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More than 800 alumni and guests from 35 countries celebrated the Center's contributions to the region over five decades at the EWC/EWCA 50th Anniversary Conference in Honolulu, July 2 to 5.

In his opening address, EWC President Charles E. Morrison told the audience, "A few years ago, I had a chance to meet one of today's wise men of the East, Manmohan Singh, prime minister of India. He fondly recalled how, as a young economist, he attended a trade meeting at the East-West Center in 1964, his first trip to the United States. And he was most emphatic in saying that what the Center does — its mission of building relations and understanding — is even more important today than it was in the 1960s."

Morrison also spoke of the many contributions EWC alumni have made toward the dramatic transformation of the region over the past half century. "As the region
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Assessing Obama's Foreign Policy in a Changing Asia

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The Obama administration's hope to build on policies of prior U.S. administrations in Asia has faced some unexpected turns during the first 18 months of his presidency, assessed Michael Green, EWC POSCO Fellow, Japan Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and an associate professor of international relations at Georgetown.

In public presentations at the East-West Center this summer, Green noted that the Obama administration came into office with the idea of maintaining continuity in foreign policy in Asia, as recent presidents had. That included carrying on a strong relationship with Japan while continuing to reach out and engage China on issues such as climate change. There also was a hope that more direct talks with North Korea might improve relations.

But the situation Obama inherited in Asia was different than the one his predecessor faced, said Green, who worked at the National Security Council during President George W. Bush's presidency.

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In Japan, former Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama came into office last September with a different view of the U.S.-Japan alliance and a pledge to re-examine a previous agreement over the future of the Futenma Marine base in Okinawa. The weakened relationship with Japan and Wall Street's financial crisis also altered China's view of the U.S., Green said.

China also hasn't responded the way Washington hoped in terms of climate change policy, he added, and has been especially critical of a U.S. decision to sell arms to Taiwan this year — including rebuffing U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates' request to visit Beijing in June.

"China was much tougher than I think the administration expected," Green said.

As for North Korea, Obama's hopes for engagement dimmed when the country tested missiles and a nuclear bomb in the months after he took office. "As a result the Obama administration's North Korea policy is actually tougher than Bush's policy in the last two or three years," Green said. "They're not rushing back to six-party talks, not rushing for high-level dialogue.

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Michael Green



Voting on the island of Makira primarily took place in open-air classrooms. Voter turnout was high and people stood in long lines to cast their vote.

To download the pdf of the Election Observation Mission's full statement, visit: EastWestCenter.org/go/84



International Delegation Monitors Solomon Islands National Election

In cooperation with the United Nations and the Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership (APDP), the East-West Center organized a delegation to observe the national parliamentary election in the Solomon Islands in August. The APDP mission, consisting

of 20 observers from eight countries, was one among several delegations that observed the election.

Headed by Sandra Sumang Pierantozzi, former Vice President and former Minister of the State of the Republic of Palau, the delegation was formed in response to an invitation from the Solomon Islands government and through a grant from the U.S. State Department. The EWC delegation included Jerry Finin, Deputy Director of the Pacific Islands Development Program, Scott Kroeker, PIDP Project Officer, and Karen Knudsen, Director of External Affairs.

The observers included election specialists, government officials, academics and civil society representatives from eight countries including Australia, Mongolia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, South Korea, Timor-Leste and the United States. The APDP delegation joined other observation teams from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the Commonwealth and the Pacific Islands Forum.

On Election Day, observers traveled by air, land and sea to visit more than 150 polling stations throughout the country. Additionally, delegates observed the chain of transmission of the ballot boxes from a number of polling places to the provincial tabulation centers and witnessed the early tabulation process at various sites.

THE APDP delegation issued a preliminary statement congratulating the people of the Solomons for “an open and spirited electoral process that generated high voter interest.” The APDP delegates reported that the voting and ballot-counting process was “transparent and appears to be without significant irregularities.” However, the delegation did note some procedural inconsistencies which may merit further investigation by election officials. In particular, the delegation either observed or heard reports of a substantial number of potential voters turned away from polling places because their names were not included on the rolls.

As a result, the delegation recommended a thorough review of voter registration lists to minimize disenfranchisement and the potential for fraud. Observers also noted concerns over delays in voting procedures at some large polling stations.

These recommendations are contained in the Election Observation Mission's final report which will be shared with government officials and non-governmental organizations.

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They're focusing instead, as I think they should, on shoring up their alliances with Korea and Japan, and working through the Security Council to contain the problem.”

On the other hand, the U.S.-South Korea relationship is much stronger. “Barack Obama gave a speech saying Korea is the lynchpin of America Asian strategy,” Green said, an indication of how well Obama and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak clicked in their meetings.

And he believes the Obama administration has “doubled down on ASEAN.” “Signing the Treaty of

Amity and Cooperation and, of course, the president's connection to Indonesia has been important,” Green said. “Here they've been lucky in a way where China has helped them out” by acting in a manner some Southeast Asian countries consider “arrogant.”

“As a result the United States is finding itself pushing on an open door in Southeast Asia,” Green said. “And I think that's an area where the administration is going to have a lot of room to do more. The key is going to be trade. Can they put together a trade agenda that helps and builds ties.”

Q&A WITH: Michelle Staggs Kelsall

A Milestone for International Justice at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal



The Deputy Director of the Asian International Justice Initiative (AIJI) discusses the recent conviction of Kaing Guek Eav (Duch), the chief jailer for the Khmer Rouge, at the first trial of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). AIJI, a collaboration between the East-West Center and the War Crimes Study Center at the University of California-Berkeley, provides training, monitoring and outreach for the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Cambodia. Reports and videos of “Duch on Trial” are available online at the Time for Justice website at <http://forum.eastwestcenter.org/Khmer-Rouge-Trials/>

Q: What’s been the reaction in Cambodia to the outcome of the trial of Duch, the chief jailer for the Khmer Rouge?

A: Fairly mixed. While most international lawyers watching the proceedings agree that the verdict and sentence are fair (by international standards), most Cambodians I have spoken to have expressed disappointment and have difficulty squaring Duch’s sentence with the crimes he confessed to committing. This includes Cambodians from the legal community. Victims who participated in the process have expressed a range of emotions: Some did say that the trial had brought them a sense of closure, but many are outraged by what they see as a very lenient sentence. I think there needs to be greater outreach efforts from the court to explain the judgment, otherwise there may be negative consequences as a result.

Q: What do you think is most significant about the trial, which was backed by the U.N. and began two years ago?

A: Obviously it’s the first time in Cambodia that a former Khmer Rouge cadre at a fairly senior level has admitted responsibility for the crimes committed between 1975 -79. This is significant in and of itself: that Duch testified extensively on his involvement in the Khmer Rouge regime provides a form of historical record that is unlike any other Cambodia has had to date. Additionally, for better or for worse, the Court facilitated a victims’ participation process that enabled victims to be involved in the proceedings. While it is far from perfect, it has facilitated greater engagement by victims in the proceedings and allowed for ongoing dialogue about victims’ experiences to occur in parallel to their participation.

Q: What was the biggest challenge AIJI faced during this process?

A: Our ‘Duch on Trial’ series aired weekly throughout the trial proceedings and so we had our hands full (together with Khmer Mekong Films) getting scripts finalized and selecting footage for a 24-minute show each week. We wanted to convey the complex messages of the proceedings in layman’s terms and this wasn’t always easy. Trying to ensure we didn’t miss the nuances of testimony and legal arguments while still keeping the message clear and simple was the greatest challenge.

Q: It was reported that three million viewers or 20 percent of Cambodia’s population watched the proceedings during a weekly broadcast on television, a collaborative production of AIJI and Khmer Mekong Films. Why was it so important to broadcast the trial?

A: Trials such as the one occurring in Cambodia are really public events or monumental spectacles that are aimed at responding, on a symbolic level, to the atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge era. This is a society’s way of holding accused persons accountable, but to some extent, it’s also holding itself accountable at the same time: questions such as “Why did Cambodians kill Cambodians?” pervade the national consciousness, and the hope is that the trials will give people a sense of understanding the period in a new light. Additionally, it’s hoped that the trial will have a demonstration effect — in that it will illustrate to Cambodians what a fair trial looks like, and raise expectations of their own justice sector.

Q: What’s next?

A: Case 002 — the trial of Khieu Samphan, Ieng Sary, Ieng Thirith, Nuon Chea and again Duch will be held next year. Most people seem to think around March 2011.

Q: What do you hope will be the long-term impact of the tribunal?

A: I hope it provides a sense of justice and closure for some of the victims of the Khmer Rouge; that it promotes greater understanding and empathy in both the way Cambodians view their own history (and their part in it) and outsiders view Cambodia; and that it can be a catalyst for igniting the imagination of judges and lawyers working within the institution and around it, to consider what “lessons learned” from the ECCC might be usefully transported into the domestic legal sector. The ECCC can’t be seen as a panacea for all that happened during the Khmer Rouge era, but it might be the start of a national dialogue that both acknowledges that period of Cambodian history, while at the same time moves on from it and concerns itself with contemporary issues facing the country. In many respects, that is already occurring and has been occurring for some time, in part thanks to the tribunal.



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News in Brief



Robert Nakasone coordinates the EWC Obuchi program.

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\$40,000

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\$35,230

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\$146,780

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\$63,800



The Honorable Yuko Obuchi, member of the Japanese Diet and daughter of former Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi greets the conference participants.

Obuchi Scholarship Program Marks 10th Anniversary

The East-West Center marked the 10th anniversary of the Obuchi Okinawa Education and Research Program and the golden anniversary of the Center at a series of events in Okinawa in June.

During the past decade, the Obuchi program has brought 49 Okinawan students and scholars to the Center to engage in multilateral educational and research activities. The program, supported jointly by the East-West Center and the Japan Foundation, also serves as an important educational link between Okinawa and the United States.

“The program’s impact can be seen in the changes in the participants’ lives as a result of this experience and what they have brought back to Okinawa from that experience,” said EWC President Charles E. Morrison at the 10th anniversary program.

The program included welcome remarks by Governor Hirokazu Nakaima of Okinawa Prefecture and Chōkō Takayama, president of the EWC Alumni-Okinawa Chapter. The Honorable Yuko Obuchi, member of the Lower House of the Diet in Japan and daughter of former Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, also presented a keynote address.

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EWC Announces New China-U.S. Journalists Exchange Program

The East-West Center launched a new journalism exchange program that will bring six U.S. journalists to China and six Chinese journalists to the U.S., culminating in a dialogue between the two groups at the EWC in Honolulu.

The inaugural China-United States Journalists Exchange, scheduled for September 11-25, will examine “China-U.S. Relations: Impacts and Implications for the Global Economic Recovery.”

“With China’s increasing economic and political power, and the growing importance of China-U.S. relations in global affairs, we believe it is more important than ever that journalists from the two nations have an opportunity to better understand each other’s societies, and to exchange viewpoints on major issues of common concern,” said Susan Kreifels, coordinator of the Center’s media seminar programs.

The program is co-sponsored by the EWC, the All-China Journalists Association and the Better Hong Kong Foundation.

For more information, visit:

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Hadi Soesastro, International Advisory Board Member

Hadi Soesastro, one of Indonesia’s foremost economists and former executive director of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) died in May at the age of 65 in Jakarta. He served as a member of the EWC International Advisory Board and participated in numerous EWC activities over the years.



As one of the most prominent and respected Southeast Asian intellectuals promoting regional economic cooperation and freer trade, he was a mentor and adviser to many younger Southeast Asian scholars and government officials.

“We will deeply miss Hadi for his brilliant mind, his warm and unassuming character, and his profound commitment to our Asia Pacific community-building mission,” said EWC President Charles E. Morrison.

EWC Welcomes 167 new students

The East-West Center welcomed 167 new student fellows and affiliates from 33 countries in August. That brings the total of new and returning students to 387 representing 50 countries altogether. Though the majority of students come from throughout Asia, the Pacific and the United States, this year the reach of the Center extends to students from Ireland to Palestine, Armenia to Brazil, and Peru to Tunisia, among others.

New EWC students participated in various orientation activities before beginning classes.

Different “voices” and perspectives were exchanged on the legacies of World War II in the Asia Pacific region, when 75 college professors from nine nations participated in summer workshops offered by the EWC Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP).

In collaboration with the National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks (formerly the Arizona Memorial Museum Association), the two National Endowment for Humanities-sponsored

workshops on “History and Commemoration: Legacies of the Pacific War,” examined a history the region shares but still views in different and at times conflicting ways.

The EWC AsiaPacificEd program previously hosted similar workshops for U.S. and Japanese high school teachers which delved into the multiple histories surrounding the Pearl Harbor attack. As an expansion on that theme, the ASDP “Legacies of the Pacific War” examined issues stemming from the war across the wider Pacific region, bringing together educators from Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Australia, China, Japan, South Korea and the United States to engage in dialogue and hear perspectives from individuals who actually lived through the war.

Personal stories were shared by civilian survivors of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, the war in the Marshall Islands and the Japanese internment camps on the U.S. mainland. Participants also heard from U.S. veteran Pearl Harbor attack survivors and expert historians from the *U.S.S. Arizona Memorial*.

Hungdah Su, a professor of international history at National Taiwan University, noted that because of lingering World War II animosities in Asia, “such a workshop could not be held in any other Asian country — only America. The workshop is an important step toward reconciling histories.”

Educators Explore the Multiple Histories of the Pacific War

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Educators from the Asia-Pacific-U.S. region came together with veterans and survivors of the Pacific War to discuss WWII.

The recent catastrophic floods in Pakistan have created an unprecedented humanitarian crisis in a nation already struggling with poverty, political instability and violent militancy. “Supporting the Pakistani people in their hour of need is the best investment the U.S. can make to bridge the ‘trust deficit’ that exists between the two allies in the war against terror and extremism,” advises

Shabbir Cheema, director of the EWC Asia-Pacific Governance and Democracy Initiative.

“While the first order of business must be to provide relief for the

millions whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed,” he added, “alarms have been raised about the potential impact on the long-term stability of the nuclear-armed nation of 167 million and the fight against the Taliban and Al Qaida in neighboring Afghanistan.”

He noted that Pakistan has shown resilience in coping with crises in the past. But in the aftermath of a 2005 earthquake which killed 73,000 people and an ongoing Taliban insurgency that has cost the country more than \$30 billion, “the worst natural disaster in Pakistan’s history could set the country back for years,” Cheema said.

He warned that if the Pakistani government fails to coordinate relief efforts effectively, that failure could be exploited by extremist groups. And with

60,000 Pakistani troops diverted to relief work, the fight against the Taliban insurgency could be hindered.

“The Obama administration has exercised leadership, however, contributing \$150 million in new aid, in addition to \$200 million from existing commitments that could also be used for recovery,” Cheema said. As a result of the U.S. role, he anticipated the U.N. was likely to exceed its target of \$460 million for immediate relief for flood victims.

In August, the U.S. Department of State set up a special Pakistan Relief Fund. Declaring that the disaster reflects “painful images of human suffering at its worst,” Secretary of State Hillary Clinton urged Americans to contribute to the fund at www.State.gov,

or to send \$10 simply by texting the word FLOOD to 27722.

“The U.S. has good reason to be actively engaged,” Cheema said. “Success in Afghanistan — where America is spending \$16 to \$20 billion annually, in addition to the loss of life — depends upon the support of Pakistan, especially its military.”



Shabbir Cheema

Cheema: U.S. Response to Pakistan Floods – An Investment in Trust

New Publications Spotlight EWC Alumni ♦ Legacy ♦ Art Collection

Three softcover publications were published to commemorate the Center's 50th Anniversary and made available at the EWC/EWCA International Conference in July.

Fifty Years, Fifty Stories highlights the lives and achievements of 50 alumni. Each has a unique story to share demonstrating leadership tied to service, expertise and collaboration — which many trace to their days at the East-West Center. Included are world leaders such as India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, champions for the poor such as Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus and microcredit pioneer Ann Dunham Soetoro, and notables like Kathleen Hall Jamieson, highly respected analyst of media and politics. Many are trailblazers influencing change at the grassroots, local, national, regional and international levels, others are emerging leaders dedicated to forging better futures for their communities.

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East-West Treasures: Selected Works from the Permanent Collection showcases gifts of art, architecture and artifacts presented to the East-West Center since its founding in 1960. These gifts reflect the richness and diversity of the Asia Pacific region, including the United States, and serve as educational tools — as well as inspirational works of great beauty.

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The East-West Center Legacy spotlights the ways in which the Center and its network of staff, professional participants and alumni have helped shape the region. The vignettes, selected from hundreds of collaborative projects over five decades, illustrate the diversity of the Center's activities. In the opening message, EWC President Charles E. Morrison notes that "all [the vignettes] underscore the power and creativity inherent in the Center's cooperative work, in which small, multicultural groups draw from each other's experience, strengths and dedication to achieve a result important to the region."

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Exciting New Scholarships



Puongpun and Thanh-Lo Sananikone

(L to R) Charles E. Morrison, Chōkō Takayama and Puongpun Sananikone



Puongpun and Thanh-Lo Sananikone Scholarship

Chairman of the EWC Board of Governors Puongpun Sananikone and his wife Thanh-Lo have created the Puongpun and Thanh-Lo Sananikone Scholarship as a \$50,000 Permanent Named Endowment. Awards will assist Degree Fellows, Student Affiliates or Asia Pacific Leadership Program participants from Laos and Vietnam, or of that heritage. Puongpun and Thanh-Lo met while they were students at the East-West Center in the 1960s.

EWCA Okinawa Chapter Awards

The EWCA Okinawa Chapter has established the first scholarship fund by an Alumni Chapter! A gift of \$30,000 was presented by Chapter President Chōkō Takayama to EWC President Charles Morrison at the 2010 EWC/EWCA International Conference. The EWCA Okinawa Chapter Awards will be used to provide awards of not less than \$1,000 to deserving Degree Fellows or Asia Pacific Leadership Program participants from Okinawa. Awards may also be used to fund student travel grants for research, conference papers, internships or summer institutes on a theme broadly related to Okinawa.

Paul M.F. Cheng Scholarship Awards

Paul Cheng, co-chair of the EWC Foundation Board of Directors, has established the Paul M.F. Cheng Scholarship Awards with a gift of \$25,000 for deserving Asia Pacific Leadership Program candidates from Hong Kong. The first fellowship has been awarded to Hau Yin (Raymond) Yuen, a 2010-2011 APLP participant from the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

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AsiaPacific Breakfast Briefing

July 13, 2010: Dr. Michael Green, Senior Advisor and Japan Chair, Center for Strategic & International Studies, described how the Obama administration is engaging China, strengthening alliance ties, and keeping pressure on North Korea during his talk, "Unbundling Obama's Asia Strategy."

Arts 'Ohana

June 28, 2010: As part of the "East-West Treasures: Works from the Permanent Collection" exhibition, guests enjoyed the Video Art Work presentation with music by I Made Widana and Anna Reynolds.

Nippon Club

June 17, 2010: Denny Roy, EWC Senior Fellow, spoke on "The Okinawa Base Issue and U.S. – Japan Relations in Perspective" to members of the Nippon Club.

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has made enormous strides in improving health, education, living standards, gender relationships and governance," he said, "East-West Center alumni have played critical roles."

He spoke of the unprecedented pace of change and the increased need for Asia Pacific and American leaders of tomorrow well-trained in the issues of the region and in a global setting. "Gazing toward the future of enhanced needs in U.S.-Asia Pacific research, education and exchange, a challenging but rewarding agenda lies ahead," he said. "We have, we can and we will make a difference."

At the opening ceremony, Maya Soetoro-Ng, daughter of two EWC grantees and an education specialist at the Center, conveyed a message of welcome from her brother, President Barack Obama. "My brother is grateful to all of you for your important contribution over the last 50 years in building bridges and working collaboratively throughout the countries of the Asia Pacific region," she said. "He thanks you for all the grassroots diplomacy you do so well, and that makes his job much easier."

EWC Board of Governors Chairman Puongpun Sananikone, a Center alumnus



Conference organizers included EWCA President Lyn Flanigan, Co-chair Dan Berman, Co-chair Cleo Kobayashi and EWCA Chair Khaleda Rashid.

from the 1960s, called the conference "a great homecoming for the worldwide EWC 'ohana (family)." "As alumni, we have a responsibility to tell the East-West Center's story and share its lessons and its legacy with the world," he added.

"With its accomplishments and progress, EWCA is now an indispensable partner in the Center's mission to build a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia Pacific Community," he said. "Alumni are the most important asset of the East-West Center. They are the foot soldiers of the East-West Center mission. It is through

the alumni network that the East-West Center mission continues to be carried out."

Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle called the Center "an essential institution of our world going forward" and an integral part of bringing the APEC summit meeting to Honolulu in November 2011.

The 2010 conference, at the Hawai'i Convention Center, included panel discussions featuring alumni with expertise on key regional issues, including climate change, U.S. foreign policy, education and governance.

Participants, many of whom had not seen each other or returned to Hawai'i since they were students at the Center, revisited the EWC campus in Manoa. They also attended a series of events, including a dinner honoring Hawai'i Senator Daniel K. Inouye with the East-West Center Association's Makana Award; a luncheon recognizing distinguished alumni and exceptional volunteers and alumni chapters; and an Independence Day reception.

At the traditional "Aloha Dinner" and talent show, the alumni association presented a special tribute to EWC Alumni Officer Gordon Ring, who has served the Center in a variety of capacities since he first arrived as a student in 1963.

Everyone joined in to sing "Aloha Oe" at the Closing Banquet, including Puongpun Sananikone, David McCauley, Maya Soetoro-Ng and Charles Morrison.



"Individually and collectively, we alumni are essential building blocks for the EWC's future stability. It is up to all of us to carry the torch forward, fanning the flame, and spreading the East-West Center fire of hope among our fellow alumni, colleagues, and contacts in our personal and professional lives."

—Puongpun Sananikone, (Student 1964-68) Board of Governors, EWC Chairman

More photos can be viewed at:
www.EastWestCenter.org/hawaii2010



The '60s reunion reception drew lots of oldtimers.



The University of Hawai'i reception on EWC Day was held in front of Kennedy Theatre.



The Okinawa Chapter always brings a large and enthusiastic group.



Among the many panels was one on women's issues.



Leaders of 31 alumni chapters attended a workshop before the conference.



This panel focused on the professional achievements of EWC alumna Ann Dunham Soetoro, President Barack Obama's mother.



EWC staff and volunteers made it all happen.



Alumni rode the shuttle bus between the Convention Center and EWC campus.



Milly and Gordon Ring enjoyed the Closing Banquet with Lyn Flanigan and Khaleda Rashid.



The Royal Hawaiian Band entertained at the July 4th reception.



Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle addressed the alumni at the opening ceremony.



Conference-goers enjoyed the many demonstrations presented on EWC Day.

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Makana Award

Awarded for life-long dedication to the East-West Center's mission



Senator Daniel K. Inouye was presented the Makana Award for his long and steadfast support of the East-West Center and as one of its founding fathers.

Inouye also was recognized for his instrumental

role in promoting understanding and better relations with the Asia Pacific-U.S. region throughout his distinguished public service career.



Receiving Distinguished Alumni Awards: Shankar Sharma, Delia Rodriguez-Amaya and Maya Soetoro-Ng, on behalf of her mother Ann Dunham Soetoro.

2010 EWCA Distinguished Alumni Awards

This year's recipients of the EWCA Distinguished Alumni Awards were announced at the EWC/EWCA Conference. The alumni are recognized for outstanding accomplishments, including significant contributions to the promotion of better relations and understanding among the countries of East and West through activities of cultural and technical interchange, significant achievement in one's career, and continuing support for the goals of the Center. The awards were established and endowed by Dai Ho Chun, former director of the EWC Institute for Technical Interchange.

This year's recipients are:

Hao Ping (China) (Research Intern, ASDP 1993) Hao, president of Beijing Foreign Studies University and Vice Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Education, was honored for his accomplishments as a leading national educator and government official in China, combined with his work with the Center's Asian Studies Development Program. He exemplifies, both personally and professionally, the Center's core mission of community building and facilitating intercultural exchange and understanding.

Rajendra K. Pacahuri (India) (Fellow, Resource Systems 1982) Long before climate change became a household worry, Pacahuri identified the dangers of global warming and related environmental issues. As Director General of India's The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), he is respected internationally as a leading global thinker and researcher on environmental issues. In 2007, the IPCC shared the Nobel Peace Prize with U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

Shankar Prasad Sharma (Nepal) (Ph. D., Student 1979) Sharma, who has a long and distinguished career with the government of Nepal, was appointed the nation's ambassador to the U.S. in November 2009. It's the latest distinction for the international economist, a former vice chairman of the Planning Commission in Nepal and consultant to the Constitution Assembly, charged with drafting a new constitution. He also has worked with international organizations addressing energy issues, challenges facing Asia's least developed countries and, for UNESCAP, the implications of the global financial crisis on fiscal policy in the Asia Pacific region.

Delia B. Rodriguez-Amaya (Brazil-Philippines) (MA Student 1963-65) Rodriguez-Amaya is an internationally recognized expert on food science and related fields of food technology and nutrition. A faculty member of the University of Campinas in Brazil since 1977, she is deeply committed to undergraduate and graduate teaching and research. Her groundbreaking international work includes scientific adviser for a regional project aimed at combating vitamin deficiency in seven African countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Ghana and Mozambique.

Ann Dunham Soetoro (Ph.D. Student in Anthropology, 1973-78 Resource Systems) Soetoro receives this award posthumously in recognition of her outstanding work in anthropology, with a focus on social and economic development in Indonesia. As a pioneer in the field of microfinance and gender equity, her anthropological research helped shape policies set by the institutions she worked with in Asia, including the Ford Foundation, USAID, the Asian Development Bank, and the oldest bank in Indonesia.



Outstanding Volunteer Awards

Recognized for leading by example and outstanding volunteer service were **Trudy Schandler-Wong, Loretta Pang, Kok Kian Poh** and **Thanh-Lo Sananikone**.



Outstanding Chapter Awards

Saluted for providing significant contributions to the goals and programs of the EWCA were the **Kathmandu, Nepal Chapter; Asian Studies Development Program Chapter; and Jakarta, Indonesia Chapter**.

Alumni Happenings



Amy Agbayani (64 – Ph.D. – Political Science), founding director of the University of Hawai'i Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity program, was honored with the Hawai'i Peacemaker Award for

her decades-long advocacy of social justice and civil rights.



Amanda Ellis (86 – Ph.D. – Political Science) assumed the position of Deputy Secretary - Development in New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) in July. She will lead the MFAT business unit which manages the international aid and development program and advises the government on international development issues. Ellis joins the Ministry's senior leadership team after serving as Lead Specialist, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management for the World Bank Group in Washington D.C.

Paul Holthus (88 – PA – Government), is founding executive director of the World Ocean Council (WOC), the only international business leadership alliance on ocean sustainability. The WOC organized the Sustainable Ocean Summit in Belfast, Ireland, held in June. It was the first multi-sector international industry conference on "Corporate Ocean Responsibility."



Lorraine Isaacs (69 – MA – English), received the Insignia of a Companion of The Queen's Service Order for services to television, education and women, in New Zealand. Isaacs has been involved in TV,

education and women's organizations for more than 30 years, including as executive producer at Television New Zealand.

Meheroo Jussawalla (94 – Fellow), EWC senior fellow emerita and a founding member of the Pacific Telecommunications Council, was honored by the international organization with the creation of a new award, the Meheroo Jussawalla Research Paper Prize. This year's award was presented to Nir Kshetri, assistant professor at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.



Speare Lee, (78-79 – PI), served as a volunteer at the speed-skating venue during the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver in February. Lee reports that he greeted and assisted athletes as well as spectators from all over the world.



Ashok Kumar Malhotra (63 – Ph.D. – Philosophy) received a 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Hawai'i Alumni Association in May. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy in 1969 as an EWC grantee and is currently distinguished Teaching Professor of Philosophy at State University of New York at Oneonta.

Clyde Prestowitz (63 – MA – OOP), founder and president of the Economic Strategy Institute (ESI), recently published *The Betrayal of American Prosperity: Free Market Delusions, America's Decline, and How We Must Compete in the Post-Dollar Era*. His latest book addresses how the U.S. can restore economic leadership and excellence



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake (07 – NGS) was elected mayor of Baltimore, Maryland in February. In 2007, she participated in the EWC New Generation Seminar as president of the Baltimore City Council.

Thet Sambath (06 – Jefferson Fellow) was featured in a *New York Times* story titled "In a Cambodian Friendship, a Secret Quest" by correspondent Seth Mydans on August 6th. The 42-year-old Cambodian works for the *Phnom Penh Post*, one of the nation's two English-language dailies. The story recounts how Thet Sambath sought out and interviewed the Khmer Rouge leader responsible for the death of 1.7 million Cambodians, including his parents. This "quest for answers" is the subject of a documentary "Enemies of the People," recently shown in New York City. The film reveals how over a period of seven years Thet Sambath shared meals with Nuon Chea, and recorded thousands of hours of interviews on audio and videotape until the former Khmer Rouge leader confessed his guilt.

Sombath Somphone (71 – PI), director of the Participatory Development Training Centre (PADETC) in Laos, was featured in a television series produced by TVE Asia Pacific that was broadcast globally. The third episode of the series *Saving the Planet* took viewers into villages in Laos where Somphone and the center continue to have widespread success promoting education for sustainable development.



For more Alumni Happenings visit the EWCA Blog at EastWestCenter.org/go.php?23

AROUND the Globe

SOUTH ASIA

India – Mumbai

At the chapter's successful East-West Center Day celebration, guests included U.S. Consul General Paul Folmsbee and Governor of Maharashtra K. Sankaranarayanan.

Pakistan – Islamabad

Chapter members participated in an "Inspirational Fair" at the Islamabad College for Girls in January. The three-day program brought together more than 400 students in grades 4 to 12 and their teachers for song, dance and performance and to hear from guest speakers. This year's theme was "Tolerance Through Education, Self Reliance and Understanding Minorities." Chapter President Arjumand Faisal gave a multi-media presentation on Pakistan from 1947 to 2010 and showed a video produced by the EWC Arts Program in conjunction with "Unseen Visions," an exhibition of contemporary Pakistani arts at the EWC Gallery in 2007.

In March the chapter held a family picnic for members and their families, one of a number of events planned this year to commemorate the EWC's 50th anniversary. On May 14th, the chapter celebrated East-West Center Day by organizing an exhibition of 30 paintings from local cinema billboard painters, part of a Community Service project. Cinema billboards, with their dazzling images were part of the popular culture in major cities in Pakistan.

Members of the Islamabad Chapter participated in an 'Inspirational Fair.'



EWC Director of External Affairs Karen Knudsen met with alumni in Seoul (top photo) and Taipei (bottom photo) in April.



Burma

In May, the chapter celebrated East-West Center Day with a presentation by Chapter President U Maung Maung and the reading of a message from EWC President Morrison. As part of the celebration, a cake-cutting ceremony was led by the eldest chapter member, 89-year-old Daw Pwa Yin.

In August, Chapter leader U Maung Maung reported on the EWC/EWCA 50th Anniversary Conference, which he attended in July in Hawai'i. Then four new APLP students were introduced to senior members of the chapter and discussion took place about their welfare, travel and study. Soe Naing spoke of his APLP student experiences in 2002. U Maung Maung also discussed the EWC Alumni Chapter Myanmar 5th Anniversary Celebration in October and formation of a new chapter.

To contact the EWCA Chapters, visit:
EastWestCenter.org/go.php?22

The Southern California Chapter gathered at a Malaysian restaurant to celebrate EWC Day. Among the members attending the dinner were Taroo Pun, Claire Langham and Jon Beaupre.



SOUTHEAST ASIA

Vietnam – Hanoi

On EWC Day, chapter members gathered for a meeting at Hanoi University to discuss attendance at the EWC/EWCA International Conference. Chapter chair Hoang Hoe reported members also planned a tour to Tam Dao National Park in July.



EAST ASIA

Japan – Osaka

Chapter leader Seiko Furuhashi hosted a general meeting in March at Osaka Gakuin University, her new home institution. EWC Foundation Officer Gary Yoshida and Nick Barker of the EWC Education Leadership Program were warmly welcomed by members.

Attendees at the UH-EWC reception in Washington, D.C., included Franklin Odo, UH President Greenwood, Ambassador Sharma and EWC President Morrison.



UNITED STATES

Southern California

At a February gathering. Bonita Chamberlain, who taught at the Thunderbird School of Management, spoke of her experiences in Afghanistan over the past 25 years.

In 2002, Chamberlain created an income-generating project providing jobs for women and men which has generated \$850,000 for humanitarian projects in Nuristan.

Washington D.C.

In May, members attended a joint UH alumni and EWC alumni dinner to welcome EWC President Charles E. Morrison and UH President M.R.C. Greenwood to Washington, D.C., and to honor Franklin Odo (both EWC and UH alum) for a lifetime of contributions to Asia Pacific American studies and to celebrate his recent retirement as director of the Smithsonian Museum's Asia Pacific American Program. Morrison and Greenwood spoke briefly about the two institutions, celebrating their achievements and looking to the future. Also, attending was Ambassador Shankar Sharma of Nepal, who obtained his Ph.D. at UH through an EWC scholarship. Dr. Sharma and EWC alumna Amanda Ellis spoke briefly about how the EWC changed their lives.

In Memorium

Nancy Foskett Piianaia (65 – MA), food historian, writer, founder of the local Slow Food movement in Hawai'i and proponent of fresh food, farmers' markets and maintaining cooking traditions, died in January at the age of 67.

Piianaia was born and raised in Massachusetts.



Vincent Pollard (93 – Ph.D. – Education), a popular teacher and prodigious scholar and writer at the University of Hawai'i in Asian Studies and Political Science, died in June at the age of 66 in Honolulu. He was also a Faculty Affiliate of the UH Center for Philippine Studies, with a worldwide reputation in all aspects of Asian contemporary affairs, including film and popular culture.

William E. "Ted" James (79 – PA), died in May at the age of 58 in the Philippines. He joined the Center in 1984 as a Research Associate in the Development Policy program in the Resource Systems Institute. In 1991-92, James was appointed assistant director for Research and Education in RSI. A memorial gathering was held in the EWC Art Gallery in July.



William King (66 – MA), a retired lawyer who specialized in intellectual property law, died in March at the age of 67 in Virginia. He received a degree in Asian Studies from the UH in 1968, served in the Peace Corps in Thailand, then returned to UH where he earned a law degree and master's degree in business.

Didin Sastrapradja (61 – Ph.D.) died in Indonesia in July. Respected internationally as a proponent of biological diversity, he worked on a global scope, including with UNESCO and the United Nations Environment Programme. In Indonesia, he served as Deputy Minister of Development of Science and Technology in the Ministry of Research and Technology, before being elected a member of Parliament. For his lifelong dedication to the EWC mission and years leading and advising the EWCA and Indonesia Alumni Chapter, he was presented the Makana Award in 2008.



Tepora Vavataga Zinihite (98 – BA – Education), died in August in the Solomon Islands. Zinihite joined the Central Bank of Solomon Islands Economics Department in 2006. She completed her studies at the University of Hawai'i in 2002, through a PIDP-EWC Scholarship.

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Introducing the Fall 2010 EWCA Alumni Scholarship Recipients

At the annual Aloha Ceremony in August the East-West Center welcomed 167 students from 35 countries in the region. A total of 545 students from 56 countries are enrolled at the Center for the 2010 fiscal year.

After the ceremony, EWCA Alumni Scholar Award recipients gathered for a group photo on the grounds of the Imin International Conference Center.

Left to Right, back row: Travis Seifman (USA), Kazufumi Taira (Japan), Kevin Imafuku (USA), Nanise Jessie Young (USA), Rony Jose Garcia (USA), Bonnie Tolson (USA), Jacob Barsky (USA). Left to Right, front row: Anita Varghese (India), Mami Orikasa (Japan), Chankaniitha Vong (Cambodia), Chantevy Khourn (Cambodia), Abraham Flores, Jr. (USA), Sheela Wati Sharma (USA), Alaya Manalastas De Leon (Philippines), Kencho Dem (Bhutan), Hong Thi Phuong Ngo (Vietnam), Patrick "Virtue" Leong (USA). Center front: Dr. Ricardo Trimillos. Not pictured: Mohammad Masudul Alam (Bangladesh), Arnoldus Berek (Indonesia), Vinogiri Krishnan (Malaysia), Igor Olegovich Nikitin (Russia), Malini Paramaguru (Bangladesh).

