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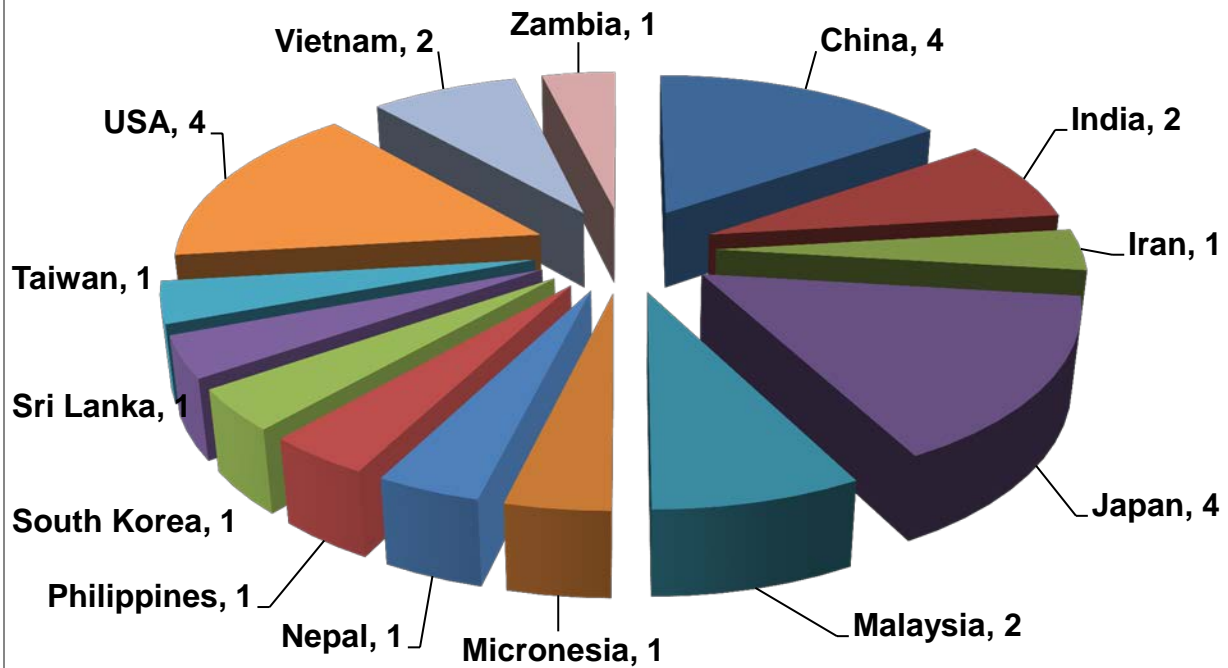
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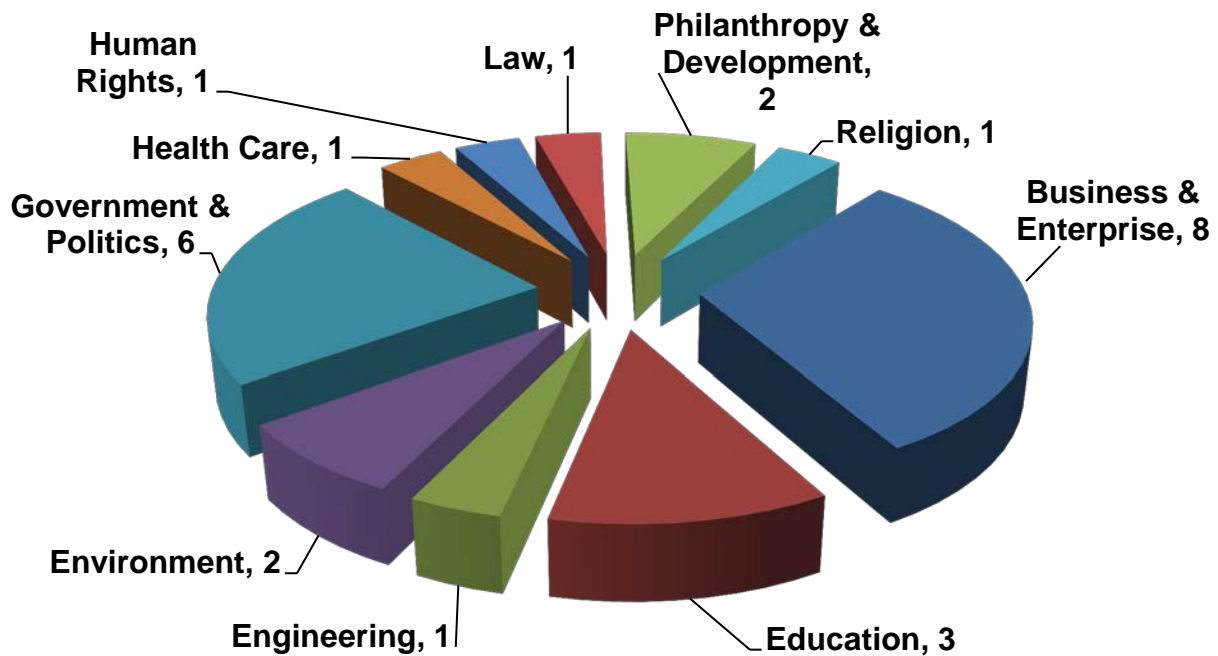
**2014 - 2015
Asia Pacific Leadership Program
(APLP)**

Generation Fourteen (G14)

APLP Generation 14: Participants by Country



APLP G14: Professional Background





Rashidi ARABI (Malaysia) serves as a District Officer for *Majlis Amanah Rakyat* (MARA – Indigenous People’s Trust Council), a Malaysian government agency, where he manages branch operations and entrepreneurship development, business financing, and infrastructure development. Mr. Arabi earned a Bachelor of Business Administration, with honors, from Putra University, Malaysia; a Diploma in Investment from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Malaysia; and is a member of the Institute of Bankers, Malaysia. Mr. Arabi is committed to fostering transformational leadership within his organization.



Michele BARLOW (USA) is a dedicated advocate for environmental conservation, a result of growing up on an 18,000-acre native-grass livestock ranch in northeast Wyoming. She has served her community in a variety of professional and voluntary roles, including over ten years of service with the Wyoming Outdoor Council, the state’s oldest independent conservation organization. Ms. Barlow’s collaboration with an environmental attorney resulted in the enforcement of air quality permits for Wyoming’s largest coal-fired power plant. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Colorado College and a Master of Science in Biology from the University of Minnesota. Ms. Barlow is committed to supporting socially and environmentally responsible development through engagement with the energy, education, and government sectors.



Mohammad BIGLARY (Iran) serves as a Planning Manager at Tak Saran, one of Iran’s largest food production and distribution companies, and has five years of progressive experience in planning and production analysis and management. Mr. Biglary earned a Bachelor’s and a Master’s degree in Industrial Engineering from Islamic Azad University and Shomal University, respectively. As a student, he founded his own distribution company, which enabled him to put planning theory into immediate practice. Mr. Biglary remains interested in systems management and productivity, and hopes to use his experience and leadership to expand his country’s role in the international community.



Tse-Yu CHEN (Taiwan) is a licensed pharmacist and a Product Specialist at Pei Li Pharmaceutical Company in Taiwan. She has been active in the health care field for nearly a decade and brings to it a passion for providing effective and caring treatment that bridges the gap between doctors and patients. Ms. Chen earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Taipei Medical University, where she also participated in research to synthesize and test anti-cancer chemicals, and led health education seminars in rural areas. Ms. Chen intends to foster medical reform in Taiwan, to ensure quality care for an aging population, and increase equitable access to health care.



Sharanya DILIP (India) serves as an Assistant Manager at Real Image Media Technologies, where she has taken on increasing leadership roles over the past four years. She was recently appointed to lead her company's development of a new business-to-consumer service to integrate the entertainment industry with social media, enabling users to curate online content. Ms. Dilip earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Bharathiar University, and simultaneously earned a Master of Science in Psychology and an MBA in Human Resource Management from Bharathiar University and Anna University, respectively. Ms. Dilip is a core volunteer with Gift a Future, an initiative focused on reducing school dropout rates among rural, at-risk children. She intends to design technologically innovative alternative education models to increase access to education and reduce socio-economic inequalities in India and similar Asian nations.



Hidemasa GOYA (Japan) is a Corporate Planner at Kanehide Holdings Co., Ltd., which engages in diverse business sectors, including construction and restaurant and supermarket management. Mr. Goya earned both a Bachelor and Master of Engineering in Robotics from Ritsumeikan University. He has authored and co-authored several scientific papers, one of which was recently published in *IEEE Transactions on Robotics*, the top journal in the robotics field. Mr. Goya has completed a 100km marathon, and holds a standard record in the Olympic marathon trials. He is committed to promoting tourism in his home prefecture of Okinawa, and is interested in studying and applying successful strategies from Hawaii's tourism sector.



Takashige ISHII (Japan) currently serves on the Senior Managerial Staff within the Hiroshima Prefectural Government. He has worked as a public official for over a decade and has held several senior-level positions in the Tourism Division, where he focuses on international tourism and technical training. Mr. Ishii received a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Yokohama National University. He is committed to developing the tourism sector in Hiroshima as a catalyst for the local economy and a way to increase global environmental and social awareness.



Nor Azzah ISMAIL (Malaysia) is a Principal Assistant Director in the Investment and Subsidiaries Development Division at *Majlis Amanah Rakyat* (MARA – Indigenous People's Trust Council), a Malaysian government agency. Her professional experience includes entrepreneurial and business development, and services as an Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Entrepreneur and Cooperative Development. Ms. Ismail received an MBA from the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, and a Bachelor of Business Administration and Diploma in Banking Studies from the Universiti Teknologi MARA. Ms. Ismail is interested in exploring leadership and expanding her understanding of the Asia-Pacific region.



Dolgorjav JIGMEDSENGE (Mongolia) serves as a Human Resources Senior Officer at MCS International, LLC, one of Mongolia's largest companies. She is responsible for recruitment, training, career development, and employee retention. In 2012, the MCS Group honored Ms. Jigmedsenge as one of their top employees. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of the Humanities of Mongolia, during which time she also taught English and organized watershed cleanup initiatives. Ms. Jigmedsenge is committed to developing cultural, educational, and economic partnerships within the Asia-Pacific region.



Kyungmin JO (South Korea) has served as a substitute teacher at Gyeonghae Girls' High School in South Korea since 2008. She holds a Master of Education in English Education and a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature from Gyeongsang National University. Ms. Jo's passion for education was strengthened through her experience as a volunteer teacher of adult students underserved by the standard education system. Ms. Jo has previously served in a leadership position at the Jinju Pureunsol Middle and High School, a private alternative education institution for underserved students. She is committed to increasing educational opportunities for underprivileged communities in East Asian countries.



Kalawila Withanage Dona Inoma Ilakshi KARUNATILAKE (Sri Lanka) is a Programme Officer and psychological counselor for the Rule of Law Forum (RLF) and works with the Asian Human Rights Commission, Hong Kong. In these dual roles she provides counseling for rape and torture survivors, facilitates and organizes training programs on Human Rights, and monitors RLF's overall financial system. Ms. Karunatilake has more than 20 years of experience in program coordination and management, counseling, and research for international organizations and human rights. She earned a Post Graduate Diploma in Counseling and Psycho-social at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Colombo University, a Diploma in Human Rights from the University of Peradeniye, a Diploma in Counselling at the Institute of Psychological Studies, Colombo, a Diploma in Management from Open University of Sri Lanka, and passed the professional examination in Counselling Part III from the Sri Lanka Professional Counselling Association. Ms. Karunatilake envisions the realization of a just Asia-Pacific region based on human values, love, forgiveness, peace, unity and equality lived to promote and protect irrespective of race, caste and religion.



Derensio KONMAN (Federated States of Micronesia) serves as a Directing Attorney with the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and has nearly ten years of experience in the legal field. He has served as a legal aid for the Chuuk State Legislature and was an attorney for the Office of the Federated States of Micronesia Public Defenders office. Mr. Konman earned a Professional Diploma in Legal Practice and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the South Pacific, and a Bachelor of

Science in Criminal Justice Administration from Missouri Southern State University. Mr. Konman provides free legal assistance to low-income clients and is active in the fight against human trafficking. He is deeply committed to serving the public interest and working with underserved clients.



Yukiko Soejima MAEYAMA (Japan) is a Project Chief with the Education Information Technology Promotion Office within the Board of Education of the Saga Prefectural Government. She has served in the prefectural government for over fifteen years in various divisions, including International Affairs, Tourism, and Public Relations. Ms. Maeyama earned her Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Kyushu University. She regularly volunteers as an interpreter and crewmember at the Saga International Balloon Festival, the largest of its kind in Asia. Ms. Maeyama appreciates the role diversity plays in encouraging flexibility and creativity, and is interested in developing a global leadership perspective to increase local government problem solving.



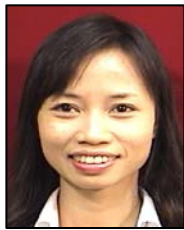
Safi MALIK (USA) is currently Chief Operating Officer at Shangrila Farms, Ltd., a family-owned social enterprise whose value has increased by a factor of thirty since its founding in 2009. He has lived in China for eight years, where he has also gained marketing and public relations experience, and corporate training experience for deBono China – a global thinking skills training program. Mr. Malik has spoken about the challenges of social enterprise in China at TEDx at the Great Wall, and maintains beehives in Beijing and supports urban apiculture. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Asian Language and Culture from the University of British Columbia, and participated in an exchange program at the Monterrey Institute of Technology in Mexico. Mr. Malik's vision is to foster economic development through socially and environmentally responsible enterprise.



Moono MUDENDA (Zambia) is an independent consultant with Expert Business Consultancy and also serves as an Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer at Pulse Financial Services Limited. Ms. Mudenda has broad experience in the financial sector and has conducted thesis research on Zambia's monetary policy. She has been active in public access and health efforts in her community, including anti-AIDS peer counseling. Ms. Mudenda earned a Bachelor in Business Administration from Copperbelt University in Zambia, and an MBA from Solusi University, Zimbabwe. She plans to use her technical skills to help build a prosperous and economically vibrant Asia-Pacific region.



Stanley NG (USA) is Director of Client Services for Xaxis Beijing, a global digital media and technology firm within the WPP Group. As Associate Director for 24/7 Media, Mr. Ng was instrumental in rapidly growing the business in the Asia Pacific region. He has simultaneously developed, branded, and marketed his own natural herbs business. Mr. Ng also manages strategic partnerships and community outreach for the Jane Goodall Institute's flagship Roots & Shoots Beijing program, a grassroots environmental education organization. He received a Bachelor of Science in Finance and IT from Binghamton University in New York. Mr. Ng is interested in merging his background in digital data and technology with the energy and environmental sectors.



Huong "Genie" NGUYEN (Vietnam) is a Human Resource Manager at Viet Thai International, one of Vietnam's largest consumer marketing and multi-unit retail operators. Ms. Nguyen is also founder of the self-funded non-profit "Achieving Your Highest Potential," which helps migrant women access education and dignified employment through life coaching, skills building, and career counseling. Ms. Nguyen holds a Bachelor in Management from National University of Singapore as well as a post-graduate Diploma in Human Capital Management from Singapore Human Resources Institute. She is passionate about eradicating poverty and creating sustainable prosperity in Vietnam and the Asia-Pacific region through education and empowerment of underprivileged people, especially women.



Thao NGUYEN (Vietnam) is an English Lecturer at PetroVietnam University, where she also advises and facilitates the English Speaking Club. She has also served as a tutor, translator, and interpreter, including for East-West Center field trips to Vietnam. Ms. Nguyen earned a Bachelor of Arts, with Honors, in English Linguistics and Literature from Vietnam National University. She is committed to supporting self-help and community development initiatives within her home community of Thay Ky in South Vietnam. Her vision includes using her teaching and leadership experiences to establish low-cost rural education programs.



Pearl PACADA (Philippines) has served in several government positions in the Philippines, including three years as the Vice Governor of the Province of Tarlac. Ms. Pacada is an entrepreneur with two business organizations under her proprietorship, San Clemente Minimart & Trading and VVG Travel & Tours. She is also a volunteer with the Girl Scouts, active in environmental initiatives, and a Reserve Major in the Philippine Army Reserve Force. Ms. Pacada earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master in Public Administration from the University of the Philippines-Diliman. She is committed to being a leader with a heart, and wishes to apply effective leadership skills to address the challenges of climate change and natural disasters in the Philippines.



Minh Hoa PHAM / Ven. Ayya Dhammananda (Vietnam) is an ordained Buddhist nun and a Dharma and meditation teacher. She was a Representative Teacher at the Buddhist Summer School in Victoria, Australia and was a Dharma teacher at the Bodhi Tree Dharma Center in Honolulu. Dr. Pham has also served as a Dharma teacher in Australia and Vietnam. Dr. Pham earned a Bachelor of Arts in Buddhist Theory from Buddhist International Missionary University in Myanmar, and a Master of Arts and Doctorate in Buddhist Philosophy and Psychology from the University of Kelaniya in Sri Lanka. In 2007, the United Nations named Dr. Pham one of the Outstanding Women in Buddhism in recognition of her compassionate social service that has included assistance to homeless orphans, abandoned women, poor communities, and survivors of natural disasters. Dr. Pham seeks to integrate Buddhist wisdom into multicultural leadership in order to achieve a peaceful and prosperous global society.



Yadav RAI (Nepal) serves as a Project Manager at The Nepal Foundation, where he supports education, sanitation, and agricultural initiatives in Solukhumbu District of Nepal, the region that includes Mt. Everest. Mr. Rai earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Master of Arts in English Literature from Tribhuvan University. He has dedicated himself to conserving and promoting ethnic language and culture, and has written non-fiction and folklore about the Khaling Rai, as well as a Khaling Rai dictionary. He also composes and performs contemporary Nepali and traditional ethnic folk songs. Mr. Rai is interested in creating and promoting opportunities for the advancement of ethnic minorities in Nepal.



Daniel STROBEL (USA) is a Program Officer at Cultural Vistas, a Washington, DC-based non-profit organization focused on international exchange and professional development. Mr. Strobel manages cross-cultural study programs to Japan, Singapore, and Malaysia, and supports new business development within the organization. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with a focus on East Asia from the University of Richmond and a Master of Arts in Pacific International Affairs from the University of California, San Diego. Mr. Strobel is interested in the dynamics of Asian international affairs and is committed to developing leadership skills that can successfully address the region's policy challenges.

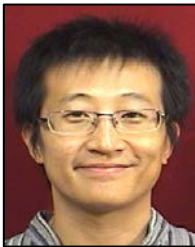


Yosuke SUZUKI (Japan) serves as an official in the Shizuoka Prefectural Government and represented his prefecture in 2013 during an official tour to the United States. Mr. Suzuki organizes a yearly festival among local neighborhoods and is active in local community service activities. He earned a Bachelor in Administrative Law from Doshisha University. He is eager to learn more about the tourism industry in Hawai'i and to adapt successful strategies to the Japanese

context. Mr. Suzuki's vision is to increase cultural understanding through tourism and to develop Shizuoka Prefecture into a top destination for foreign tourists.



Sanju VIJAYARAGHAVAN (India) has seven years of experience in the automotive industry and currently serves as an engineer with the Ford Motor Company in India, where he is involved in safety and environmental compliance initiatives. Mr. Vijayaraghavan earned a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the Government Engineering College in India and a post-graduate diploma in Management Six Sigma methodologies, and has completed several technical and management short-courses. Mr. Vijayaraghavan's vision is to become a leader in the high-tech development and engineering sector.



Gang "Martin" YANG (China) is an independent consultant and researcher. He has five years of experience in foundation management and operations, and has served as a program assistant for the Southern China Program of Rockefeller Brothers Fund and a researcher with the Institute for Civil Society at Sun Yat-Sen University. Mr. Yang earned a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Sun Yat-Sen University, where he also founded the Martin Hall Society to promote community engagement through fieldwork. He is interested in China's emerging domestic philanthropy, and its role in addressing regional development challenges. Mr. Yang plans to pursue advanced studies that will further his goal of developing his leadership in the non-profit sector.



Ang ZHAO (China) is the Director and Co-Founder of Rock Environment and Energy Institute, a Beijing-based think tank focused on environmental justice and sustainability. Mr. Zhao has spent more than a decade working on environmental initiatives, including positions with Greenpeace China and Green Earth. Mr. Zhao was a reporter for several years with China National Radio. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chinese from Peking University and a Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Regulation from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Mr. Zhao intends to carry out a comparative study of energy policy and regulation across the Asia-Pacific region. His vision is to strengthen sustainable energy policies in China.