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EWCA Quarterly Chapter Report Submissions

Quarter 1 (January 1st – March 31st), 2024

The following reports have been submitted by the Chapter Leaders and/or Communications Liaisons of the EWCA Chapters. Reports from the chapters are requested each quarter. A summary of each report will be shared by VP for Chapters, Vannary Kong-Bui with the EWCA Executive Board at their quarterly meeting, as well as Chapter Leaders and Liaisons of all the EWCA Chapters. Part or all of your report (including photos) may be posted to the Office of Alumni Engagement website, Facebook, and/or LinkedIn accounts.

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Aceh Chapter Report

Submitted by: Ari Palawi, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

EWCA Aceh Chapter continues to consolidate with all Aceh alumni in various regions in Indonesia and abroad, including constructive efforts to determine priority and strategic programs for pillars developing and equipping leaders developed by EWC.

Seeing the fact that the membership of EWCA Aceh Chapter is above 45 years old, including those who have been very focused on their routine activities as scientists, government employees, activists and other independent work, I plan to expand the working kinship of EWCA Aceh Chapter by involving young people under 45 years old and not yet officially affiliated with EWCA Aceh Chapter, to be directly involved in the real activities of EWCA Aceh Chapter in the future.

With this strategy, it is not only directly beneficial for the younger generation who are interested in leadership guidance developed in major EWC programs, but also useful to present a more refreshing and new process of organizational governance transformation of EWCA Aceh Chapter; both in organizational governance of EWCA Aceh Chapter, implementation of programs and activities, collaborative cooperation and endless innovation.

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Developing and Equipping Leaders

Developing and equipping leaders through the establishment of a public space for educational and cultural activities.

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APLP Chapter Report

Submitted by: Elizabeth Milo, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

The APLP Alumni Chapter transformed the Leadership Landscape and overcame barriers.

Governance: Monthly Board Meetings

For the 1st Quarter, we conducted 3 Board Meetings and discussed the board agenda, chief of which was firming up the Board structure, policies, activities, and programs that we will take on as a collective during this tenure. We welcomed new members and remained steadfast as a couple of our colleagues faced personal challenges and decided to focus on their respective career, health and wellness. Through the board meetings, we were able to discuss internal processes and strengthen our dynamics, align our goals and aspirations, and build consensus on ways to address prevailing institutional challenges. Nevertheless, the Board has become an effective and stronger team as we gear towards the conduct of our strategic planning.

COURTESY CALL OF THE CHAPTER LEADER WITH THE US EMBASSY OFFICIAL:

As in any organization, the courtesy call was pivotal in establishing an effective working relation and finding areas of cooperation and collaboration between the APLP Alumni Chapter and the US Embassy in the Philippines.

INDUCTION AND OATH TAKING CEREMONY OF THE APLP ALUMNI BOARD 2024-2026:

EWC President Suzanne Vares-Lum officiated the Induction Ceremony of the APLP 2024-2026 Alumni Board on February 27, 2024 which was held onsite at the Fulbright Philippines Office in Mandaluyong City and via Zoom VTC. President Vares-Lum, in her statement of support, noted that while the ceremony was short, it was a very powerful ceremony in a moment when peace, stability, and inclusivity is necessary in the world we live in today. President Vares-Lum commended the incredible leadership of the APLP alumni in various fields, promoting peaceful relations in the US, Asia and the Pacific. The Oathtaking was administered onsite by the number 1 Philippine Senator Robinhood Padilla and witnessed by the Member of the Parliament Rasol Mitmug Jr. who traveled to Manila from a Bangsamoro engagement in the United Kingdom to grace this momentous occasion.

The esteemed EWC Officials and Guests from the Philippine Senate, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, US Embassy, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, EWC Philippines, University of the Philippines Diliman, Senior Military and Police, and Government Officials witnessed and celebrated this historic event as Elizabeth “Dayang Laiza Jamalul Abirin” Milo of G16 was sworn in as the President of the APLP Alumni Chapter- making her the first Filipina and a proud member of the Indigenous Cultural Communities of Ibaloi-YKalinga and Tausug Royal heritage to be elected in this position since the program started. Also recognized were the members of the Executive Board: Alphina Jos as the Vice President, Christina Gabrillo as the Board Secretary, Gideon Lee as the Chairman of Communications, Saima Huma as the Alumni Relations Officer,

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along with the Generation Representatives and Members at Large.

1ST INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP COLLOQUIUM:

Another milestone was achieved by the 2024-2026 APLP Alumni Chapter as over 130 online guests from different parts of the world attended the 1st International Leadership Colloquium with the theme, Harnessing Global Impact Through Futures Thinking and Foresight Leadership, which was held onsite at the Fulbright Philippines Office and via Zoom VTC on February 27, 2024. Among the esteemed speakers featured in the Colloquium were Police Major General Eric Noble (G10) who shared his journey in the Philippine Law Enforcement and the critical role of APLP in his untarnished and celebrated career in the Philippine Police Force. Dr. Christina Gabrillo (G19) shared her leadership insights in education and climate-change projects such as the Radio Drama, Radio School, and Advocacy Painting on Anti-human trafficking. Dian Fatwa (G16) reminisced on the leadership learnings at the height of her career in media as a Professional Senior Executive at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and thereafter rising in politics as the Secretary General of the National Mandate Party (PAN) in Indonesia. Dr. Dayaprasad Gurunath (G11) shared his leadership acumen in the field of Public Health and Humanitarian Seva especially during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. Finally, Pauline Salvana (G6) shared her journey as a social artist in the Philippines. The International Leadership Colloquium was hosted by Elizabeth Milo (G16) and Miloni Gandhi (G3).

APLP ALUMNI CHAPTER LAUNCHES THE 1ST LEADERS ON SPOTLIGHT FEATURING POLICE MAJOR GENERAL ERIC NOBLE:

The APLP Alumni Board 2024-2026, in partnership with the Office of the Alumni Engagement, launched the 1st Leaders on Spotlight featuring Police Major General Eric Noble from G10 an initiative of the APLP Alumni Board 2024-2026 on January 15, 2024 which was attended by an astounding audience of over 8,000 participants from different countries and the investigators deployed all over the Philippines. PM Gen. Noble focused on the key learnings from APLP, weaving in the foundations of leadership and the dancing man, and the program's contribution as he navigated his way into becoming an outstanding police officer and public servant. He also shared key leadership insights, taking stock on the various leadership models he successfully practiced throughout his career, highlighted in his book, "Nobility in Leadership." The Leaders on Spotlight is a quarterly project hosted by the EWC APLP Alumni Chapter President Elizabeth Milo in partnership with APLP Alumni, EWC OAE, and Friends of the APLP Alumni Network.

Focus on [EWC Strategic Pillars:](#)

Supporting Good Governance

Convening Impactful Dialogues

Developing and Equipping Leaders

For the 1st Quarter of 2024, the APLP Alumni Board was inducted by no less than the EWC President Suzanne Vares-Lum, paving the way for the full institutionalization of the organization which is pivotal in our development as institutional leaders, recognizing the meritorious service and voluntary contribution of each member, shaping our dynamics and

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collaboration with our key stakeholders from the APLP Alumni and EWC Officials, partners, and the larger network. Through this, we are setting an enabling environment in preparation for the key projects, programs, and activities that the Board will spearhead in the future. We also organized convergence and consultative platforms that enabled Outstanding Alumni who are leaders and trailblazers in their respective fields or areas of expertise share their leadership journeys with a broader audience which reached hundreds and even thousands of participants. Clearly, the strategic pillars served as an effective guide for the APLP Alumni Board.

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1st International Leadership Colloquium

Harnessing global impact through Futures thinking and Foresight leadership

February 27, 2024
1 PM - 3 PM Asia/Manila

<p>Law Enforcement</p>  <p>MGEN Eric Noble (G10)</p>	<p>Media and Politics</p>  <p>Dian Fatwa (G16)</p>	<p>Public Health & Humanitarian Seva</p>  <p>Dayaprasad Gurunath (G11)</p>
 <p>Christina Gabrillo (G19)</p> <p>Education and Climate Change</p>	 <p>Pauline Salvana (G6)</p> <p>Arts</p>	

Hosted by:

ELIZABETH MILO (G16)

MILONI GANDHI (G3)

Moderated by:

ALPHINA JOS (G20)



Meeting ID: 896 1374 6475
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LEADERS ON SPOTLIGHT

PMGEN ERIC E NOBLE

Director for Investigation and Detective Management,
Philippine National Police and APLP G10 Alumnus

Join us for a special APLP Conversation to
discuss Ethical and Transformational
Leadership



January 15, 2024
2:00 - 3:00 PM Asia/Manila time



Facilitated by:
Elizabeth Milo

APLP (G16) Alumna and
President of the APLP Alumni
Board 2024-2026



JOIN VIA ZOOM:



MEETING ID: 704 379 6344
PASSCODE: APLP2024



Communication Platforms Used:

- WhatsApp
- Facebook Group
- Email messaging

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ASDP Chapter Report

Submitted by: Matthew Ruane, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

The main event for the chapter in the first quarter was holding our annual conference at the Omni Parker House Hotel in Boston, MA. This was the largest attendance that the event had since before COVID with more than 125 unique participants and numerous papers, panels, and interactive demonstrations. We had two guest plenary speakers presenting on modern China on Friday, and coffee and whiskey consumption patterns in Japan on Saturday. While the weather could have been better, the rain kept the participants in the panels with tremendous audience participation.

We are looking forward to holding our next conference in 2025 in Washington, DC at some point in early March. For more information, please follow us through our webpage: <https://www.asdp-alumni.org/> or on the main EWC ASDP portal: <https://www.eastwestcenter.org/professional-development/asian-studies-development-program/alumni-chapter>

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Fostering Environmental Solutions

The conference covered numerous environmental topics, as well as panels and presentations on modern Asia broadly defined. Bringing together scholars and academics, both established and new, has led to powerful impactful dialogues as well as a number of future collaborations which will further the mission of the EWC.

Communication Platforms Used:

- Website: <https://www.asdp-alumni.org/>
- Facebook Group
- Email messaging

Beijing Chapter Report

Submitted by: Ying Chen, Chapter Communications Liaison

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Since its establishment in the summer of 2023, this podcast program has produced, edited, and released four episodes. Currently, the podcast is currently produced with the dedicated voluntary time and work of Professor Yue Cui, the liaison of the EWC Beijing chapter. The interviewees include members who have participated in the Asia Pacific Leadership, Graduate Degree Fellowship, and Changing Faces programs. The podcast aims to evoke memories of Hawaiian life and learning among alumni through the narratives of guests, while also providing first-hand information and experiences for colleagues interested in applying for related programs.

Episode 1: Zhigang

In this podcast episode, the discussion revolves around the speaker's deep connection with Hawai'i. They explore various aspects such as the unique existence of Hawai'i in their minds, personal ties with the Hawaiian culture, comparisons between Hawai'i and Florida's natural environments, the health of Hawai'i's ecosystem, the identity of Hawaiians, and the safety concerns in Hawai'i.

Episode 2: Kiko & Lehua

This episode delves into the theme of self-discovery and leadership. The conversation navigates through topics such as the APLP project, the essence of leadership, the spiritual aspect of Hawai'i, the power of generative writing, joint writing exercises, coaching.

Episode 3: Er Gou & Lehua

The interview highlights the speaker's experiences in Hawai'i, and the insights gained from the leadership program. They discuss the exceptional qualities of their classmates, the enriching collective life and local resources in Hawai'i, the contrast between the atmospheres of the UK and Hawai'i, the significance of the APLP project in connecting different life stages, the journey of brand practitioners to Hawai'i, and the opportunities provided by doctoral programs for personal and professional development.

Episode 4: Wu Ying & Lehua

This episode features an exploration of lifelong learning and leadership, focusing on the speaker's journey from Antarctica to Hawai'i. They share insights from the Changing Faces Women's Leadership Seminar, transitioning from entrepreneurship to social enterprise, the richness of theoretical and skill content in the program, the multicultural essence of Hawai'i, reflections on experiences in Antarctica and Hawai'i, and the empowerment gained from leadership tools.

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The current audience of the podcast is mainly alumni in China, and there is a hope to expand the reach to more alumni who can communicate in Chinese with the support of the Office of Alumni Engagement, while also expanding to a format that allows both online and offline interviews. We hope that EWC can provide more contacts, resources, and even funding support to enable better dissemination and development of the podcast. We hope that in the near future, there could be a team working on regularly updated episode every quarter.

Communication Platforms Used:

- Padlet: <https://padlet.com/ffd4jdwfhk/beijing-chapter-2023-2024-qeb1beojcurup97x>
- Podcast: <https://podcasts.apple.com/cn/podcast/%E5%A4%8F%E5%A8%81%E5%A4%B7%E5%BD%92%E6%9D%A5-once-in-hawaii/id1706048590>
- WeChat Group

California Chapter Report

Submitted by: Inge Maranto, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Our Chapter began the year on January 6 with a Potluck Gathering at the lovely home of Jay and Geeta Brara in West Hills, north of Los Angeles. The 13 attendees were Jay & Geeta Brara, Gaye Christoffersen, Susie Chen & Lance Kayashima, Gary & Bach-Mai Larsen, Inge Kendall Maranto & Jim Walther, Geri Padilla, Sushma Trehan, Bill & Judy Vanderbok. The weather cooperated, allowing time together both on the patio and inside for one-on-one conversations! Catching up on each other's recent activities and travel was such fun! Such as... Jay, sharing incredible photos of his "Motorcycle Safari" on the curvy roads in southwestern Europe. Gaye reported on her experience at the Kazakhstan Conference on energy, and Gary shared about his lifelong special friendship with his 60's EWC roommate, Jack Corman, who recently passed on.

The business meeting afterwards included a report by our Treasurer Jay Brara on (1) the Chapter's finances, (2) the annual donation payment for 2023 and (3) an ambitious donation plan proposed by our previous amazing Chapter President Claire Langham. She recommends establishing an endowment fund specifically for fellowships/ scholarships, beginning with a personal "matching donation" challenge to the rest of the Chapter members. The attendees agreed unanimously to pursue the worthy goal.

A new online communication portal connection exists for the California Chapter via LinkedIn, managed by Anil Bhargava. Plus, the Facebook page is also available, monitored by Gaye Christoffersen.

On February 18, three Chapter members, Geri Padilla, Chris Sutow and Inge Maranto, were hosted for lunch by Sushma Trehan in her Pasadena home before touring the famous Norton Simon Museum. Sushma's friend Marla Chabra joined the outing to admire the incredible collection of European master painters from the Renaissance to the 20th century. Norton Simon over a 30-year period collected the various paintings, sculptures and artwork. They were also amazed at the impressive South and Southeast Asian art, spanning 2,000 years.

On March 2, the Chapter hosted Hypatia Pine, a representative from the EWC Alumni Office, at a seaside restaurant in Newport Beach, during the rainiest and windiest day seen on the coast in a long time. Gaye Christoffersen and Inge Maranto met with Hypatia Pine, enjoyed delicious lobster tacos with her. Plus, they explained some people connections the Chapter was seeking with other Chapters and identified the information needed in order to proceed with new fundraising plans for an endowed scholarship.

Future Chapter Activities:

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The Chapter's next meeting will be via Zoom on May 4, Saturday at 4 pm PST. Instead of later in the month, the meeting was changed to earlier in May in order to finalize the 2024 fund raising plans that involve both a lottery and a matching fund partnership.

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Our Chapter chooses to focus on two of EWC's Strategic Pillars, (1) staying in touch with Chapter Members to facilitate learning and opportunities for impactful dialogue, all while serving as a support group to each other and (2) obtaining financial support to develop and equip new leaders.

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Chennai Chapter Report

Submitted by: Dr. S Rajamani, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

EWCA Chennai Chapter is an energetic chapter that continues to organize many programs for the past 23 years with voluntary services and contributions from diversified expertise members. The chapter cooperates with many National & International organizations such as US Consulate General in Chennai, American Scholars / Alumni Team, APLP of EWCA, Rotary Club, British Scholars Associations, Universities, Institutions, United Nations, Asian International Union of Environmental Commission, etc.

Activities in EWCA Chennai Chapter up to the end of March 2024:

A zoom meet was organized on 15th Feb. 2024 with participation of Ms. Christina Monroe & Ms. Noreen Tanouye, EWC/EWCA, Hawai'i, EWCA Chennai team members Dr. S. Rajamani & Dr. B. Subramanian. The team had a detailed discussion on the cooperation between Hawai'i and Chennai for the enhancement of members and activities of the chapter.

EWC/EWCA meet in India Islamic Cultural Centre, Delhi on 5th March 2024

On behalf of the Chennai Chapter Dr. S. Rajamani, President attended the EWCA meet organized in India Islamic Cultural Centre, Delhi on 5th March 2024 during the visit of Ms. Suzanne Vares-Lum, President, East-West Centre, Hawai'i and officials Ms. Christina Monroe, Ms. Gretchen Alther & Ms. Ann Hartman. The President and officials of EWCA Hawai'i addressed the EWCA Alumni gathered in large number.

Ms. Suzanne Vares-Lum, President interviewed Dr. S. Rajamani on the activities of EWCA in Chennai and his views for better interaction between EWC/EWCA Hawai'i and EWCA Chapters. Dr. S. Rajamani explained the benefits of being a EWCA Alumni, developing friendship in South Asian and Pacific Basin countries with diversified cultures.

Women's Day Celebration on 8th March 2024:

Dr. Roopa Nagarajan, Senior Member of EWCA Chennai Chapter organized the Women's Day Celebration in Ramachandra Medical Institute, Chennai. Dr. Vasanthi Ranganathan, Program Coordinator of EWCA Chennai Chapter addressed to the participants during the celebration and she was also honored for her excellent voluntary contributions.

EWCA Chennai Chapter Programs during the visit of Ms. Christina Monroe, Director, Office of Alumni Engagement, Hawai'i:

During the visit of Ms. Christina Monroe, Director, Office of Alumni Engagement, EWC/EWCA, Hawai'i on 10th to 12th March 2024 at Chennai, several programs were organized. On 10th March, Ms. Christina attended cultural programs coordinated by Ms. Shreya Nagarajan Singh.

Meeting with Chennai US Consulate officials (Cultural affairs and Education Dept)

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This meeting was organized at Chennai US consulate office between 11:30-1:00pm on 11th March 2024. Ms. Christina Monroe was introduced to Mr. Scott Hartmann, U.S. Consulate General Chennai's Cultural Affairs Officer; Ms. Maya Sundrarajan, Regional Officer, USIEF, Chennai and Ms. Chitra Jaishankar, Public Engagement Assistant at Diplomatic Mission, U.S. Consulate, Chennai by the EWCA Chennai Chapter members Dr. S. Rajamani, President and Dr. B. Subramanian, Secretary.

Ms. Christina explained the background of EWC/EWCA, Hawai'i, vast alumni network in more than 50 countries and briefed ongoing programs. She also sought the cooperation and support of US Consulate as the funding for EWC is mainly from US Federal Govt.

Dr. S. Rajamani explained the unique relationship of EWCA Chennai Chapter with US Consulate General, Chennai being the patron of the chapter from the formation and the support extended by the US Consulate in organizing various educational, social and cultural programs. He has also briefed the recent interactions and participation of Mr. Scott Hartmann and Ms. Chitra Jaishankar in EWCA Chennai Chapter meetings.

Dr. Suraj thanked US Consulate in getting early visa for participation in the EWC's sponsored programs. Both the US Consulate officials and EWCA team had a fruitful discussion and exchanged their views and plan of action for better cooperation and arranged visit/tour to the library and other facilities in US Consulate.

EWCA Chennai Chapter Alumni Gathering on 11th March 2024:

EWCA, Hawai'i team prepared and circulated the Chennai meeting invitation among the alumni members living in Chennai and Southern States such as Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, etc. which resulted in participation of nearly 20 members including 6 new members.

Dr. S. Rajamani welcomed the gathering particularly Ms. Christina Monroe, the guest of honor and new members. He gave a brief orientation about the chapter activities and the senior members who were instrumental in carrying out the same. Dr. S. Rajamani and senior members such as Mr. K.B. Sankaran, Dr. Vasanthi Ranganathan, Dr. Roopa Nagarajan & Dr. Kalpana Sankar spoke about the services rendered by Mr. P.M. Belliappa, Founder President of EWCA Chennai Chapter. He was also honored by the President Dr. S. Rajamani, Chennai Chapter members and Ms. Christina Monroe.

The Chennai meet was attended by the members from Chennai, Bengaluru and Kerala including the new members from various EWC programs Mr. Peer Azees, Ms. Radha Durbha, Dr. Sugato Dutt, Dr. Vineeta Hoon & Mrs. Lakshmi Subramanian. All the participants shared the details about their profession and the EWC program they were involved in.

Book Release:

A book written by EWCA Chennai Chapter member Dr. Syed Ali Mujtaba released during the recent EWC Alumni Meet held on 11th March 2024.

Ms. Christina Monroe addressed the meeting and explained the future program of EWC/EWCA,

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Hawai'i and she will circulate the future activities including the plan of EWC Day Celebration on 14th May 2024. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks and a nice dinner.

Future Chapter Activities:

- Joint project on Climate change and Environmental protection in collaboration with EWCA Mumbai Chapter coordinated by Mr. Sarosh Bana and his team.
- Rendering support and guidance in communication skills to the school children.
- Health oriented programs for rural communities.
- Organizing periodical meetings of our chapter members in cooperation with the US Consulate General, Rotary club, etc.

Focus on EWC Strategic Pillars:

Developing and Equipping Leaders

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Fostering Environmental Solutions

Supporting Good Governance

Partnering with the Pacific

We have started organizing joint programs through Universities, Institutions, Rotary Club, US Consulate, etc. for giving special training in the development of leadership, environmental solutions and supporting good governance.

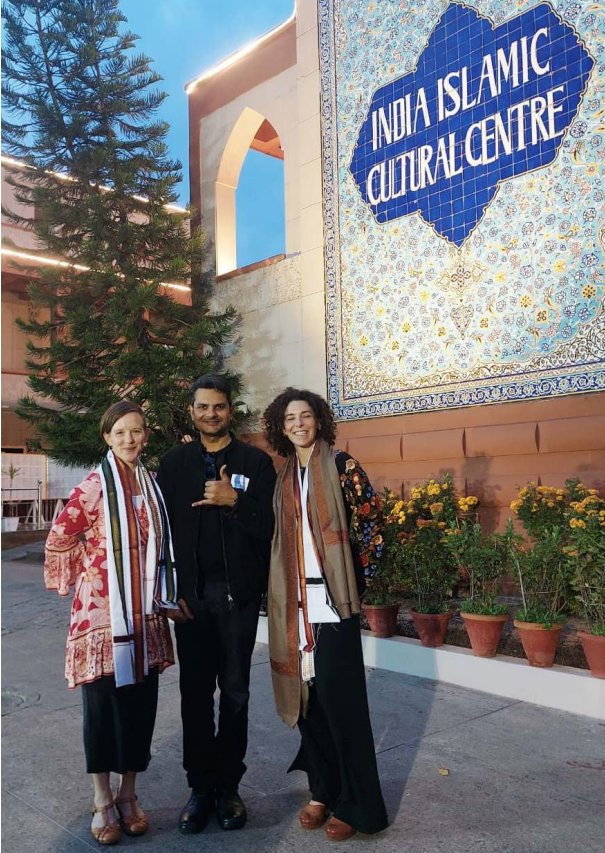
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- WhatsApp
- Email messaging

Chiang Mai Chapter Report

Submitted by: Khine Wai Wai Oo, Co-Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

The Chiang Mai Chapter remained actively engaged in various activities throughout the first quarter of 2024, demonstrating its commitment to fostering community partnerships and driving positive change in the region. Moving forward, the chapter seeks to build upon these engagements to further its mission of promoting social cohesion and tackle the environmental issue in Chiang Mai and beyond.

1. The Chiang Mai Chapter kicked off the new year with a gathering on January 8th, where members, including Nutch Nimasang, Phasiree Thanasin, Benjaluck Denduang, Khine Wai Wai Oo, and Yuting Zhou, get together to share updates and discuss potential partnerships with local organizations focusing on environmental issues.
2. Meeting with Supakiat Muangkeaw from Breathe Council on January 24th, a local organization dedicated to addressing environmental issues in Chiang Mai.
3. Participation in the Meeting with Local Communities (February 5): the Chiang Mai Chapter participated in a meeting with local communities in Chiang Mai, known as "คนแปงเมืองเชียงใหม่" (Khon Pang Muean Chiang Mai). This community is dedicated to advocating for land rights and improving the quality of life. Breathe Council collaborated with the Thai Health Promotion Foundation in an effort to improve green spaces within the city, thereby promoting sustainable clean air in the city. The Chiang Mai Chapter engaged in discussions during the meeting to explore potential project opportunities.

Future Chapter Activities:

1. Engagement with US Consulate General and Chiang Mai University: Building on our commitment to expand connections and collaborations, we intend to reach out to the US Consulate General and Chiang Mai University. Establishing partnerships with these entities will undoubtedly enhance our chapter's influence and create potential avenues for joint initiatives.
2. Creating a LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14421329/> to make a vibrant and valuable platform for alumni to connect, collaborate, and support each other in their personal and professional endeavors.

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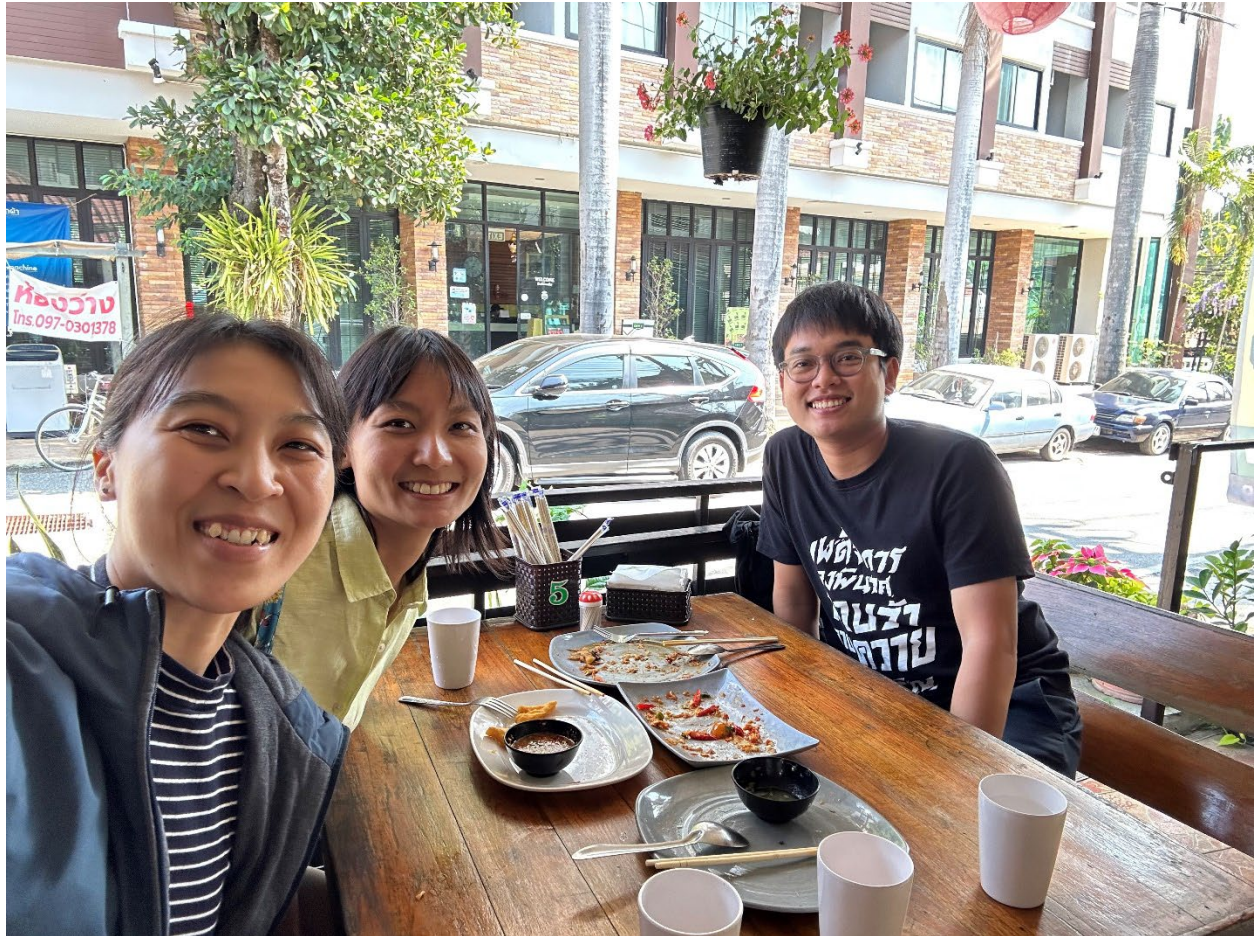
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Hawai'i Chapter Report

Submitted by: Carl Hefner, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

The Hawai'i Chapter is meeting regularly in the President's Conference Room in Burns Hall the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Board members will participate in the East-West Fest on April 14 and have a table at the festival to socialize and greet alumni. In addition, at the request of PIDP, some of us will volunteer to assist with the Micronesian Festival at the Bishop Museum. Currently we have a very active board that is also planning for our gala annual dinner for either late 2024 or 2025. Watch for upcoming announcements!

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Communication Platforms Used:

- Facebook Group

Islamabad Chapter Report

Submitted by: Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

New Committee:

The founder President Dr. Arjumand Fasiel who had been heading the chapter since its inception (in 2006) had been expressing his desire to step down for some time. While Dr. Fasiel has nominated long time VP Syed Abu Ahmad Akif to assume the role of President, with the same board members continuing until the next election, Mr. Akif has also been desirous of holding an early vote. The current EWCA-Islamabad Chapter board is as follows:

1. Mr. Syed Abu Ahmad Akif – Acting President/ Chapter Leader
2. Ms. Tayyaba Naheed Gul – Liaison Officer
3. Dr. Asad Ghufraan PhD (Finance Secretary)
4. Mr. Riaz Burki (Media Coordinator)
5. Dr. Arjumand Fasiel – Advisor / Past President

EWCA- Islamabad Chapter: Reception for Visiting EWC President Suzanne Vares-Lum and her delegation:

The Islamabad Chapter of the East-West Center Alumni (EWCA-IC) convened a memorable gathering on February 29, 2024, to welcome the visiting EWC President Suzanne Vares-Lum and her delegation including Christina Monroe, Dean Ann Hartman and Gretchen Alther. A large number of alumni had gathered at the Islamabad Club not just from the Islamabad Chapter but also some from the Lahore and Faisalabad chapters. Notable amongst the invitees were veterans Dr. Mina Zulfikar Ali and Dr. Arfa Zehra

While members of the EWCA-IC, worked hard to hold the event, it must be acknowledged that its motivator was the Alumni Office, particularly Ms. Christina Monroe who the EWCA-IC recognized for her unwavering support and contributions to the success of this event. Founder President of the EWCA-IC welcomed the visiting President of the EWC President Suzanne Vares-Lum and her delegation. Later President Vares-Lum and members of her delegation Christina Monroe, and Dean Ann Hartman spoke at the event.

Chapter Leader Abu Akif introduced the Islamabad Chapter Team through a presentation and expressed appreciation to all alumni from Islamabad, AJK, Peshawar, Faisalabad, and Lahore for their active participation and invaluable contributions. Ms. Tayyaba Gul welcomed the delegation through a traditional gesture of rose garlands that resembled Hawaiian leis. Nearly 90 alumni and friends of EWCA graced this remarkable event. Their presence significantly enhanced the gathering, underscoring the robustness of our EWCA community. All the members pledged to make the chapter ever stronger.

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- Facebook Group
- WhatsApp

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Kansai Chapter Report

Submitted by: Fumi Nitta, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

We had a board meeting on February 26 to discuss the future of Kansai Chapter. There are following alternatives available:

1. Disband the Chapter. Members may rejoin Tokyo Chapter: the large chapter may have more activities than Kansai Chapter, but very far to participate.
2. Disband the Chapter. Members may rejoin the Chubu/Nagoya Chapter: the small chapter may have fewer activities, but it is easily accessible.
3. Don't disband the Chapter: considering the present situation, this alternative is not realistic.
4. Continue the Chapter by means of SNS such as Facebook: we still need a member who manages the SNS, so not realistic either.

As for rejoining the other chapters, they are willing to accept our members to do so.

Future Chapter Activities:

We will have the general meeting on June 26th to discuss and make a decision on the above matters.

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Partnering with the Pacific

Communication Platforms Used:

- Messenger
- Email messaging

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Karachi Chapter Report

Submitted by: Ghazala Fasih, Chapter Communications Liaison

Summary of Chapter Activities:

The visit of the EWC presidential delegation.

It was a momentous occasion when the first time in over seven decades, any President of the East-West Center visited Pakistan. The Alumni Karachi Chapter was quite excited to meet the guests from across the Pacific Ocean at the reception in Karachi. The communication liaison of the alumni, Ghazala Fasih along with Aamir Latif, the president of the alumni chapter, Kamal Siddiqi former president, and overseas alumna Saima Huma, received the guests.

The all-ladies delegation of four, led by the President Suzy Vares-Lum (Suzanne), Director Alumni Engagement Christina Monroe, Dean of Education Ann Hartman, and Programs Manager Gretchen Alther, were welcomed with bouquets and traditional 'Gujrey' (floral wristlets) upon their arrival.

It was a joyous occasion as alumni from the '60s, Aziz Husain, and Sabiha Essa Abdullah, graced the event. The recent group of 2024 Cross Border Reporting Fellowship including Shabina Faraz, also attended, making it an event for all ages to cherish.

A short presentation by Ghazala Fasih provided the history of the chapter and highlighted the foundational role of Mr. Aziz Husain. She briefly explained the chapter's activities over the years.

At the event alumni enthusiastically shared their heartwarming stories narrating how EWC programs changed their perspectives and lives. The EWC delegation was thrilled to hear them. President Suzanne shared that the first EWC overseas fellow to land in Hawai'i was a Pakistani. She also committed to continuing the center's support for Pakistani students and professionals from all walks of life.

Mr. Aziz presented some enlarged historical photos of the EWC campus in the 60s to the president. The delegation and the gathering were delighted to see these pictures. President Suzy presented the KUKUI NUT LEI to the chapter leadership as a token of appreciation.

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The visit of the EWC delegation will further the increased participation in Chapter activities and attract new applicants from Pakistan to different programs. The chapter will encourage individuals to explore the opportunities available at The East-West Center.

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Communication Platforms Used:

- Facebook Group
- Email messaging
- WhatsApp

Mumbai Chapter Report

Submitted by: Sarosh Bana, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Our EWC Mumbai Chapter was delighted to have Christina Monroe with us on the evening of 7th March 2024 Thursday, where we all met up on the lawns of the sea-facing Parsee Gymkhana in Mumbai. The only regret was that EWC President Suzanne Vares-Lum could not be with us as she had to return to Hawai'i from Delhi.

We had a good turnout over a buffet dinner, and it was very interesting to listen to the experiences of the old-time EWC alumni who remembered in great detail their happy days spent at the EWC. One of our alumni, Dr Shakeel Makarani, came all the way from Baroda, in Gujarat, after an incredibly long journey by foot, bus, train, foot and taxi! We also had the heads of the Asiatic Society Mumbai and the US-India Educational Foundation participating.

Our EWC India network on our Hello Hawai'i WhatsApp group has been actively engaging in discussions and conversation.

Future Chapter Activities:

We now look forward to celebrating EWC Day on 14 May by preparing our participation on the vital subject of Climate Change.

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Communication Platforms Used:

- WhatsApp

Nagoya Chapter Report

Submitted by: Eriko Yamamoto, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

1. The following message from EWCA was forwarded to members:
"Climate Resilience: The Critical Roles of Coral Reefs Hosted by EWCA Affinity Group: Women, Leadership, & Sustainability."
2. An invitation to "EWCA Day" was received on March 28, for which I sent an acceptance. I also forwarded the invitation to members.

For 4th quarter, 2023: I was appointed Chapter Leader (Nagoya Chapter Vice President) in Nov. 2023.

Here is a make-up report:

1. Held a zoom meeting (a lecture and a general meeting) on Nov. 11, 2023, jointly with the Nagoya Fulbright Association. (EWCA Nagoya Chapter and Nagoya Fulbright Association do activities together as several of main members belong to both and as both memberships are aging and declining.) For the lecture, an EWC alumna Ryoko Hattori, a PhD in linguistics and Assistant Professor at Ishikawa Prefectural University, spoke on Pacific Islander linguistic situation. About 10 participants.
2. In the general meeting, the future of Nagoya Chapter was discussed. A proposal to close it and merge with the Tokyo was rejected. Eriko Yamamoto, PhD in American Studies, was elected new Chapter Leader.
3. Via email, information on "US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Global Leadership Youth Summit" was sent out in December.

Communication Platforms Used:

- Website: <http://fbandewc-nagoya.jp/ewce/>
- Email messaging

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New Delhi Chapter Report

Submitted by: Shyam Agrawal, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

It was indeed a great pleasure having the opportunity to meet the President, OAE Director Christina Monroe and other officials from the East-West Center the wonderful evening get-together with the Alumni of Delhi Chapter including some very senior and the younger ones also. The meeting was very fruitful and enjoyed by one and all.

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New York (Greater Area) Chapter Report

Submitted by: Bill Armbruster, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

The New York Chapter had the pleasure of hosting both EWC President Suzanne Vares-Lum and Vice President Satu Limaye this quarter. Satu spoke at a dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 7. About 20 alumni and friends attended. Suzy spoke at a dinner on Tuesday, March 12. We only had 11 people at this dinner, but we had an extremely good dialogue with Suzy because we were all at the same table. Both dinners were held in a private room at Best Sichuan in midtown Manhattan.

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Suzy discussed the strategic pillars at the dinner on March 12. Both dinners attracted a wide range of participants in terms of their time at the EWC, with some going back as far as the '60s and '70s, and others as recently as 2023. Some were degree scholars, while others were Jefferson Fellows and Asia Pacific Leaders Programs participants. One was a former chair of the EWC Board of Governors. Still another participated in the Asian Studies Development Program last summer. The youngest participants are scholars and academics who will be future leaders at their institutions.

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Communication Platforms Used:

- Facebook Group
- Email messaging

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Okinawa Chapter Report

Submitted by: Yuki Miyazato, Communications Liaison

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Okinawa Chapter had a General Membership Meeting in 2024, the first one since GMM 2019. Total 25 out of roughly estimated 115 members attended and following items are discussed:

- A special committee is to be set up to discuss amendment of the Chapter's Bylaws.
- Another 2 special planning committees to be set up focusing on in 2025: "25th Anniversary of Obuchi Education Program" and "65th Anniversary of EWC".
- GMM approved that current directors of board (president, vice presidents and treasurer) to remain through to the end of 2025.
- Okinawa Chapter's set-aside a donation to EWCA Education Fund to be delivered to EWC during one of above events next year.
- URL for Okinawa Chapter has been set up and is currently under construction. Also, X account which was set up long ago but since inactive is now inviting posts from members.

During GMM, we had several reports from members:

- Dr. Junichiro Tsutsumi, Chapter Vice President, engages in overall management of APMC, Okinawa Chapter's affiliated organization.
- Dr. Tsutsumi is scheduled to attend several international conferences this year: Indoor Air 2024 in Honolulu this summer, keynote presentation for 2nd International Conference on Renewable and Non-Renewable Energy in Munich, Germany in April, etc.
- Mr. Kanko Teruya leads NPO "Okinawa's Indigenous Plants Protection Association" and published "Okinawa Botanical Guidebook."
- Mr. Harry Masuda introduced a book production project which is a joint project with his friends in Hawai'i (Mr. Ed Kuba, etc.)
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Convening Impactful Dialogues

Okinawa Chapter will need to coordinate with EWCA to plan for the above-mentioned events and will appreciate opportunities of dialogue with you.

Communication Platforms Used:

- Website (TBA – under construction)
- Email messaging

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Philippines Chapter Report

Submitted by: Pauline Bautista, Chapter Communications Liaison

Summary of Chapter Activities:

February - Reception for Majah Ravago on her installation as President of Development Academy of the Philippines.

March - Formation of the group for the invitation of Vicky Holt Tajamine in 2024 UP College of Music Worlds Experts Lecture Series on the Hula.

March - Hosting of the Urban Farming Site Visit of the Group of EWC Papua New Guinea Alumni Awardee Doreka Dai at Quezon City University.

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Fostering Environmental Solutions

IN DEVELOPING AND EQUIPING LEADERS, EWCAAP hosts events to honor ‘Ohana who are given distinguished leadership roles, such as the reception for Majah Ravago on her installation as President of Development Academy of the Philippines last February. During this event, Majah and July Amador, ED of Fulbright, discussed Fulbright Fellowships for DAP Faculty.

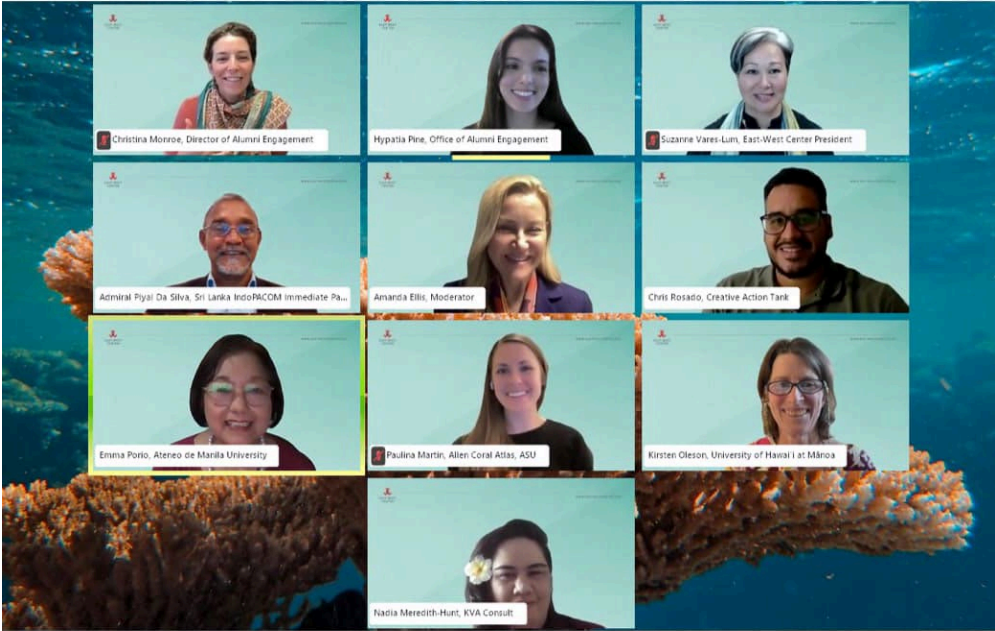
IN BUILDING CULTURAL TIES WITH THE PACIFIC, our ‘Ohana, UP College of Music Dean Verne de la Pena, formed a group with Alex Brillantes and Pauline Bautista to support the invitation of Vicky Holt Tajamine in the 2024 UP College of Music Worlds Experts Lecture Series on the Hula. Antonio Contreras and Merle Clarete have committed be part of this endeavor.

IN FOSTERING ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, EWCAAP led by Alex Brillantes and Pauline Bautista accompanied EWC Alumni from PNG Doreka Dai at the Urban Farming Site Visit of the Group at Quezon City University organized by Alex Brillantes with the President of QCU.

IN CONVENING IMPACTFUL DIALOGUES, Emma Porio represented EWCAAP at the Climate Resilience Virtual Conference. Prior to this she convened a forum on Artificial Intelligence featuring ‘ohana Emmanuel Lallana.

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- Facebook Group

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Singapore Chapter Report

Submitted by: Cheryl Lee, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Had a round of zoom calls to catch up with members and their sensing of having a conference in SG for 2025.

Had a series of catch-up calls with some members on conference related matters.

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We are planning to create more touch points as a chapter throughout the conference.

Communication Platforms Used:

- LinkedIn Group
- WhatsApp
- Email messaging

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Seoul Chapter Report

Submitted by: Kwangsuck Lee, Chapter Leader

Future Chapter Activities:

There will be two upcoming meetings: a steering committee meeting to discuss 2024 activities, and a get-together for young alumni who recently joined.

Communication Platforms Used:

- Email messaging
- Kakao Talk

Message of Condolences

The EWCA Seoul chapter expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Dr. Mo-Im Kim (at age 88 on Feb 28, 2024). Her academic background includes Yonsei University (Nursing/Bachelor's), the University of Hawai'i Graduate School of Public Health (Health Studies/EWC Master's degree program 1965~67), and Johns Hopkins University Graduate School of Public Health (Health Studies/Doctorate). She served as a professor at Yonsei University's College of Nursing for over 40 years.

Professor Emeritus Kim led the development of the school by serving as dean of the College of Nursing and dean of the Graduate School of Public Health. Externally, she served as dean of the Red Cross School of Nursing, president of the Korean Nurses Association, president of the Korean Planned Parenthood Association, and vice president of the Korean Red Cross. She entered politics in 1981 and served as a member of the 11th National Assembly, vice president of the Women's Political Alliance, vice president of the Liberal Democratic Alliance, and the Korean Women's Political Alliance.

She also served as Minister of Health and Welfare in 1998-99. Internationally, she raised the reputation of Korean nursing around the world as president of the World Council of Nursing and secretary-general of the World Health Organization Nursing Collaborating Center.



Dr. Mo-Im Kim
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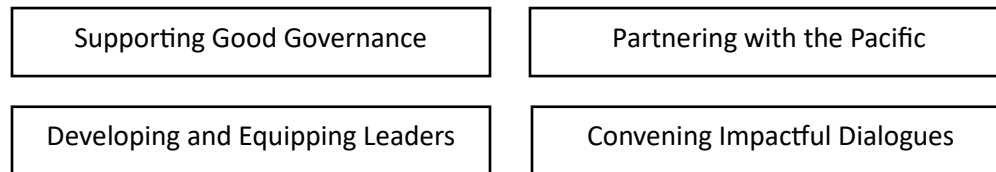
Tokyo Chapter Report

Submitted by: Toru Yamada, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

- Planning Pacific & Asian Affairs Council's upcoming Japan Study Tour with Director Carol Li and will host the group on June 13 in Tokyo.
- Held the annual chapter meeting on Feb. 3rd at Meiji's Izumi Campus with the keynote lecture by Dr. Hiromi Kabashima (2011-12 visiting fellow).

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Communication Platforms Used:

- Website: <https://www.jewcatokyo.org/>
- Email messaging

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Ulaanbaatar Chapter Report

Submitted by: Gandolgor Purevjav, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

- Our chapter successfully implemented online leadership program with EWC for 200 Mongolian citizens through app-based training platform.
- We also organized an event to empower alumni by gathering old and new alumni together.
- We had a meeting with chapter members and reviewed UB chapter 5 year strategy based on Foundational Strategic plan of EWC.

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Convening Impactful Dialogues

All of our activities of the UB chapter were directly related to two EWC strategic pillars.

1. “Change leadership” program and alumni gathering were to support developing and equipping leaders.
2. Reviewing the strategic plan with local community leaders and alumni was related to convening impactful dialogue.

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