

# 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 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.