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EWC student fellows share cross-cultural culinary traditions in the Center's Hale Manoa residence hall.

The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. Established by the U.S. Congress in 1960, the Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to exchange views, build expertise, and develop policy options.

Officially known as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West, the Center is a U.S.-based institution for public diplomacy with international governance, staffing, students, and participants.

The Center is an independent, public, nonprofit organization with funding from the U.S. government, and additional support provided by private agencies, individuals, foundations, corporations, and governments in the region.

The Center's 21-acre Honolulu campus, adjacent to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, is located midway between Asia and the U.S. mainland and features research, residential, and international conference facilities. The Center's Washington, D.C. office focuses on preparing the United States for an era of growing Asia Pacific prominence.

Front cover photo: The Japanese Garden at the EWC's Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center – Jefferson Hall designed by I.M. Pei.

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Message from EWC President and Board of Governors Chairman

For the East-West Center, 2009 was especially notable for the preparations that began for the Center's 50th anniversary the following year, and for the selection of Hawai'i as the primary venue for the U.S. year of hosting the 2011 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, the Asia Pacific's region's premier institution for multilateral cooperation.

As the Center prepared to mark the important milestone of its 50th year, it recommitted itself to its core values of collaboration, expertise, and leadership. These values, and the ideals behind them that gave birth to the Center half a century ago, are needed more than ever in the globalized 21st century world, and we intend to continue setting the pace.

Each year, the East-West Center creates new business. In fact, a very significant portion of the Center's current activities didn't even exist a decade ago. These activities include, for example, programs in Washington, D.C. such as the annual Asia policy meetings under the auspices of the U.S. Asia Pacific Council, frequent topical seminars, and the Asia Matters for America project, which provides data and graphic analysis of how Asia and the United States interact economically and at the grassroots level.

Other recent East-West Center programs include the Asia Pacific Leadership Program, the Senior Journalists Seminar focusing on exchange between Asian Muslim and American journalists, the International Media Conference, the International Graduate Student Conference, the Changing Faces exchange for women leaders, the Asian International Justice Initiative, and a variety of programs in support of the ASEAN organization. Proven traditional programs, such as the Jefferson Fellowships, the Summer Population Seminars, and the AsiaPacificEd for K-12 teachers and schools have been transformed or reformatted to address new concerns and meet changing needs.

This year's annual report features two examples of new business begun in 2009 — election monitoring and an environmental leadership program. The monitoring of democratic elections in the Pacific has grown out of the longstanding relationships built with the Pacific island nations through the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders and the Pacific Islands Development Program.

In 2009, under the auspices of the Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership, the EWC established an election observation mission for federal and state elections in the Federated States of Micronesia, and in 2010, it will be monitoring elections in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. What is distinctive about the Center's election monitoring teams is that they are particularly diverse, composed of other islanders as well as Americans and Asians. Most of the observers are drawn from the Center's extended family of alumni, friends, and professional colleagues.

The Asia Pacific Leadership Program staff organized an environmental leadership program for the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, drawing upon the Center's partnerships, networks and long experience in leadership development and environment issues. Developed largely for undergraduate students from Asia and the Pacific islands, the program provided a rich introduction in how U.S. society grapples at the national and local level with the complex issues related to environmental stewardship.

EWC President
Charles E. Morrison

EWC Board of Governors Chairman
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Major funding for both programs came from competed contracts through the U.S. Department of State, but neither would have been possible without the continuing investments in expertise made to the East-West Center through the general appropriated funding from Congress. These investments continue to bear fruit in a wide variety of activities that bring together Americans and their counterparts from the Asia and Pacific region in cooperative and meaningful study, research, exchange, and dialogue settings. Virtually all these activities are conducted through partnership arrangements that pool expertise, earn goodwill and defray costs. In FY2009, the Center recorded almost 4,000 participants in several hundred activities, its most active year ever.

Helping to open the Center's 50th year in January 2010, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton remarked in her policy speech at the Center on the dramatic developments in the Asia Pacific. Secretary Clinton noted that "the East-West Center has been part of this sea change, helping to shape ideas and train experts."

Under-Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Judith McHale recently said the Center "embodies the President's vision of how in this new era we must interact with people from other countries, on the basis of respect and dialogue, seeking to listen and understand before we speak and would be understood. The rest of us have finally caught up to you, 50 years later."

PECC Conference Gauges Outlook for Asia Pacific Economic Recovery

Above: Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Pangestu

Left: Panelists discuss challenges facing the Obama Administration in U.S.-Asia relations featuring (L – R): Charles E. Morrison, PECC Co-Chair and East-West Center President; Hon. Cheng Siwei, former Vice Chairman, Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China; Jusuf Wanandi, PECC Co-Chair; Amb. Yoshiji Nogami, President, Japan Institute for International Affairs; and Prof. Joseph Nye, Harvard University.

As the Asia Pacific region begins to see the effects of various stimulus packages, experts at the 18th General Meeting of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) discussed the global challenges still looming on the long path to recovery. Business leaders, government officials, policymakers, and other Asia Pacific experts gathered in Washington D.C. at the PECC meeting hosted by the East-West Center in May to identify regional responses for Asia Pacific economies to the global economic crises.

"We need to use this existing crisis as an opportunity to forge new kinds of partnership and cooperation, just as we learned from the Asian financial crises in the 1990s," stated Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg in his address at the meeting. "...Now more than ever, guaranteeing our individual economic prosperity depends on promoting the common prosperity."

A survey of more than 400 regional opinion leaders released during the two-day PECC conference revealed that, while a substantial number of respondents expected much weaker economic growth in 2010, the degree of pessimism had declined compared to a survey conducted in October 2008. "While it is too early to declare that a turnaround is underway, the PECC survey nevertheless suggests that opinion leaders are less pessimistic about the U.S. economy today than they were six months ago," said EWC President Charles E. Morrison, who is also International Chair of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council. "Forty-five percent of survey respondents expect much weaker growth in the U.S. economy compared to 80 percent in the previous survey."

Charles E. Morrison, PECC Co-Chair and President, East-West Center, presents Peter Geithner a special PECC award acknowledging his efforts to foster Asia Pacific dialogue and institution-building.

Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg

The survey of opinion leaders from 25 Asia Pacific economies was conducted in April 2009 and is part of PECC's State of the Region Report. Respondents overwhelmingly agreed that slower growth in Western industrialized countries for the foreseeable future would encourage a shift to domestic demand growth in Asian economies.

"Opinion leaders in the region believe that a structural shift in the Asia Pacific economy is underway as a result of the crisis," said Yuen Pau Woo, coordinator of PECC's State of the Region project and president and CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. "Fifty percent of respondents agree that the Chinese economy has begun a transition away from export-led growth to domestic demand-driven growth."

The economists were pleased with the way Asia Pacific policy makers tackled the crisis. "Generally, policymakers responded aggressively," said Takatoshi Kato, the IMF's Deputy Managing Director. Respondents gave overwhelming approval of China's stimulus package with a satisfaction rating of more than 60%. "China's stimulus package prevented a free fall of their economy," stated Amb. Yung Chul Park, former Korean Ambassador for International Economy and Trade and past chairman of the Korea Exchange Bank. "South Korea also seems to be on the right track toward recovery."

The United States membership in PECC is administered through the U.S. Asia Pacific Council (USAPC), a program of the East-West Center. For more about the conference and remarks expressed at the event, visit the meeting website at: http://www.pecc18.org ◆

EWC Coordinates Delegation to Observe Elections in Federated States of Micronesia

Olympia Morei, member of the Election Observation Mission from the Republic of Palau, watches as ballots are being prepared for tallying on Weno Island, Chuuk, FSM.

The Pacific Islands Development Program is the research arm and secretariat to the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders, an organization founded at the Center in 1980 composed of all 22 island governments in Oceania. PIDP also publishes a Web-based daily news service and engages in conflict management in the region.

Election observer and EWC PhD student from Gujarat, India, Sakilahmed Makarani (left) interviews poll workers on Tol Island, Chuuk State, Federated States of Micronesia.

The East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) coordinated an international delegation to observe the national congressional and Chuuk state elections in the Federated States of Micronesia in March. "Despite the sensitive nature of having outside observers present for what in some cases were highly contested races, there was a remarkable air of openness and impressive hospitality extended to the groups visiting polling stations on Election Day," said Gerard Finin, PIDP's deputy director and the delegation project director.

An 18-member delegation of government officials, academics, and civil society representatives observed the elections at the invitation of the FSM national and Chuuk state governments. Headed by Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega of American Samoa and chairman of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, the Election Observation Mission included representatives from 10 countries, including Aotearoa (New Zealand), Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Palau, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and the United States.

After the election, the delegation issued a statement congratulating the people of the widely dispersed Pacific island nation "for an open and spirited electoral process, and for conducting an election that generated high voter interest and was free of violence within the FSM."

On Election Day, observers traveled to polling sites in three states: Chuuk, Pohnpei and Yap. Teams observed more than 50 polling stations in remote locations. Additionally, members of the mission observed the chain of transmission of the ballot boxes to centralized tabulation centers and witnessed the early tabulation process at various sites.

"This was an invaluable opportunity to observe the democratic process of a developing nation," remarked delegation member Robert Sullivan, a University of Hawai'i professor from New Zealand. There is no formal political party system in the FSM or Chuuk State. However, there are no constraints from the government to establish a party. "It seems that people in FSM and Chuuk State don't consider political parties as a prerequisite for democracy," noted Teguh Santosa, an EWC degree fellow from Indonesia. "The Chuukese and Micronesians tend to cast their political preferences based on personal relationships, clanship, and family-ties with the candidates... Nevertheless, the records show that the election turnout in the FSM and Chuuk State is quite high, around 80 percent."

The Election Observation Mission was conducted under the auspices of the Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership, a multilateral collaboration of Asia Pacific countries to promote and strengthen democratic processes in the region. The East-West Center coordinated the project through a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. ◆

The election observation team members and institutional collaborators.

EWC Promotes Justice and Human Rights Throughout Southeast Asia

Above: The international panel of judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), many of whom received pre-trial training through AIJI's programs.

Left: AIJI's trial monitors observed and reported on the first trial of the Khmer Rouge Tribunal at the ECCC.

Photos above and left:
Courtesy of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

AIJI Director David Cohen (back row, right) and Deputy Director Michelle Staggs Kelsall (left) with the trial monitoring team upon completion of their pre-trial training at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Cambodia.

The East-West Center's Asian International Justice Initiative (AIJI) has been laying the foundation for human rights work at the regional level within ASEAN since 2003. AIJI is a collaborative project between the East-West Center and the University of California - Berkeley War Crimes Studies Center.

AIJI's project on the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Cambodia involves a series of monitoring, outreach, and legacy initiatives. The first trial at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), that of Kaing Guek Eav (Duch), officially closed in November 2009. AIJI recruited and trained an international cadre of trial monitors consisting of young lawyers and human rights professionals, who produced weekly summary reports (KRT Trial Monitor) culminating in a final 60-page report detailing the 'lessons learned' from this trial (*available online at: EastWestCenter.org/aiji*).

The 'Duch on Trial' series — a weekly television broadcast produced by AIJI in conjunction with Khmer Mekong Films (KMF), was aired on Cambodian primetime TV, generating a weekly audience of between 800,000 and 3 million viewers (20% of the country's population). *Time* Magazine described the series as a "sleeper hit" and noted that this show became the main way many young Cambodians, who were not taught about the Khmer Rouge in school, "heard about this dark chapter of their country's history for the first time."

In the years leading up to this landmark trial, AIJI conducted trainings for the defense counsel, co-prosecutors, and judges, and worked directly with grassroots NGOs in Phnom Penh to develop outreach programs designed to increase the dissemination of locally-produced information and analysis about the tribunal process.

"The basis for healing is an awareness of the past," stated AIJI Director David Cohen. "AIJI's outreach programs helped people understand the human dimension of what really happened in Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge period." AIJI is set to continue with a combination of training, monitoring, and outreach for the duration of the ECCC's next trial of four senior Khmer Rouge leaders slated to begin in early-mid 2011.

AIJI's 2009 Summer Institute on International Humanitarian Law, held in Bali, attracted lawyers, government officials, journalists, and NGO workers from 15 countries. AIJI's Director David Cohen and Deputy Director Michelle Staggs Kelsall (both in front row, center) coordinated the program.

AIJI has also undertaken justice and capacity-building initiatives in other parts of Southeast Asia. Working in cooperation with the Supreme Court of Indonesia, AIJI has established an on-going judicial and legal training project for judges, prosecutors, and investigators of the National Human Rights Commission, and non-governmental organizations involved in human rights cases.

In 2009, a new partnership between AIJI, the Attorney General's office of Indonesia, and the U.S. Department of Justice, resulted in a customized human rights training program for prosecutors. AIJI also partnered with Indonesia's newly created National Commission on Witness and Victim Protection to provide vital training and support as Indonesia begins to offer these protection services for the first time. AIJI's initial training, held in November, helped prepare the commissioners and a broad representation of the judicial system staff, ranging from police to judges, prosecutors, and other staff.

Building on AIJI's past work in Timor-Leste, having produced reports on the Special Panel for Serious Crimes in Dili, AIJI is currently developing a training program, at the request of the government, for Timorese police investigators and an archival preservation project related to the 1999 violence.

All of AIJI's initiatives over the years have helped build greater capacity at the national level in several Southeast Asian countries, which strengthened the foundation for the establishment of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Human Rights Commission (AICHR) in 2009. To support the work of the commission, AIJI has been actively involved with the creation of The Human Rights Resource Center for ASEAN hosted by the University of Indonesia, which will undertake independent research, networking, and capacity-building initiatives.

"The resource center serves as a unique platform to use models based on AIJI's Indonesia and Cambodia training programs," noted Cohen. "As a result, AIJI's impact continues to expand in Southeast Asia as we adapt these vital national programs for implementation at the regional level." ◆

New Environmental Stewardship Program Cultivates Action-oriented Leaders

USIE participants with Hawai'i Congressional Representative Mazie Hirono on Capitol Hill.

USIE participants look at Hawai'i's marine ecology issues first-hand during a deep sea dive.

"It takes a calamity for people to learn and change, but we cannot wait for an environmental catastrophe, the time for change is now," stated Cai Dingyan from Singapore, one of the 20 young scholars who participated in an innovative East-West Center environmental leadership program. For six weeks these emerging leaders from Malaysia, Singapore, Fiji and Papua New Guinea were immersed in a transformative and action-oriented program — The United States Institute on the Environment (USIE) — designed to foster an understanding of the U.S. environmental movement and aid in the development of sustainable pathways to environmental stewardship.

"USIE empowered me to act; inspired me to lead; showed me I can if I want to," declared Subhashni Raj, a student from Fiji researching coral reef conservation and serving as a consultant for the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission.

During the first four weeks of the program, participants met with leaders in Hawai'i's environmental movement including representatives from Hawaiian Electric Company; Waste Management, Inc.; Ma'o Farm; and Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism's Clean Energy Initiative.

"I learned from USIE that environmental stewardship is not a matter of a single generation, but rather how this generation relates to the future generations," stated Lin Wai Hwa, a student from Malaysia working on a sediment core research project studying heavy metal pollution in the Sulu Sea. "Every action our ancestors made in the past affects all of us today," said Lin.

During the field study in Washington D.C., following a week meeting with scientists and environmental leaders in the San Francisco area, participants examined how effective policies tested by individual states are then adopted at the national level. While in the capital, participants met with members of U.S. Congress leading environmental committees that create policies, officials who enforce the policies at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and professionals who defend or challenge policies at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"We saw the importance of finding a balance between all stakeholder groups," said Mou Huiting Clara, an analytical chemistry student from Singapore. "Success will not happen overnight and it will definitely not happen with singular and competitive leadership. This is why we have a collective responsibility for the environment, both as individual nations and as international partners."

According to EWC's USIE coordinator Christina Monroe, "Participants wanted to know why the U.S. does things a certain way and how they can build upon and improve the model in their respective home countries." At the completion of the program, participants presented one-year action plans to take their USIE experience to the next level. In her action plan, Mou addressed the "need to balance livelihood and conservation, create public awareness, and build strong conservation-oriented institutions."

Funded by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, USIE was organized and administered by the East-West Center in collaboration with more than twenty organizations including the University of Hawai'i's Environmental Center, Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment, and the Nature Conservancy. ◆

USIE participants help offset the carbon footprint of their international flights by planting trees at the University of Hawai'i Environmental Center.

Research Program

The Center's Research Program addresses issues of policy significance to the U.S. and the Asia Pacific region. The Program is organized into four broad areas: 1) Politics, Governance and Security; 2) Economics; 3) Environmental Change, Vulnerability, and Governance; and 4) Population and Health.

Research team members Melissa Finucane (left) and Jefferson Fox (right) visit live poultry market in Vietnam as part of their study on "Anthropogenic Environmental Change and Avian Influenza in Vietnam."

The USAID-sponsored report, "Realizing the ASEAN Economic Community: A Comprehensive Assessment," co-edited by Senior Fellow Michael Plummer, was presented to President Barack Obama by ASEAN Secretary-General Surin Pitsuwan at the ASEAN-U.S. Leaders Meeting in Singapore.

Governance and Human Rights

Under the auspices of the Asia Pacific Governance and Democracy Initiative (AGDI), Senior Fellow Shabbir Cheema organized the "Stakeholders Conference on Cross-Border Governance in Asia and the Pacific" held in Bangkok. The meeting examined cross-border governance issues related to migration and refugees, trade and poverty reduction, water management, human trafficking and human rights, and emerging infectious disease surveillance and response. Cheema also launched a project on electoral and parliamentary processes in Pakistan with support from the U.N. Democracy Fund.

The Asian International Justice Initiative (AIJI) monitored the first trial of the Extraordinary Chamber in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and engaged in a series of outreach and legacy initiatives *(see p.8)*.

Senior Fellow Shabbir Cheema (left) at the Cross-Border Governance in Asia and the Pacific conference.

The Economy

The joint East-West Center/National Bureau of Asian Research conference in Beijing on "Standards and Innovation Policy in the Global Knowledge Economy — Core Issues for China and the U.S.," organized by Senior Fellow Dieter Ernst, attracted key government officials, corporate executives and academics from the U.S., China, and Europe including participation from Microsoft, Intel, and Motorola.

The *Realizing the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)* study, lead by Non-Resident Senior Fellow Michael Plummer, assessed the feasibility and impact of the creation a single market and production base in Southeast Asia. The findings project a 5.3% increase in regional welfare and that all ASEAN states will gain from the AEC initiative.

The National Transfer Account project, co-directed by Senior Fellow Andrew Mason, examines saving and sharing among generations in more than twenty countries in Asia, North and South America, Europe, Africa, and the Pacific. As part of the long-term study, the research team is analyzing data from previous financial crises (e.g., "the lost generation" in Japan, the Asian financial crisis, and the Swedish banking crisis), to get hints of what the current financial crisis might mean in terms of public and private transfers of wealth.

Information about EWC publications is available at: EastWestCenter.org/pubs

Sea level rise will exacerbate erosion and other coastal hazards, threaten vital infrastructure, and thus compromise the well-being of island communities. The Pacific RISA program provides critical support to Pacific island communities in mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change. (Photo: Cdr. John Bortniak, NOAA's America's Coastlines Collection)

Environmental Change

Under the leadership of Senior Fellow Roland Fuchs, the inaugural conference for "Cities at Risk: Building Adaptive Capacity for Managing Climate Change in Asia's Coastal Megacities," held in Bangkok, brought together scientists, urban planners, disaster managers and policy makers to review scientific findings on climate related risks and assess the gaps in both the science and policy responses.

Senior Fellow Jefferson Fox received a grant ($302,017) from International Resources Group to study Integrated Protected Area-Co-Management (IPAC) in Bangladesh.

Senior Fellow Melissa Finucane secured a $3.4 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) in support of the Pacific Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessment (Pacific RISA) program for the next five years. The Pacific RISA supports stakeholders in Pacific island and coastal communities (Hawai'i and U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands) in mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate variability and change. As one of nine U.S. RISA programs, the Pacific RISA emphasizes the engagement of communities, governments, and businesses in developing effective policies to build resilience in key sectors such as water resource management, coastal and marine resources, fisheries, agriculture, tourism, disaster management, and public health.

Regional Health and Population

The National Science Foundation awarded the Center $1.4 million to study development's role in the emergence of avian flu in Vietnam. Led by EWC researchers Jefferson Fox, Melissa Finucane, Sumeet Saksena, and Nancy Lewis, the inaugural project meeting, held at Hanoi University of Agriculture, included field visits to poultry producers and Vietnam's largest wholesale poultry market.

Senior Fellow Tim Brown and colleagues launched the *Guidelines* for their Analysis and Advocacy (A^2) project at the International AIDS conference in Bali. A^2 improves responses to HIV in Asia by helping to build in-country capacity to develop a clear understanding of the local HIV/AIDS epidemic and to translate that understanding into effective national policies and appropriately targeted programs. Initiated in 2004 with USAID funding, the project rapidly expanded to five sites and has produced real world policy and program change. The *Guidelines* detail that process with the goal of helping other countries carry out similar initiatives.

Approximately 40 participants from 12 countries gathered at the Center for The 40th Summer Seminar on Population. The 30-day intensive program comprised workshops on HIV/AIDS modeling, fertility change in Asia, and communicating with policy makers.

EWC International Conferences

EWC researchers were involved with the organization of a number of international conferences and workshops including:

Standards and Innovation Policy in the Global Knowledge Economy – Core Issues for China and the U.S. held in Beijing, co-sponsored by the National Bureau of Asian Research

Pacific Island Man and the Biosphere Project meeting, in collaboration with UNESCO and the Pacific Science Association, focusing on biodiversity conservation and sustainable socio-economic development

Toward a Sustainable Transport System for Green Growth in the North Pacific co-sponsored by the Korea Transportation Institute

Fossil Fuels to Green Energy: Policy Schemes in Transition in the North Pacific co-sponsored by the Korea Energy Economics Institute

Institutions for Regionalism: Governance Issues for Regional Comparisons co-sponsored by the Asian Development Bank

Rural Livelihoods and Protected Landscapes: Co-management in the Wetlands and Forests of Bangladesh, as an Integrated Protected Area Co-management Project (IPAC) Small Grants Program Research Design Workshop

Governance for Sustainable Development: Global Practices and the Chinese Experience held in Beijing as part of AGDI, co-sponsored by the China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics

The Education Program

EWC educational opportunities prepare current and future leaders from the Asia Pacific region and the U.S. for a new era of increased social, economic, and technological interdependence. Through degree and certificate programs, students develop a foundation to address critical regional and global issues. Programs for educators strengthen their capacity to cultivate in their students an understanding of the histories, cultures, and contemporary issues of the region. An international forum explores new educational paradigms for the Asia Pacific region. Both public and private sources support the Center's education programs.

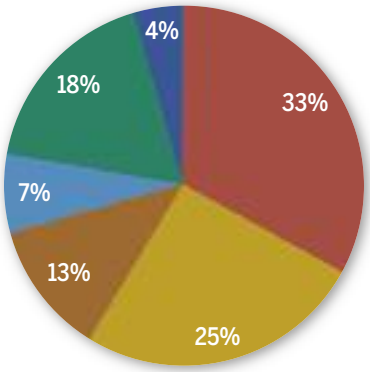
U.S.-South Pacific Scholarship Program alumni helped restore a Native Hawaiian fishpond during their week-long leadership and social networking workshop in Honolulu.

Student Programs

In FY2009 the number of EWC students rose to 540, the highest since 1974. This was driven by a growing variety of public and private scholarship funding streams, with total of 14 at present, including the first from the Norway Research Council, supporting Pacific islands students, and the Ministry of Education and Training in Vietnam. An increasing number of students also fund their own participation in East-West Center programs as affiliated students and scholars, to access the rich intellectual and cultural environment at the Center. The chart below depicts student diversity by region.

The International Graduate Student Conference, an annual student-led initiative and the largest of its kind worldwide, attracted 140 students from 54 universities in 25 nations.

FY 2009 Students
(by region)



Southeast Asia	178	|	33%
East Asia	138	|	25%
South Asia	68	|	13%
Pacific	38	|	7%
United States	95	|	18%
Other (beyond mandated region)	23	|	4%
Total	**540 students**		

More than twenty EWC alumni from the **U.S.-South Pacific Scholarship Program** (USSP) gathered at the Center in June for a special workshop on "Leadership and Social Networking: Strengthening the Ties that Bind our Pacific Islands Alumni Community." This landmark meeting helped to build and strengthen the EWC alumni network in the region around a new generation of emerging Pacific islands leaders. Participants discussed their priorities for an action agenda for the Pacific future. Priorities for their island nations addressed the need for greater leadership training, literacy and education, capacity building at all levels, and the need to cultivate a culture of transparency.

International Forum for Education 2020

Mid-career leaders drawn from leading universities and ministries of education in 10 Asian countries participated in the 4th **IFE 2020 Educational Leadership Institute** focused on access, equity, and capacity issues in Asia Pacific higher education. They gained a regional perspective and set of concepts through which to better compare and evaluate how these issues are impacting their own societies. This institute also cultivated an international network for on-going consultation.

In partnership with the national accreditation body in Malaysia (MQA), the 7th **IFE 2020 Senior Seminar**, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, addressed "Quality Issues for Higher Education in an Emerging Knowledge Society." The insights from these Northeast, South, and Southeast Asian contributors will be published as an edited volume in late 2010.

Asian Studies Development Program

In 2009, the Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP) conducted faculty development workshops on the U.S. mainland, a field seminar in China, a residential institute in Hawai'i, a national symposium, and the 15th national ASDP conference.

ASDP workshops ranged from "Asian Perspectives on Democracy and Global Justice;" to "Asia's Ecologies of Development: China and India."

In collaboration with the ASEAN University Network (AUN) and hosted by University Malaya, ASDP sponsored an ASEAN Studies Curriculum Design Workshop in September for AUN senior faculty from 8 of the 10 ASEAN member states. This is the first of series of workshops and institutes envisioned to create and disseminate a core undergraduate curriculum on ASEAN, addressing a goal of ASEAN and the mandated role of AUN to strengthen regional awareness and identity among students.

AsiaPacificEd Program

American and Japanese teachers participated in an NEH-funded living history workshop on the **Pearl Harbor History, Memory, and Memorial**.

Through the **Partnership for Youth** and **Travel and Teach** programs in Cambodia, U.S. students and teachers observed the Khmer Rouge tribunal and explored human rights issues.

In the **Partnership for Schools** project, U.S. teachers experienced Indonesia's diversity through homestays and Islamic boarding school visits. These teachers also participated in a post-conflict dialogue in Ambon between local Christian and Muslim teachers and students in the **Seeds of Friendship** project.

In support of a USAID initiative, the **ASEAN Curriculum Assessment Project** evaluated school textbooks used by member states and recommended materials to advance ASEAN awareness and identity-building goals.

An elder of the Naxi minority in Yunnan Province demonstrating a traditional pictographic script to ASDP's China field seminar co-leader, Fred Lau, Director, U.H. Center for Chinese Studies, and program participants.

A Pearl Harbor survivor exchanges perceptions of history with a Japanese teacher during the AsiaPacificEd Pearl Harbor workshop.

APLP team members collaborating with leaders from the Vietnam Institute of Tropical Biology on a cultural and ecotourism development project involving the Raglay Minority Peoples in Nui Chua National Park.

Asia Pacific Leadership Program

The annually conducted Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP) links analysis of regional issues with experiential leadership learning in a nine-month program of study. The program has alumni in 50 countries supporting a network of action across the region.

The Ninth Generation (G9) of participants this year comprised 40 fellows from 22 countries. Their leadership experience and professional backgrounds ranged from international development, business, and economics to journalism, women studies, and environmental science.

G9 conducted field studies in China and Washington, D.C. , including meetings with Supreme Court Justices, U.S. Senators, and U.S. Federal Reserve members. In Beijing they participated in a joint workshop on "China and the Future" with 40 graduate students from China's top universities including Beida, Tsinghua, China Foreign Affairs, Beijing Foreign Studies and Renmin. In small groups they traveled to 13 urban and rural localities in southwestern China, documenting observations on present-day realities and cross-generational expectations for the future.

East-West Center in Washington

Established in 2001 to expand the Center's outreach in the U.S. capital, East-West Center in Washington works to strengthen relations and understanding among the governments and peoples of the Asia Pacific region and the United States through research, publications, and substantive programs. Numerous public forums featuring key government officials and scholars, as well as military, business, and NGO leaders, generated discussion on critical issues in U.S.-Asia Pacific relations.

Promoting American Engagement in Asia Pacific Affairs

Asia Pacific Seminar Series

The Asia Pacific seminar series continued to provide an important venue for the dissemination of new research and discussion in Washington D.C. In 2009, 38 seminars were held in the areas of Asia Pacific security, democracy and human rights, and political economy. Featured speakers included The Honorable Meera Shankar, Indian Ambassador to the United States, and The Honorable James R. Keith, U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia.

Derek Mitchell, Principal U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs speaking at "The Malaysia – United States Strategic Partnership Conference," co-hosted by EWC in Washington.

U.S.-China South Asia Dialogue

The East-West Center, in collaboration with the China Institute of International Studies and Yunnan University, sponsored a dialogue in Kunming, China featuring U.S., P.R.C., and Indian participants focusing on South Asia security issues, policy on Afghanistan and Pakistan (AfPak), and prospects for future regional cooperation. This was the first in a projected series of discussions about AfPak.

Connie Rahakundini Bakrie, Executive Director of the Institute of Defense and Security Studies (IODAS), Jakarta; and Sidratahta Mukhtar, IODAS Senior Researcher, discuss Indonesian military and defense challenges in an Asia Pacific Security Seminar.

In an Asia Pacific Political Economy Seminar, (L-R) EWC in Washington Director Satu Limaye; Indian Ambassador Meera Shankar; and President and Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Harsh Pati Singhania and Amit Mitra, discuss U.S.-Indian relations.

United States Asia Pacific Council (USAPC)

Formed in 2003 with the support of the U.S. Department of State, USAPC promotes and facilitates greater U.S. engagement with the Asia Pacific region through personal networks and institutional partnerships.

In conjunction with its annual Washington Conference in May, USAPC hosted the 18th General Meeting of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) focusing on "Economic Crisis and Recovery: Roles for Asia-Pacific Economies" (see conference highlights on p. 4).

USAPC also hosted an APEC Business Coalition meeting in December, which featured a briefing by U.S. Senior Official for APEC Kurt Tong and Assistant U.S. Trade Representative Wendy Cutler on the November 2009 APEC Leaders' meeting in Singapore.

Research Projects

Asia Matters for America

AsiaMattersforAmerica.org, an on-line resource for information, data, and analysis of U.S.-Asia interactions, has drawn over 15,000 page views from 97 countries. In November, the *Asia Matters for America* brochure was distributed to each office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Global Asia Special Edition

The East-West Center in Washington and the journal *Global Asia* cooperated to publish the November 2009 edition featuring the multi-article cover story "In the National Interest: Economics, Security, and Foreign Affairs in Southeast Asia." The publication is the culmination of a collaborative research project that explored the relationship between economics, security, and multilateralism in the foreign policy of five Southeast Asian nations.

"The Long Shadow: Nuclear Weapons and Security in 21st Century Asia," edited by EWC Distinguished Senior Fellow Muthiah Alagappa, received the 2009 Outstanding Academic Title Award from *Choice* magazine.

East-West Seminars

The East-West Seminars program offers short-term dialogue and international study tours that address critical issues affecting the region. Designed for government and business leaders, journalists and other professionals, and scholars from the U.S. and Asia Pacific, these seminars engage colleagues in discussion and analysis and serve as a catalyst for regional cooperation.

Seminars Director Ray Burghardt (2nd from left) with New Generation Seminar participants exploring Asia's economic challenges through factory visits in Vietnam.

Media Programs

The **Japan-United States Journalists Exchange** focused on "New Leadership and the Global Economic Crisis."

The **Korea-United States Journalists Exchange** examined the impact of the global economic crisis in the U.S. and Korea.

The **Hong Kong Journalism Fellowships Program** explored "Chinese Development Policies: Facing Economic Crisis and Environmental Sustainability."

The new **Southeast Asia Journalism Fellowships Program** covered initiatives shaping ASEAN's future role in the region.

The **Spring Jefferson Fellowships Program** focused on the social, political, and economic impacts of the global financial crisis on Japan and China.

The **Fall Jefferson Fellowships Program** examined the ability of U.S. domestic and foreign policy to confront the economic challenges and opportunities involved in addressing climate change.

The **Health Journalism Fellowships Program** covered infectious diseases in Asia and included journalism training for 10 junior Chinese health reporters.

The **Senior Journalists Seminar** "Bridging Gaps between the United States and the Muslim World" included the first EWC media program participant from Iran.

Participants in the China Protected Areas Leadership Alliance Project discuss conservation strategies with a U.S. park ranger.

Leadership and Professional Development

The **New Generation Seminar** brought young leaders to Seoul and Hanoi to explore the impacts of the global economic crisis.

In the **China Protected Areas Leadership Alliance Project** 25 Chinese conservation managers and government leaders learned innovative conservation management strategies through visits to U.S. National parks.

The **Building the Foundation Program: Leadership Training Seminar for Pacific Island Resource Managers** assisted the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Marshall Islands in integrated water resources management planning.

In the **Changing Faces** seminar, women leaders discussed "Women as Entrepreneurs: Fostering Economic Growth and Strengthening Communities."

International Dialogue on Critical Issues

During the **Senior Policy Seminar**, high-level officials, business leaders, and experts analyzed the global economic crisis.

The **Australian American Leadership Dialogue** brought Australian and U.S. political and business leaders, journalists, and policy experts together in Honolulu.

The Asia Pacific Executive Forum in Rochester, NY focused on "U.S. – China Relations" and "Asia and the Economic Crisis."

Urban Asia: Challenges of Transition and Governance Seminar Series

In the first in-country workshop **Governance and Infrastructure Development Challenges in the Kathmandu Valley**, Nepalese officials discussed the creation of a Kathmandu Valley Authority and developed an action plan.

In the second in-country workshop, 71 U.S. and Vietnamese officials focused on **Key Challenges in the Process of Urbanization in Ho Chi Minh City: Governance, Socio-Economic, and Environmental Issues**.

Senior Policy Seminar participants (L-R): Mark Thirlwell, Director of the International Economy Program at the Lowy Institute, Sydney; Sarasin Viraphol, Executive VP of Charoen Pokphand Group, Bangkok; and Barbara Weisel, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for SE Asia.

External Affairs

The Office of External Affairs connects the resources and research of the East-West Center with the local, national, and international community through news media and public information services; briefings for visiting officials; and public affairs, community relations, and public programs. In 2009, External Affairs cosponsored 20 public programs for Hawai'i audiences and also organized two events welcoming U.S. Ambassadors and Public Affairs Officers to the Center. This office also comprises the Arts Program, the EWC Alumni Office, and EWC program representatives in the Asia Pacific region.

Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou was greeted by EWC President Charles E. Morrison during a visit to the Center.

News and Information

The News and Information section serves as a liaison between the Center and journalists worldwide. Media coverage of the East-West Center continued to reach new audiences in 2009, enhancing the Center's capacity to inform policymakers and the general public. The Center and its staff were cited by national and international media sources in more than 2,100 reports and op-eds.

Arts Program

The East-West Center Arts Program increases understanding of cultures and ethnic groups from the Asia Pacific region through exhibitions, performances, lecture-demonstrations, and hands-on workshops. In 2009, more than 20,000 adults and youth experienced EWC's arts programs. Outreach initiatives targeted "at-risk" youth by conducting school programs in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Gallery exhibitions for 2009 incorporated public performances and lecture demonstrations on: "Mirror & Mirage: Japanese Noh and Kyogen Theatre;" "Drums & Drama: Mask Dance from Sri Lanka;" "Cosmic Creatures: Textiles from Northeast Lao Communities;" and "'Dance Machines' from the Torres Strait Islands."

Additional performances featured master Kathak dancer Chitresh Das and expert musicians from India, and traditional Chinese musicians from Xiamen University.

East-West Center Alumni

The East-West Center Association (EWCA) is an international network of more than 55,000 professionals who have participated in East-West Center programs. EWCA provides many programs and services for its members designed to support the Center's mission to help build an Asia Pacific community and to extend the outreach of the East-West Center.

In 2009, the 48 alumni chapters carried out a broad range of activities to strengthen the alumni network including lectures, seminars, welcoming new and returning students, raising funds, and providing hospitality to traveling participants. Web communication was increased including alumni groups on Facebook and LinkedIn and improvements to the EWCA on-line community. Over 3,000 new alumni email addresses were added to the database. Additionally, EWCA provided 4 student scholarships and 10 travel grants for field research or participation in professional conferences. The alumni mentoring program also matched 35 EWC students with professionals in the local community.

Member of the Ariw Poenipan Cultural Group from the Torres Strait Islands, Australia, demonstrating the use of a traditional percussion instrument to Hawai'i students.

East-West Center Foundation

Honoring the Past, Looking to the Future

The success of the East-West Center is built on effective public-private partnerships. Funding from the U.S. government covers most of the Center's basic operating expenses, while private funding by individuals, private agencies, foundations, corporations and governments throughout the region sustains the Center's high quality research, education, training, scholarship, and exchange programs. Increasing private support means the Center is able to continue its best programs and create new initiatives that are making a difference.

In 2009, the East-West Center Foundation sharpened the case for private support, strengthened volunteer support, and prepared for the Center's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Two especially generous major gifts launched the 50th Anniversary Campaign — a $100,000 gift for special projects, and a million dollar matching challenge from an anonymous friend of the Center.

The EWC Foundation Board of Directors actively engaged in soliciting gifts, managing investments, recruiting effective Board members, strengthening the Center's brand identity, and building and supporting effective programs, such as the EWC Arts 'Ohana. Thanks to the generosity of alumni donors, several named scholarships at $25,000, $50,000 and up are making it possible for students to benefit from EWC programs, regardless of need. The EWC Association Alumni Scholarship Fund is a pooled fund for smaller gifts that has distributed more than $150,000 since its creation in 2005, making it possible for 47 students from 16 countries to participate in EWC education programs.

Sumi Makey Awards
Ming Yang (2009 Recipient) and Sumi Makey

2009 EWC Association Alumni Scholarship Recipients
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Melga Gendrano, Aileen Pascual Maypa (2009 Recipient) and Buddy Gendrano

After months of preparation, the Board and more than 700 generous donors and friends launched the Center's 50th Anniversary celebrations at a kick-off dinner on January 9, 2010 raising some $200,000 for EWC scholarships and education programs. Highlights included moving testimonials by Lynda Bird Johnson Robb, Senator Daniel K. Inouye, former Governor and Chairman of the Board of Governors George Ariyoshi, and presidential sister Maya Soetoro-Ng, and a video created especially for the Anniversary titled "Priceless Legacy."

Produced in 2009, *The East-West Center at 50: The Case for Support* describes the impact of private giving and outlines the Center's funding priorities — opportunities to help the Center meet the increasing demands of the next 50 years. Naming opportunities and permanent recognition for all donors of $50,000 or more are among the incentives for strengthening private philanthropy as the Center's mission of building a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia Pacific region becomes more essential than ever.

2009 Gifts to East-West Center Foundation

The East-West Center's success is built on effective public-private partnerships. While initial funding came almost exclusively from the U.S. government, today essential support is provided by individuals, private agencies, foundations, corporations, and governments throughout the region. It is a true partnership: funding from the U.S. government covers most of the Center's basic operating expenses, while private funding sustains the Center's high quality research, education, training, scholarship and exchange programs. We are grateful to our many partners and supporters throughout the world.

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East-West Center

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, the Center had total assets of $37,705,106, total liabilities of $3,204,120 and total net assets of $34,500,986. Net assets comprised unrestricted net assets of $27,714,781, temporarily restricted net assets of $3,793,766 and permanently restricted net assets of $2,992,439.

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For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, the Foundation had total assets of $3,278,614, no liabilities and total net assets of $3,278,614. Net assets comprised unrestricted net assets of $172,530, temporarily restricted net assets of $1,518,733 and permanently restricted net assets of $1,587,351.

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An on-line supplement to this report contains additional information on East-West Center participants and finances. To download the supplement, visit EastWestCenter.org and click on "About EWC," then "Annual Report."

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