,” she said, “we are working together to chart

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COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE EIGHTH PACIFIC ISLANDS CONFERENCE OF LEADERS
a comprehensive approach, promoting opportunity and prosperity, good governance and the rule of law, and greater peace and security.”

Discussions during the meeting covered a wide range of topics, including economic development, security, trade, aid, environmental protection, global warming, fisheries and emergency responses to natural disasters. The leaders also spoke of the desire to expand U.S. public diplomacy programs, especially of an educational and exchange nature, and they discussed the upcoming relocation of some 8,000 U.S. troops from Okinawa to Guam and its potential economic benefits to the region.

One topic of particular concern was the environment, especially climate change. Kessai Note, then-president of the Marshall Islands and chair of the leaders’ group, noted that the environment and rising sea levels are a “major security issue” for many of the low-lying island nations.

Tommy Remengesau Jr., president of the Republic of Palau, encouraged broad participation in “the Micronesian Challenge, which promotes the establishment of marine protected areas throughout the Pacific islands region.”

At the close of the conference, the group issued a communiqué in which members agreed that “this precedent-setting gathering in Washington, D.C, establishes a way forward for strengthening U.S.-Pacific islands relations,” and stated that “The East-West Center’s Pacific Islands Development Program and other regional processes were identified as being well suited to ensuring that there is practical and appropriate follow-up to the issues raised.”
Expanding Student Enrollment and Involvement

“We’ve been pleased to see not only growth in overall student numbers, but also an increase in diversity, with students from places like Russia, Tanzania, Croatia and Germany in addition to the Asia Pacific region.”

Education Program Dean
MARY HAMMOND

In 2007, student participation in East-West Center educational programs grew to its highest level in several decades, to nearly 500 students from 53 countries. “This year, through continued diversification of funding streams, we’ve been able to welcome a number of students from beyond our normal footprint — places like Russia, Tanzania, Croatia and Germany — who share the Center’s goals, vision and mission,” says Education Program Dean Mary Hammond. “And we’ve also been especially happy to see an increase in student fellows from the Pacific island nations.”

The year also saw continued growth of new supplementary scholarships that augment the Center’s ability to attract degree fellows who may have additional financial needs. New scholarships awarded in 2007 include the Jean E. Rolles Fellowship, the Eleanor and Hermann Haus Fellowship, the Omnitrak Loui Schmicker Scholar Awards, and the Ashok Kumar Malhotra SEVA (Compassionate Service) Award.

In addition, the East-West Center Alumni Scholarship fund has supported ten new fellows, the highest number in a single year to date.

DISCOVERING CHINA’S DIVERSITY

“This year’s Asia Pacific Leadership Program field study trip to China was the greatest experience for me,” wrote one participant. “I learned a lot of different perspectives during the trip compared to the usual formal courses and classes.”

The group of 35 participants was based in Beijing, where they were hosted by EWC alumnus Hao Ping, president of Beijing Foreign Studies University. Highlights of the field study included trips by small teams of participants to locations across China to discover and report back on the country’s diversity; a tour of the Olympic facilities and extended lunch with Dr. Wang Wei, General Secretary of the Beijing Olympics organizing committee; and meetings with top-level guest speakers, including President Wu Jianmin of China Foreign Affairs University.
EWC STUDENTS IN THE FIELD

The heart of the East-West Center is its students, who come to Hawai‘i to learn in a true cross-cultural learning community. And the knowledge and experience they gain in Honolulu travels with them, from the top think tanks and development institutions in global capitals to the most remote villages across the Asia Pacific region. Here are a few selected examples of work EWC students have been doing in the field:

Gao Song, China

After receiving his master’s degree in Asian Studies, Gao returned to China to serve as managing editor for Mingpai — an elite magazine founded in Guangzhou by the well-known newspaper Nanfang Zhoumo (The Southern Weekly). Most recently, he became editor of FTChinese.com, a news website founded by the UK newspaper The Financial Times.

Filifotu Franisha Va‘ai, Samoa

A master’s degree student in communications, Fotu did a summer internship at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., where she researched market indicators for the satellite industry. She also did a community service project/internship at SamoaTel, Ltd., focused on the company’s relationship with partner carriers.

Allison Pan, USA

A master’s degree student in political science and a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Allison (pictured on the left below) studied Chinese at Shanghai China East Normal University. She also spent time in Bali, Indonesia, doing preliminary field work for her research in international security, non-state actors and terrorism.

Sugato Dutt, India

A doctoral student in geography, Sugato spent several months doing research at the Buxa Tiger Reserve in West Bengal for his dissertation on resource use and participatory forest management. He examined the attitudes of the local community in a location where, in the interest of tiger preservation, people have lost substantial employment opportunities from the withdrawal of long-established logging operations.

Sarabibi Thuzarwin Mayet, Burma

A master’s degree student in public health, Sara completed two summer internships in Los Angeles. One was doing community-based research with the AIDS Project Los Angeles and the other was with a program funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to implement capacity-building assistance services for AIDS organizations in the western U.S.
Advancing Human Rights

“Through our legal trainings and informational films, we hope to provide the Khmer Rouge tribunal with a broad grounding in the central issues of international humanitarian law, and the Cambodian public with a clear understanding of the workings and importance of this long-awaited process.”

DAVID COHEN, DIRECTOR, ASIAN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

A screening of Time for Justice, a film produced for Cambodian TV by the Asian International Justice Initiative and its partners to explain the process of the tribunal.

ASIAN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE: SERVING JUSTICE IN CAMBODIA

In 2003, the East-West Center joined with Professor David Cohen of the U.C. Berkeley War Crimes Studies Center to form the Asian International Justice Initiative, a collaborative effort aimed at providing on-the-ground support for rule-of-law and human-rights initiatives in Asia, in both the domestic and international legal context. Since then, the AIJI has worked on a variety of projects, including conducting legal training workshops for judges, prosecutors and investigators of Indonesia’s National Human Rights Commission and producing analytical reports on the Special Panel for Serious Crimes in Dili, Timor Leste.

This year, the program focused primarily on the long-awaited international tribunal on crimes against humanity committed by leaders of the brutal 1970s Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia. With support from the British government, the AIJI conducted several trainings in international law for the officers of tribunal.

The AIJI also produced gripping video materials used to teach the people of Cambodia about international legal processes. Two video productions have been completed for broadcast on Cambodian television and screenings in remote villages. “There was a lot of emotion in the room,” said Center staff member Phil Estermann after the videos were shown for the first time in the town of Kampong Thom.

Speaking at the East-West Center in October, AIJI Coordinator Michelle Staggs spoke of the challenges facing the U.N.-backed tribunal, especially that of educating the Cambodian people, who have little knowledge of the rules of international justice.

“We need to ensure that expectations are realistic,” said Staggs, an attorney from Australia. “Prosecuting senior leaders responsible for atrocities will not bring about economic and social reform, will not mean that widespread corruption that exists in Cambodia ceases to exist overnight … Even though we see how difficult the processes are in these U.N. courts, I still think it’s worth confronting these challenges and moving through them, rather than not facing them at all.”
PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH: HANDS-ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

In July, the AsiaPacificEd Program took 21 high school students from across the U.S. to Cambodia for a four-week program that combined scholarship with on-site learning and project work focusing on the Khmer Rouge tribunal as a lens through which to examine an issue of global and local concern. The students also created film and radio projects that documented their varied experiences in Cambodia.

The trip was part of AsiaPacificEd’s Partnership for Youth program, which engages high school-aged youths in building Asia Pacific and cross-cultural knowledge, while also developing media literacy and analytical as well as communication skills.

With the goal of gaining a broad perspective on the Khmer Rouge history and the ongoing trials against the backdrop of the hopes, dreams, and challenges facing ordinary Cambodians today, participants interacted with a broad range of specialists and everyday Cambodians. They also lived with Cambodian families, worked alongside their Cambodian peers on community projects, and teamed up with disadvantaged youth to help improve Cambodian youngsters’ English language skills while developing their own knowledge and understanding of Cambodian culture and deepening their cross-cultural skills.

“Working and learning with, as well as from, Cambodians of different backgrounds pushed me to consider everything — from daily home-stay routines to cultural practices to international justice issues — from another’s perspective,” wrote participant Amy Tsang, a senior at Scarsdale High School in New York. “I believe that every student and every American would benefit from this program.”

(Left): Matthew Salant, a junior at Scarsdale High School in New York, with a young member of his home-stay family. (Above): Amy Tsang, a senior at Scarsdale High, and Rachel Belanger, a senior at Hudson High School in Massachusetts, help teach at a village school outside Siem Reap.
EWC Alumni: Making a Difference

Community service projects are an important priority for EWC alumni chapters under the recently updated East-West Center Associates Strategic Plan. The idea, says Alumni Officer Gordon Ring, is to “further the Center’s global mission of prosperity and peace by acting at a very concrete and specific local level. It may seem small at the beginning, but our hope is that each service project will take on a life of its own and evolve into an important contribution.”

For many of the East-West Center’s more than 50,000 alumni, the Center provided a defining chapter in their lives, affecting their outlooks and aspirations and building lifelong personal and professional networks. While participating in education, research and collaborative programs at the Center, they enriched the institution with their talents, cultural perspectives and ideas. Today, in countries around the globe, they continue to further the mission of the Center — contributing to global understanding, building an Asia Pacific community, and making a world of difference.

ALUMNI SERVICE PROJECTS: GIVING BACK

When Center alumni approved an updated East-West Center Associates strategic plan at their conference in Hanoi in December 2006, one important new component was a priority for EWCA chapters around the U.S. and Asia Pacific to “encourage community service projects and other volunteer activities that raise the profile of the Center in local communities” and meet the needs of the local populace.

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Already a number of alumni chapters have taken up the challenge. A few examples include:

- In Islamabad, Pakistan, the chapter has initiated “Hug a Child,” an innovative and heartwarming project that shows what can be done with limited resources and a generous measure of humanity. Chapter members periodically spend an evening hugging and playing with earthquake orphans in the “Hug a Child” program were all smiles for a visit from the Islamabad, Pakistan, EWCA chapter.
- In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, alumni are preparing two separate projects — one that offers entrepreneurship training, and another that provides environmental education in schools.
- Chapter members in Dhaka, Bangladesh have helped provide cash, supplies and technical advice to flood and cyclone-affected people, primarily resource-poor and vulnerable farmers who lost their crops due to two consecutive floods in the second half of 2007.
For some time now, the Chennai, India, chapter has participated in fundraising for the National Initiative for the Blind, which trains visually handicapped people to use special software developed at the Indian Institute of Technology, including a talking web browser and a program to publish documents in Bharati Braille.

The Kathmandu, Nepal, chapter has been helping to provide food and education to underprivileged street children through the “Bal Bhojan” (“Feed the Children”) organization, which provides daily meals to several hundred homeless children, along with classes in value-based education, art, music skills training and more.

In collaboration with Sindh Agriculture University Tandojam, members of the Hyderabad, Pakistan, chapter have been providing Graduate Record Exam coaching to students hoping to study abroad.

‘70s ALUMNI: REKINDLING THE SPIRIT

In August, more than 150 alumni from the 1970s gathered at the Center for four days of renewing old friendships and attending sessions around the theme of “continuity and change.” “Faint memories of the tantalizing smells of cooking from around the world were rekindled as alums wandered the halls of Hale Manoa and Hale Kuhine,” reported EWCA President Larry Foster.

Perhaps most significantly, the ’70s alumni made an important contribution for generations of East-West Center participants to come. By the time the reunion was over, they had raised nearly $30,000 for EWC scholarships, and for the first time held a special event celebrating the generosity of individual EWC donors in providing named scholarships.

EWC ALUMNUS SHARES NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

When the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize was announced last fall, EWC alumni from the 1980s may have recognized Rajendra Pachauri, chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a United Nations project that involves review of climate study data by hundreds of scientists around the world. This year’s Peace Prize was awarded jointly to the IPCC and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore “for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.”

Pachauri, originally from Nainital, India, served as a Visiting Senior Fellow and participant with the EWC Resource Systems Institute during the 1980s. In an interview with a Nobel organization representative, Pachauri commented that the result of the award has been “an enormous amount of awareness and understanding of everything related to climate change.”
JANUARY

■ Launch of “Pacific Islands Policy,” a new series of policy studies on economic, political, social and cultural issues relevant to the Pacific islands region.


■ Tokyo seminar on host nations’ domestic politics surrounding the U.S. military’s Asia Pacific presence, led by EWC research fellow Sheila Smith.

■ Dr. Satu Limaye was named director of the East-West Center in Washington, succeeding Dr. Muthiah Alagappa who assumed a new role as Distinguished Senior Fellow.

■ “State of the Asia Pacific Region” luncheon address, an overview of major issues and likely hot spots by EWC President Charles E. Morrison.

■ 137 participants representing 19 countries and more than 50 universities across the U.S. and Asia Pacific region presented papers at this year’s student-led East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the theme of “Continuity and Change in the Asia Pacific: People, Places, Systems.”

FEBRUARY

■ Asian Studies Development Program faculty outreach workshop at Georgia Southern University on “Islam in South Asia, Southeast Asia and China.”


■ Public forum: “Is Free Trade with East Asia Good for Us?” with Peter Petri, founding Dean of the International Business School at Brandeis University, and Alan Tonelson, Research Fellow at the United States Business and Industry Council Educational Foundation.

■ EWC in Washington Human Rights Seminar: “Malaysia’s Semi-Democracy in Practice: Through the Lens of Elections,” with Dr. Bridget Welsh, Assistant Professor of Southeast Asia Studies, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.
MARCH

■ 13th national conference of the Asian Studies Development Program in Seattle, the largest event for ASDP alumni in the United States.

■ The Asia Pacific Journalism Fellowships took six U.S. journalists to Singapore and Taiwan, where they met with political, economic, social and cultural leaders, including Taiwan President Chen Shui Bian.

■ EWC in Washington Democracy and Human Rights Seminar: “Resolving Separatist Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Aceh and Southern Thailand,” with Dr. Edward Aspinall, Indonesian Politics Fellow, Australian National University, and Dr. Duncan McCargo, Professor of Southeast Asian Politics, University of Leeds.

■ East-West Center Gallery exhibition: “Sala: Gem of Thai Architecture,” including an inaugural celebration of the reconstructed Thai pavilion at the East-West Center.

APRIL

■ “Celebrating Our Diversity” was the theme of this year’s East-West Fest, the popular cultural celebration organized by East-West Center students that features native attire, music and dance from their widely varied home countries.

■ Six Korean journalists visited the United States and six U.S. journalists traveled to South Korea to meet with government and business leaders, academics, non-governmental organizations and others in the 2nd Korea-United States Journalists Exchange.


■ Spring Jefferson Fellowships: “Powering the Future: Energy Sources and Alternatives.” Journalists met with government officials, business leaders, environmental experts and energy industry analysts in Houston, Sacramento, Seoul and Beijing.

■ Public briefing on cooperative counter-terrorism efforts by Bangladesh Ambassador to the U.S. Shamsher Chowdhury.


■ At the first annual Spring Leadership Symposium, students in the Leadership Certificate program presented the inaugural Transformations in Leadership journal. A film, produced by the participants, was broadcast about the fellows’ experiences in the program and their reflections on leadership.
This year's **Senior Journalists Seminar** provided first-hand insight on the very complex and emotional topics connected to the program’s theme: “Building Understanding Between the United States and the Asian Muslim World.”

Informal public talk and discussion with Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer.

**Eighth Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders,** Washington, D.C. (See Highlight on page 4.)

128 students graduated at the East-West Center Ho‘opuka Ceremony.

**AsiaPacificEd State Farm Service-Learning Initiative,** “Partnership for Youth: Building Disaster-Resilient Communities.”

The **Asian Studies Development Program Summer Institute** on “Korean Culture and Society” introduced U.S. and Latin American college faculty in the humanities and social sciences to Korean culture, history, and contemporary affairs.

Approximately 200 delegates gathered for the **General Meeting of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council** in Sydney, Australia. EWC President Charles E. Morrison currently serves as the international chair of PECC.


EWC in Washington Democracy and Human Rights Seminar: “Ethnic Diversity and Democracy,” with Dr. Kanchan Chandra, Associate Professor in the Department of Politics at New York University.
JUNE


- Asian Studies Development Program five-week institute: “The Ideal and the Real: Arcs of Change in Chinese Culture,” funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

- EWC Gallery exhibition: “Flower Traditions in Hawai‘i.”

- More than 900 community leaders and friends of the EWC attended the East-West Center annual dinner, at which the Center’s Asia Pacific Community Building Award was presented to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawai‘i (at right in photos below). The event netted more than $326,000 for student scholarships and programs.

JULY

- The Northeast Asia Journalists Dialogue brought Korean, Japanese and American journalists to the East-West Center in the only known trilateral dialogue of its kind for journalists.

- The Asia Pacific Leadership Program assisted the Polynesian Voyaging Society in coordinating educational outreach for the Hawaiian voyaging canoe Hokule'a’s epic journey from Hawai‘i through Micronesia to Japan. The education project involved connecting school children in Hawai‘i, Micronesia and Japan, designing a values-based curriculum for the voyage, setting up a website, organizing an international essay contest and more. In addition, APLP fellows Paulina Youropi of Chuuk and Kyoko Ikeda of Japan (pictured here) sailed aboard the canoe on various legs of the voyage.

- EWC Gallery exhibition: “Shaman Arts of Vietnam.”

- Bank of Hawaii Breakfast Briefing: “Broadening the Pacific Islands Region’s Engagement with the United States,” with Gerard Finin, Deputy Director, EWC Pacific Islands Development Program.

- 14 women, including first-time representation from Afghanistan and Papua New Guinea, participated in the Changing Faces Women’s Leadership Program.

- EWC in Washington Congressional Study Group: “Regional Implications of Iran’s Nuclear Weapons Program,” with Dr. George Perkovich, Vice President for Studies—Global Security and Economic Development and Director of the Non-Proliferation Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

- AsiaPacificEd Partnership for Youth summer leadership program: “Reporting for Change: Cambodia.” (See Highlight on page 9.)

- Chinese university faculty traveled to Honolulu, San Francisco, Atlanta and Washington D.C. as part of the China-U.S. Faculty Exchange Program — a collaboration between the Chinese Ministry of Education, Peking University, the East-West Center and the University of Hawai‘i.


- For the 4th year, AsiaPacificEd was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to offer its popular Landmark of American History and Culture Workshops on Pearl Harbor for American and Japanese history/social studies teachers.

- Infusing East Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum, an Asian Studies Development Program workshop for undergraduate faculty and administrators to explore the cultures and social structures of China and Japan.
The new Health Journalism Fellowships took 10 journalists from the U.S. and Asia to Hong Kong, Vietnam and Indonesia to learn firsthand about efforts to prevent pandemics and other health issues of regional and global concern.

“You think you know all about the hot-button issues of infectious diseases in Asia,” said participant Mary Ann Benitez of the South China Morning Post. “But there’s nothing like being on the ground, where the battle is being fought, talking to the common folks about the impact of disease on their daily lives.”

The 7th generation of the Asia Pacific Leadership Program arrived at the East-West Center, consisting of 35 participants from 21 countries. The mean age of the class was 32 years, making this group the most professionally qualified and experienced to date.


Asian International Justice Initiative workshop for the Office of the Co-Prosecutors at the international Khmer Rouge tribunal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. (See Highlight on page 8.)

This year’s Senior Policy Seminar brought together policymakers, government officials, private sector leaders and academic experts from the United States and the Asia Pacific region for discussions on shifts in military, economic and so-called “soft” power in the region.

Publication: Viable and Environment-Friendly Sources for Meeting South Asia’s Growing Energy Needs, by Toufiq A. Siddiqi (8 pp.), part of the EWC’s AsiaPacific Issues series.

70s Alumni Reunion: Rekindling the Spirit (See Highlight on page 11.)
For the first time, the Asia Pacific Leadership Program led an optional, self-funded field study to Washington D.C. and New York.

Mary Townswick, a 20-year veteran of the U.S Foreign Service, including postings in Pakistan and Afghanistan, assumed the temporary post of EWC Diplomat-in-Residence.

The EWC Gallery exhibition “Living Angkor” focused on the role of the famous temple complex in present-day Cambodia through sculptures, textiles, masks and other products of traditional communities in the area, along with extraordinary images by renowned National Geographic photographer Paul Chesley. Cambodian dance was presented by noted performer and EWC alumnus Thavro Phim.

Nine U.S. journalists participated in the Hong Kong Journalism Fellowships study tour to Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and Hong Kong. Highlights included meetings with top officials of the State Council on Food Safety and the director of the Beijing Olympic Organizing Committee.

EWC researchers participated in a workshop in Hanoi on “Social and Ecological Factors in Emerging Infectious Diseases: Toward an Ecosystem Approach to Research and Control of Avian Influenza (H5N1) and Dengue.”

The EWC was a co-organizer of Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health’s 12th meeting, “Environment and Health in the 21st Century: Challenges and Solutions.”

The two-month, student-led Wednesday Evening Seminar began with the theme of “Sustainability: Behind the Veneer of the Rhetoric.”


Publication: The Islamist Threat in Southeast Asia: A Reassessment, by John T. Sidel (74 pp.), part of the EWC’s Policy Studies series and co-published with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

Bank of Hawaii Breakfast Briefing on “Asia’s Emerging Urban Crisis,” with EWC Senior Fellow Allen Clark.

The International Forum for Education 2020’s second leadership institute focused on tensions between education as a public good and a private commodity.

Launch of the EWC’s new “East-West Dialogue” interactive publication series, with an accompanying online discussion site. The premiere issue was written by Charles E. Morrison and Peter Petri on Renewing the Pacific Partnership, with commentary by Taeho Bark (South Korea), Peter Drysdale (Australia) and Shen Dingli (China).

### OCTOBER

- **EWC community lecture:** “Human Rights Challenges at U.N.-sponsored Courts in Cambodia and Sierra Leone: Notes from the Field,” with Michelle Staggs, Coordinator of the EWC’s Asian International Justice Initiative.

- **EWC in Washington conference:** “United States Relations with ASEAN at Thirty.”

- **In the Fall Jefferson Fellowships — “Mekong on the Move: Asia’s New Economic Frontier?” — journalism fellows traveled to countries at very different stages of economic and political development: Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

- **The EWC, in collaboration with the Université Paris Sorbonne, the French Secretariat for the Pacific and the French Institute of Research for Development held a conference in Paris on “Pacific Islands: Local Governance, Development and Vulnerability in the Small Island States.”

- **EWC co-sponsored colloquium on “Intercultural Intersections in Media Ethics.”

- **Asian International Justice Initiative workshop for defense counsel at the international Khmer Rouge tribunal in Cambodia. (See Highlight on page 8.)

- **Nearly 200 scientists, engineers, policy makers, students and government representatives from more than 20 countries participated in the 12th International Conference of the EWC-administered Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health Sciences at Peking University.

- **East-West Center in Washington Congressional Study Group on the Pacific Islands: “China as a Force in Pacific Politics,” with Terence Wesley-Smith, Associate Professor, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa; and C. Steven McGann, Director, Office of Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

- **On the heels of the “saffron uprising” in Burma, U.S. Charge D’Affaires Shari Villarosa presented a public “Burma Update” at the East-West Center. The Center also launched a special “Burma Views” blog.

- **“Japanese Koto and Shakuhachi Music,” a 10-day residency by koto masters Professor Masateru Ando of Tokyo University of the Arts and his daughter Toshiko Ando, along with shakuhachi master Christopher Yohmei Blasdel.

- **16 young leaders, 12 from Asia Pacific and four from the United States, spent two weeks in Honolulu, Hiroshima, and Shanghai for the 17th New Generation Seminar, focusing on the theme “Education Challenges for the 21st Century.”

- **The Asian Studies Development Program and the Portland, Oregon, community college system held a workshop on “Understanding the Old and New China.”

- **EWC researcher Jefferson Fox hosted a research project leaders’ meeting on “The Role of Landcover Change in Altering Hydrology.”


- **Asia Pacific Leadership Program field study in China. (See Highlight on page 6.)

### 2007 CALENDAR OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
NOVEMBER

- The East-West Sports Summit, held in partnership with Sports Marketing Japan, drew high-level participants such as Bin Yuan, marketing director for the Beijing Olympics, and Bobby Valentine, manager of the Chiba Lotte Marines and former manager of the Texas Rangers and New York Mets.

- Launch of the new EWC in Washington publication *Asia Pacific Bulletin*, designed to help busy professionals and policymakers absorb the essence of dialogue on issues of concern in the Asia Pacific region.


- Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne, founder of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka, spoke about his work in grassroots community development and peace-building at an East-West Center evening forum.

- The EWC joined with the University of Hawai‘i and the Southeast Asia Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture to organize the International Conference on Sustainability Science for Watershed Landscapes in Honolulu.

- Bank of Hawaii Breakfast Briefing: “Disincentives for Democratic Change in Contemporary China,” with EWC Visiting Fellow Teresa Wright.

- East-West Center researchers Kang Wu and Fereidun Fesharaki assembled a distinguished team of Asia Pacific specialists to contribute to their definitive book *Asia’s Energy Future: Regional Dynamics and Global Implications*. The book’s collection of papers describe recent trends and future challenges, as well as laying out a set of policy recommendations designed to strengthen the region’s overall energy security.


- At the special request of the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, the Asian Studies Development Program conducted a two-day training workshop on Chinese culture and society, designed to be of use for CDC staff working on health issues related to China.

DECEMBER


- East-West Center in Washington special presentation: “Negotiating the Malaysia-United States Free Trade Agreement: A Mid-Course Analysis,” with speaker Dr. Pek Koon Heng, Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University.

- Publication: *China in Oceania: New Forces in Pacific Politics*, by Terence Wesley-Smith (35 pp.), part of the EWC’s Pacific Islands Policy series.

- Publication: *Population Aging, Intergenerational Transfers and the Macroeconomy*, edited by Robert Clark, Naohiro Ogawa, and Andrew Mason (320 pp.). Published by Edward Elgar Publishing in the UK.

- Retired Hawai‘i-born sumo wrestler Konishiki, baseball manager Bobby Valentine and Dr. Edison Miyawaki.
Leaving a Living Legacy

Private gifts help the East-West Center make our exceptional educational programs accessible to all qualified students, regardless of their economic resources. Gifts of all sizes are always welcome, and often are matched many times over through other public and private sources. East-West Center alumni have donated over $470,000 to the Alumni Endowment Fund, established as a legacy to future generations of students to participate in our education program.

For gifts of $25,000 or more, the EWC can set up separately managed funds. Gifts of $50,000 or more qualify as Permanent Named Endowments. No fees are charged so that all revenues can go directly to the beneficiaries.

In 2007, four people created these special funds, and are now transforming lives through scholarships at the East-West Center. At the “Making A Difference” luncheon during the 1970s EWC Reunion Conference in August, some of the recipients and donors of these awards were delighted to meet each other.

JEAN E. ROLLES FELLOWSHIPS ($100,000 ENDOWMENT)

Jean Rolles was a member of the EWC Foundation Board of Directors from 2000 to 2006 and now serves on the EWC Board of Governors. She established the Jean E. Rolles Fellowships as a $100,000 Permanent Named Endowment to provide annual awards to students involved in the fields of environment, economics or the travel and hospitality industry.

Scholarship Recipient: Batulzii Molomjamts (Mongolia), Asia Pacific Leadership Program.

SUMI MAKEY SCHOLARS AWARDS ($100,000 ENDOWMENT)

Sumi Makey, former EWC Dean of Student Affairs and Open Grants, established a $100,000 scholarship endowment. It is thanks in large part to Sumi’s leadership that both the ’60s and ’70s alumni endowment campaigns generated such remarkable support from Center alumni — many of whom still consider Sumi a good friend and mentor. The Sumi Makey Awards will benefit selected degree candidates who have a background and interest in the arts and humanities, with a preference for women from Southeast Asia.

Scholarship Recipient: Batulzii Molomjamts (Mongolia), Asia Pacific Leadership Program.

ELEANOR AND HERMANN HAUS FELLOWSHIPS ($50,000 ENDOWMENT)

Stephen Haus was impressed by the mission and programs of the East-West Center and established the Eleanor and Hermann Haus Fellowships in honor of his parents and his strong belief that students educated in sustainability will change their home countries and the world. The fellowships provide awards each year for students (with preference for a qualified Native Hawaiian student) who have an outstanding academic record and involvement in the fields of design, engineering or management, and commitment toward developing a better environment throughout the Asia Pacific region.

Scholarship Recipient: Julian James Aguon (Guam), J.D. Law.

JHAMANDAS WATUMULL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ($15,000 ANNUAL COMMITMENT)

Gulab Watumull firmly believes in the importance of strong U.S.-India relations and in education as a means of continuing to strengthen India’s role in the Asia Pacific region. In appreciation of the East-West Center’s contribution to these goals, he has made an annual scholarship commitment of $15,000 from the fund established in his father’s name. The Jhamandas Watumull Scholarship Fund makes it possible for highly qualified candidates from India with demonstrated leadership skills to participate in the Asia Pacific Leadership Program.

Scholarship Recipients: Pinaki Bhattacharya and Venkata Ram Kumar Bokka (both from India), Asia Pacific Leadership Program.

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