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Meet the 2006 EWCA Scholarship Winners



Back, left to right: Eugenio ("Jawee") Perla, EWCA President Larry Foster, Tutii-Elbuchel Ichiro Chilton, Peter Hsu, Jose Soares Turquel de Jesus, Wumaier Yilamu. Front, left to right: Yurika Mori, Patricia Ann Fifita, Qiong (Joyce) Jia, Maja-Leah Ravago, Mai Tuyet Chu.

Ten new scholarships were awarded by the EWCA to students enrolled at the East-West Center in Fall 2006. They represent seven countries, spanning the Asia Pacific region. Their studies range from development in poor rural villages in China to medical anthropology involving Pacific healing traditions to international relations and public policy.

At a recent get-together, the students noted that without the financial support of the EWCA, they would not have been able to come to the Center.

While their studies vary and they come from very diverse backgrounds, like Wumaier Yilamu of China, the award winners value their time at the Center as an opportunity "to better understand people with different cultures, ethnicities, religious beliefs and political affiliations so that we can cooperate with each other in order to benefit communities where we are from."

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Larry Smith in the '70s

Get Ready for the EWCA '70s Reunion in Honolulu in August 2007

By Larry Smith,
'70s Reunion Chair

If you were at the East-West Center in the 1970s, make plans to join us for a '70s Reunion in 2007! We'll gather in Honolulu on August 24 to 27.

Remember what it was like then? I began my life at the Center in 1970 when I came to work with Gregory Trifonovitch. Those were exciting times! Everett Kleinjans was chancellor and the Center was starting Open Grants and the problem-oriented institutes devoted to Population, Communication, Culture Learning, Food and Technology and Development (these last two later became Resource Systems).

As you remember those institutes, you may think of Lee-Jay Cho, Wilbur Schramm, Verner Bickley, Harrison Brown, Sumi Makey, Rose Nakamura and Lyn (Anzai) Flanigan.

In 1975, the Center became a public non-profit educational corporation and Chancellor Kleinjans became President Kleinjans. That was also the year we mourned the loss of John A. Burns as governor of Hawai'i, a constant supporter of the Center.

It was therefore quite natural in 1977, when the new EWC administration building was completed, to name and dedicate it to the memory of Governor Burns.

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Do you recognize these EWC staff members from the 1970s? Back, left to right: Bill Feltz, JoAnn Oda Oshima, Pat Kim Matsunaga, Charlene Fujishige, Kenzi Mad. Front, left to right: Lyn Moy, Lyn (Anzai) Flanigan, Elena Javinar.



Alumni Gathering in Hanoi for EWC/EWCA International Conference

Close to 500 alumni are expected at the 2006 EWC/EWCA International Conference in Hanoi, December 8-10. They'll gather at the Melia Hanoi Hotel to renew friendships, network professionally and exchange viewpoints on "Building an Asia Pacific Community for Sustainable Development," the conference theme.

Organizers for the conference are the East-West Center, EWC Association and the EWCA Hanoi Chapter, working in cooperation with the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations

(VUSTA). Co-chairs are Thanh Lo Le-Khac Sananikone, managing director of PacMar Inc., and Hoang Hoe, director of the Center for Environment, Tourism & Development.

Gold Sponsors (\$10,000 and above) for the conference are PacMar Inc., SOVICO GROUP, the Ford Foundation and Gary and Bach-Mai Larsen. Silver Sponsors (\$5,000 to \$9,999) are DACO Duyen Trading & Tour Service Co., Ltd., and Indochina Capital. Community Sponsors (\$3,000 to \$4,999) are the Foreign Trade University, Gannon Corporation and U.S. Embassy-Hanoi.

Calendar of EWCA conferences

- EWC/EWCA International Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, December 8-10, 2006
- Annual Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) Regional Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, June 15-17, 2007
- 1970s EWCA Alumni Reunion, Honolulu, August 24-27, 2007
- 2nd South Asian Regional Conference, Lahore, Pakistan, Winter 2008 (tentative)
- 2008 International Conference (location to be determined)
- EWC/EWCA 2010 International Conference in Hawai'i — 50th Anniversary Celebration

APLP Chapter Leads in Outstanding Ways

One of the EWCA's newest and most active chapters will receive a 2006 Outstanding Chapter Award at the International Conference in Hanoi in December. The Asia Pacific Leadership Program chapter, a special interest chapter, numbers 200 professionals who have participated in the EWC leadership program.



A team of 2004 APLP fellows traveled to Sri Lanka to build homes as part of post-tsunami relief efforts.

They represent more than 30 countries, are 21 to 45 years in age and hold professional positions in government, academia, NGOs and the business sector or are enrolled in graduate programs.

EWCA Executive Director Gordon Ring says the APLP chapter's "outstanding support for the Association serves as an inspiration and model for other chapters to follow." He praised Chapter President Eric Hanson for "establishing a chapter website, publishing a chapter newsletter, and involving alumni with current APLP participants."

The chapter also has created legacy projects, which are coordinated by alumni. These include:

- The Peace and Conflict Working Group, which sponsors policy dialogues using a town hall model.
- Habitat for Sri Lanka, formed in the summer of 2005 by a team of 2004 APLP fellows, raised funds and traveled to the South Asian country to build much needed homes as part of EWC post-tsunami relief efforts.

■ The APLP Social Network Analysis, which uses innovative computer technology to better disseminate information and connect with the APLP alumni community.

■ The Nainoa Thompson APLP Alumni Fund which provides an annual scholarship for an APLP participant. Alumni have already donated \$10,000 to the fund. In 2005, educator Lhobsang Pandan of Tibet received the first award.

The chapter will hold their second APLP-wide alumni reunion in Vietnam in early December, preceding the EWC/EWCA international conference. The theme for their reunion is "Building a Stronger APLP Alumni Community." In addition to enjoying their time together, regional chapter leaders and members will brainstorm how to expand their far-flung network.

(Also receiving a 2006 Outstanding Chapter Award at the Hanoi Conference will be the Chennai Chapter, another exceptionally active group of alumni. See Chapter Activities on Page 7.)

ASPAC Readies for Conference in Hawai'i in June 2007

Circle June 15 to 17 on your 2007 calendars. Those are the dates for the Asia Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) annual conference, to be held at the East-West Center and University of Hawai'i.

Conference organizing committee members are all EWC alumni, including Professors Barbara Andaya and Ric Trimillos of the UH Asian Studies faculty, ASPAC President William Vanderbok and EWC Alumni Director Gordon Ring, who is representing the Center.

"The ASPAC meeting will be a great opportunity not merely for EWC alumni to

meet old friends, but to revisit the interest in Asia and the Pacific that originally brought them to the East-West Center," says Professor Andaya, conference chair. "Although participants will come from different places and represent different generations and different specializations, we are sure that the special relationship with the East-West Center will infuse ASPAC's 41st Annual Conference with a unique spirit of ohana."

In keeping with the conference theme, "Looking at Asia: Changes, Continuities and Consequences," plans are to have at least one Internet-enabled panel with participants

video conferencing from locations around the world.

The annual conference provides participants with the opportunity to engage in lively and substantive discussions in a relaxed collegial atmosphere. Proposals for papers are being accepted from participants. The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2007.

ASPAC will award the Esterline Prize for best graduate student paper, with a \$300 stipend awarded at the annual banquet.

For more information about the conference, proposal and paper submissions, please check the ASPAC website: www.aspac.info.

Want to make things happen? Get Pat Loui on board. That's what the East-West Center Alumni Association (EWCA) did in 1985 when Pat took the helm as president. She served for six years, energized the organization, boosted alumni membership, compiled the first alumni directory, and spearheaded the first joint International East-West Center and EWC Associates Conference. More than 500 participants met on Bali for that milestone event in 1988.

"The East-West Center alumni association became a truly international organization," Loui says. "To get there, we first had to send a strong signal to our Asia and Pacific alumni that we valued their participation. It wasn't easy, but I pushed to revise the EWCA constitution that required the majority of Board members to come from the U.S. As hoped, this structural change was really well received. And we overcame the 'communications obstacle' by replacing in-person meetings with multi-country teleconferences."

All this was spurred by her appreciation for the pivotal role the Center played in her academic, professional and personal life. Pat received her master's degree in Asian Studies, studied with cross-cultural communication giants Wilbur Schramm, Michio Nagai and Everett Rogers at the Center's Communications Institute — and met her husband, Michael Schmicker (1972-74 CI) while an EWC grantee (1973-74 CI).

Throughout her career in strategic marketing, including as a consultant for the United Nations in the Asia Pacific region, Pat has drawn from her studies with mentors



Rawee "Dong" Prakobpol, managing director of the market research agency in Bangkok co-founded with Pat; Nopamat "Jad" Veohong, Chulalongkorn University drama professor and Newsweek columnist; Loui; Malinee Chaumpluk Wongsith, Thai demographer and wife of the governor of Prachin Buri Province; and Vicki Shambaugh, Research & Development Director of Pacific Health Research Institute.



PATRICIA LOUI: Communicating Across Cultures Throughout the Region

Schramm and Nagai. "One of the key things I came to understand is that how we communicate is specific to the context of how we live," she says. "Whether you're doing social or corporate marketing that compares and contrasts attitudes across countries, it's not a matter of just translating questions into five or six languages. Certain factors are relevant across many cultures while others are not, so you have to look at communication within the context of cultural norms."

In 1984, Pat took over as president and CEO of OmniTrak, a company she founded while vice president of marketing at Bank of Hawai'i. Today OmniTrak is an international marketing and research firm to Fortune 1000 companies in the United States, Hawai'i and Asia. Clients include The Walt Disney Company, General Motors, DFS Group Ltd., NCL/Star Cruises and the James Campbell Estate. Already recognized as a business leader in the 1990s, she was among 100 Americans invited to attend then President Clinton's Economic Summit and the White House Conference on the Pacific Rim.

While the Center played a life-changing role in Pat's life, including work with UNESCO and the United Nations Development Program that took her to China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, India, and Nepal, it is also responsible for friendships that have deepened over four decades.

One of her most vivid memories of Center days is of being with Thai students in Honolulu in October 1973, when thousands of students at Thammasat University took to the streets in Bangkok to protest government policies. In Hawai'i, there wasn't much news of the demonstrations, which had turned violent, and her friends were anxious to know what was unfolding in their home country. Loui, who had worked as a high school student and undergraduate at *The Honolulu Advertiser*, drove to the newsroom and returned with wire service reports for the students to read.

"It gave me a sense of the importance of what was happening in Bangkok," she said. "I clearly understood that this was a historic event that might be the early foundation for democracy in Thailand. I saw this through the point of view of Thais who wanted electoral participation under a democratic system as well as national unity under a beloved constitutional monarch and learned to appreciate their unique approach. Those roles are still playing out today."



At the EWC in the '70s: Michael Schmicker, Loui, Noboru Ohnuki and Tom Myrdahl.

This summer Loui and Thai friends from the EWC Class of 1973 — held their own reunion in Hawai'i. With Pat and Vicki Shambaugh, Rawee "Dong" Prakobpol, Nopamat "Jad" Veohong and Malinee Chaumpluk Wongsith searched out favorite haunts, snapped photos in the Japanese Garden and in front of Star supermarket. They returned to the Big Island, which they first visited as grantees and recalled the impact EWC had on their lives.

At the Center, they were reassured to learn that the Thai Pavilion, a beloved gathering place which needed repair, is being replaced with a new pavilion donated by the king of Thailand. Next time they gather — perhaps at the '70s reunion in August — they'll be able to take a photo under its ornately designed roof.

In celebration of OmniTrak's 25th anniversary, Patricia Loui established the Center's first permanent named endowment. The **OmniTrak Loui Schmicker Scholar Awards, a \$50,000 endowment, will provide annual awards for one or more Asia Pacific Leadership Program students. Recipients will be selected from Hawai'i, Thailand, China or Japan (markets that have contributed significantly to OmniTrak's growth) and must demonstrate a special interest in applying their skills to make an impact in the private sector.**

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Here are quick portraits of this year's recipients:

Tutii-Elbuchel Chilton of Palau. Born and raised in Koror, Tutii was six years old when he moved to New Jersey. He returned to Palau in 1994 after receiving a masters degree from Rutgers University. For the past 10 years, he has been an assistant professor of Social Science and Humanities at Palau Community College. In 1999, he participated in a National Endowment for the Humanities program at the East-West Center and returned this fall to enter the Ph.D. program in political science at the University of Hawai'i.

Mai Tuyet Chu of Vietnam. Mai, from Hanoi, is working toward a masters degree in public administration at the University of Hawai'i. She received a B.A. in English Language Training for Teachers at Vietnam National University and worked as an executive assistant and translator for a U.S. non-governmental organization, Church World Service in Vietnam. This exposed her to development work in the areas of poverty, health care and education. At the Center, she hopes to enhance her leadership skills by participating in leadership and conflict resolution programs.

Patricia Fifita of the United States. From Oregon, Patricia has conducted ethnobotanical and ethnomedical field work in Tonga, New Zealand, Ghana, Jamaica and the Solomon Islands. Of Tongan-Irish ethnicities, she is pursuing a masters in medical anthropology with an emphasis on the political economy of health and the interface of traditional and modern medical systems in the South Pacific. She has studied traditional healing systems and the use of medicinal plants and works as a teaching assistant in the UH anthropology department. She sees her affiliation with the Center providing opportunities for a helpful network as well as education, leadership and service programs and the experience of being "at the forefront of contemporary Pacific Studies."

Peter Hsu of the United States. Peter was born in Illinois and raised in New Jersey after his family came to the U.S. from Taiwan. After graduating from UC Berkeley, Peter taught English in Baojing County in Hunan Province for two years. That experience led him to seek a masters degree in Asian Studies at the UH in regional and social development of China. He spent the past summer coordinating a comprehensive survey of a rural village in Baojing, interviewing farmers in one of the poorest counties in China.

Qiong "Joyce" Jia of China. Qiong is from Xiangxi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, in the northwest part of Hunan Province. From the Tujia minority group, one of 55 ethnic minority groups in China, she began graduate study at the Center through the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program (IFP) in 2004. An associate professor and chair of the English Department in the Normal College of Jishou University in Hunan province, she is now pursuing a Ph.D. in comparative and international education. She was the youngest dean and one of the few woman deans in China. She hopes to promote equality, sustainability and the elimination of poverty when she returns home.



EWCA scholarship awardees recently met with representatives of the EWC Associates office.

Yurika Mori of Japan. Yurika has a B.S. in natural resources and environmental management. A graduate student at the University of Hawai'i, she learned of the Center from friends. "My affiliation with the Center will expose me to diverse cultures and people which will contribute to my future professional goal as a community development facilitator," she says. She is pursuing a masters degree from the UH Department of Urban and Regional Planning, with a focus on community-based sustainable development.

Eugenio "Jawee" Riggs Perla of the United States. The son of parents in the U.S. Foreign Service, Jawee spent his childhood in a number of countries, including Swaziland, the Philippines, Indonesia and Egypt. He first set foot in the U.S. as an undergraduate in California, where he earned a B.A. in philosophy with an honors thesis that explored the relationship between language and cognition. After college, Jawee was a Peace Corps volunteer in Samoa, then taught English with the JET program in Japan. At the UH, he plans to focus on cognitive linguistics with an emphasis on Asia and the Pacific. He is already an active volunteer for EWC student activities.

Majah-Leah V. Ravago of the Philippines. As a specialist in agricultural research, Majah has organized regional and international conferences on agriculture and rural development and policy issues to avert hunger in Asia. "'Together we stand, divided we fall,' aptly describes my perception of the Southeast Asian region," she says. "The relatively more advanced countries in the region are and must continue to assist the relatively poor countries, especially transition countries such as Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam." Majah will pursue a Ph.D. in economics in Hawai'i. Her goals include involvement in trade negotiations and technical policy research on trade and agriculture.

Jose Manuel Soares Turquel de Jesus of East Timor. "Humanism is about serving those in need with your knowledge and expertise," says Jose, who sees the EWC providing him with a valuable global network. Before coming to the Center, he served as the UNDP national coordinator for the capacity building project of the Office of the Inspector General of Timor Leste. Jose first came to the Center on a U.S.-East Timor Scholarship and is now a degree fellow pursuing a M.A. in political science with a concentration on international relations and public policy. He recently completed a professional internship at the embassy of Timor Leste in Washington D.C. An active member of the EWC community, he was vice president of the EWC Participants Association from 2004-05.

Wumaier "Elham" Yilamu of China. Of Tatar background, Elham comes from the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region. He came to the Center two years ago as a participant in the IFP program. For 10 years he served as a policeman in China and originally wanted "to explore efficient public management in which all social sectors can collaborate effectively to prevent crime." He has a masters degree in public administration and is now pursuing a Ph.D. in political science.

CHAIWAT SATHA-ANAND:

Traveling the Globe with a Message of Peace

Chaiwat Satha-Anand travels the globe spreading a message of nonviolence. He's been recognized internationally for his work as a peace advocate, a distinguished career that began at the East-West Center in the late 1970s.

Wherever his work takes him, the Thammasat University professor is tireless in advocating non-violent solutions to human conflict. "As a Muslim, Chaiwat has been battling hard against the stereotype that

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associates Islam with violence," wrote the Bangkok newspaper *The Nation* in a recent profile titled "Tales of a Peace Traveler."

He's spent the past year commuting between Bangkok and Thailand's southern province as a member of the country's National Reconciliation Commission, charged with proposing solutions to resolve the conflict in the south.

The September 19th coup in Thailand was a reminder that conflict can flare up very close to home. In an article he wrote after the coup, Chaiwat discussed the "moral dilemma" it presented. He raised concerns that accepting the coup, as he said many in Thailand had, indicated "that violence or the threat of violence is the final arbiter of



political conflict, not the power of words or rational persuasion."

He cautioned that the "journey on the road to democracy ... needs to be grounded on some basic ideals which include the questioning of the monopoly of 'truth,' the use of force to impose it on others, and the gradual renewal of society as an energizing ideal through free debates."

Chaiwat took his first step on the path for peace while pursuing doctoral studies in political science at the University of Hawai'i as an EWC grantee. At the university, he was inspired by Professor Glenn Paige to explore non-violent approaches to conflict. In 1981, Chaiwat received his Ph.D., having completed the university's first doctoral dissertation in the field of non-violent politics.

He returned to Thammasat and founded the Peace Information Centre, where he engages students and colleagues in far-ranging discussions of political philosophy and non-violence. Books he's authored in

Thai and English on non-violence have been translated into Arabic, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, German and Italian. According to *The Nation*, "The Life of This World," published last year, addresses "ways in which Muslims in predominantly non-Muslim Thailand have to constantly negotiate and renegotiate their lives as a minority group."

In his highly popular non-academic books, Chaiwat recounts fascinating stories of strangers he's encountered in his travels. He attributes a lifelong wanderlust to his father, a Muslim merchant, who took him as a child on trips abroad.

"When I travel, I do not take a camera with me," Chaiwat says. "These stories work as my camera and record what I see." Contemplative by nature, when he's on the road he gravitates toward city squares where he'll quietly sit and observe people passing by and happenings around him.

His students find him inspirational. A young student, distressed by the recent coup in Bangkok, told her professor that after much contemplation she decided to respond to the government's public invitation for written comments by students. She wrote a passionate letter asking officials to respect the rights of those who might disagree with them and allow them to dissent peacefully without violence.

"She used a piece of lined paper from her schoolbook, wrote it with a pencil in a language so simple that it shames me with her innocence and courage," recounts Chaiwat in his commentary on the recent coup. "I looked up at her bright young face and saw hope for Thai society."

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WOW! It seems like only yesterday when Terance Bigalke was a graduate student. Now the '70s alum is the director of the EWC Education Program. Some staff of the '70s are still working at the Center. Let me name a few and see if you remember them: Betty Buck, Minja Kim Choe, Mendl Djunaidy, Bill Feltz, Charlene Fujishige, Joyce Gruhn, Jeanne Hamasaki, Cheryl Hidano, Beverly Honda, Meheroo Jussawalla, Jo-Ann Kok, Karen Lam, Andrew Mason, Carol Matsuda, Pat Matsunaga, Claire Muranaka, Kathleen Paet, Bob Retherford, Gordon Ring, Brent Watanabe, Jeff White, Karen Yamamoto, and Peter (Smith) Xenos. I'm sure each of these individuals will be happy to be a part of a conversation about pleasant memories and future plans. We have much to look back on with pride and even more to look forward to with hope.

Mark your calendars now for what promises to be four fun-filled days. More information will be provided soon on the EWCA website.



From the '70s, ground-breaking ceremonies for Burns Hall.

Got a Comment?

The **EWCA Blog**, also known as the EWCA Discussion Board, is up and running. Log on and check it out. Alumni already have used our blog as a way to exchange information on travel-related matters for the 2006 International Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Through the blog, EWCA members can "converse" online without leaving their homes or offices. Our blog can be accessed at <http://forums.eastwestcenter.org/ewcblog03/>. That takes you right to "Home" where you'll find easy-to-follow instructions about using the blog and posting comments.

Currently, you can comment on "Climate Change: Global Warming, Asia Pacific's Catastrophe in the Making." Your comments could eventually help shape a discussion at a future EWCA conference.

We also welcome your comments and suggestions for topics you would like listed on the EWCA Blog.

AROUND the Globe

New chapters

Arizona (Grand Canyon)

Tsue Ostermann, past EWCA vice president (Chapter Development) and a recipient of a 2004 Distinguished Alumni Award, is based in Chicago but spends part of the year in Arizona. She took the initiative to contact the alumni in Tempe and surrounding areas and successfully established the Arizona (Grand Canyon) Chapter in September, which will include members from the entire state. Tim Wong, professor of Chinese language and literature at Arizona State University, is the chapter leader. The EWCA Executive Board officially recognized the new chapter at its meeting in October.

Shanghai (China)

Alumni in Shanghai have formed an official chapter, thanks to the guidance of EWCA President Larry Foster, who is currently working and residing in the city. Formation of the Shanghai Chapter was recognized by the Executive Board at its June meeting.

The Board has ambitions to reach 50 active chapters by 2010, when the EWC celebrates its 50th birthday. Besides chapters throughout Asia and the Pacific, the plan is to have more chapters in the United States.

Chapter Leaders Workshop at Hanoi Conference

Delegates to the International EWC/EWCA conference in Hanoi on Dec. 8-10 will represent almost every country in the Asia Pacific region. Participants will also attend from Italy, Sweden and South Africa, reflecting the global reach of the Center.

Preceding the conference, there will be a workshop for chapter leaders on December 6 and 7 at the conference hotel, the Melia Hanoi Hotel. Full participation from chapters is expected with priority given to a discussion of the EWCA's new strategic plan.

East Asia

Seoul (Korea)

Twenty Steering Committee member-couples met in July and heard the good news that Professor Ho-Jin Kim, president of the Korean Chapter, will be awarded a 2006 EWCA Distinguished Alumni Award at the Hanoi conference.



The new Arizona (Grand Canyon) chapter was launched in September.

Southeast Asia

Yangon (Myanmar)

In July, Karen Knudsen, director of EWC External Affairs, met with 20 alumni who discussed chapter activities and future efforts to expand the chapter. Alumni donated art and crafts for the EWC fundraising program. The chapter bade farewell to Chapter Secretary Dr. Soe Naing who is moving to Malaysia to work with a non-governmental organization. Two new grantees Kalya Moore and Sara Mayet left Yangon to pursue studies at the Center in August.



Chalintorn Burian, EWC program representative for Thailand, met with alumni in Cambodia.

South Asia

Dhaka (Bangladesh)

The Bangladesh Chapter continues to hold monthly meetings. In August Philip Hughes, alumni coordinator, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S Department of State, met with the Chapter Committee and alumni.

The chapter received approval to implement its community service project, "Teaching English to Underprivileged People," which aims to improve English language skills and competence of underprivileged graduate students with the potential for studies at western universities. The activity will be located at a college which offers graduate and post-graduate-level degrees in both arts and sciences. Chapter members are coordinating logistics, including the collection of resource materials and selection of participants. Instruction was expected to begin in November 2006.



Chalintorn also traveled to Laos to meet with alumni there.



In Myanmar, Chalintorn met with U Maung Maung, Dr. Soe Naing and other alumni.

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Secondary school students attended a presentation on cancer awareness co-sponsored by the EWCA Chennai Chapter and the Chennai Association of Palliative Care.

Chennai (India)

In August the chapter distributed gifts and cooking utensils to a fishing community in the Kanchipuram district affected by the 2004 tsunami. These and other gifts were donated by the Winter 2006 Jefferson Fellows as a token of friendship and goodwill after the U.S. and Asian journalists met with villagers during a February visit to India. Leaders from all political parties, including a member of the legislative assembly and other officials, attended the presentation. Representing the chapter were President P.M. Belliappa, Secretary P. Subramaniam, Treasurer Rajamani and Syed Ali Mujtaba. At the same event, the chapter observed EWC Day 2006 and informed those in attendance of the objectives of the Center and the various activities of the Chennai Chapter. The gathering was featured in an article on ChennaiOnline.com.

The chapter is also developing several programs, including a project on teaching English to low-income children in a school affected by the tsunami, an inter-faith workshop for promoting peace with leaders from different religions as panelists, and a presentation on palliative care to students in Chennai.

Faisalabad (Pakistan)

The Faisalabad Chapter continues to work toward a community service project and has identified a school where poor children need financial support to continue their education. As regional coordinator, Muhammad Ibrahim contacted the Lahore, Hyderabad and Islamabad chapters and received a positive response about their participation at the Hanoi Conference. He and Arfa Zehra (Lahore) continue plans for the next Regional Conference at Lahore.

Hyderabad (Pakistan)

Two community service projects are nearing implementation: a children's library and another on career-planning for higher education in developed countries. The chapter plans to initially focus on implementing the children's library in two villages. Mumtaz Memon is in charge of this project. The career-planning project is led by Kazi Suleman Memon.



The Islamabad (Pakistan) Chapter sponsored a program on earthquake awareness and building safety.

Islamabad (Pakistan)

The chapter organized a second community service project, called "Promoting Awareness Through Theater" (PAT), for children at the Ashiana orphanage near Islamabad. The evening featured performances by a theatre troupe, comedy skits, recitation of poetry and singing. Adolescents and young adults living in an urban slum of Islamabad who belong to the Christian community performed at the event. The project served three purposes: to provide awareness and enjoyment to the orphans, provide encouragement and support to youth in a slum area and enable Christian youth to perform to a wider audience. Chapter members also distributed gifts to the orphans. The headline of an Islamabad newspaper article on the event reflected its success: "EWCA Spreads Cheer Among Child Survivors of Quake."

Additionally, the chapter is co-sponsoring educational programs for the public on earthquake awareness and building safety in urban areas of Pakistan. The first session was held in early October.

The chapter also collected more than Canadian \$1400 worth of medicine from Pakistani physicians in Canada. Funds were donated to the Khubail Foundation for clinics providing care to victims of last year's earthquake.



In September, the Colombo (Sri Lanka) Chapter delivered items purchased with donations from the EWC Tsunami Relief Fund to two tsunami-affected schools.

The Pacific

Brisbane (Australia)

Jeremy Webb, who spearheaded the launching of the EWCA blog, has notified individuals and chapter leaders by email about the new electronic bulletin board on the EWCA website and the initial discussion topic: climate change. At a summer meeting, members celebrated the 40th anniversary of the arrival of Peter Nunan, Jeremy Webb, Geoff Hogbin and Marion Manton as students at the East-West Center.

United States

Hawai'i

The Hawai'i Chapter, with the EWC Orientation Committee, sponsored an all-day picnic for the Fall 2006 new students at Kapiolani Park on August 19. More than 250 people turned out for the Hawai'i-style buffet, that included barbecue chicken, steak, noodles, lumpia and Chinese chicken salad. Hawai'i Chapter President Carl Hefner and his enthusiastic Hawai'i Chapter Board organized the event with Orientation Coordinator Alapaki Luke. Hawai'i-based alumni and EWC students socialized, conversed in Asian and Pacific languages, and made important professional connections. Board Member and Hawaiian Cultural Specialist Tai Crouch shared Hawaiian history and culture,

including information about Kapiolani Park. Students even found time for a swim at nearby Sans Souci beach.





EAST-WEST CENTER
Building an Asia Pacific Community

Help Build an EWC Community

More than 50,000 men and women have been EWC participants in its 46-year history, and many have joined the 45 established EWCA chapters in 20 countries. The East-West Center Association, the Center's official alumni organization, works with alumni to strengthen the EWC network. We hope that you'll keep in touch with us. Send us your current contact information so you can participate in our international network. Send it to: alumni@EastWestCenter.org.

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Alumni Happenings

Rebecca Sanchez Ovitt, known to most alumni as Ruby Ovitt, is now a published author. Tate Publishing has just released "My Journey of Healing From Cancer," her personal story, now in bookstores across the United States. She reports that 300 copies were sold in less than a month. The book can be ordered on-line.

Abdul Rashid (1998 EWCA Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient) was promoted to chief scientist at the National Agricultural Research Center (NARC), where he is also director general, in Islamabad, Pakistan. He also was honored as a fellow of the Indian Society of Social Science during the Society's annual convention in November.

Yoichiro Sato (1995-96), associate professor at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Hawai'i, has co-edited *Japan in a Dynamic Asia: Coping with the New Security Challenges*. The essays, published by Lexington Books (Rowman and Littlefield) examine "a new phenomenon in Japanese foreign policy: Japan's increasing activism under the Koizumi administration."



Beaming World News to Kansas State

Students at Kansas State University can now view international news on TV at the K-State Student Union building. EWC alumni and affiliates Susan Allen, Kay Garrett, Wayne Nafziger, Gwen Owens-Wilson, Bill and Linda Richter, and Robert Schaeffer played a large role in bringing the daily programming from around the world to the campus. Viewers can catch the news from such networks as Programs Asia, the BBC and WorldLink TV.

In Memoriam

Harka Gurung, a prominent conservation expert, was killed in a helicopter crash in Nepal in September. Gurung was a visiting fellow in the EWC's Population Institute in 1984-85 and had recently taken part in an EWC seminar in Nepal. He was Nepal's tourism minister and held various government posts, including vice chairman of the National Planning Commission, minister of state for Education, Industry and Commerce, Public Works and Transport. He was well-known internationally and had made many contributions toward the promotion of ecotourism and the conservation of wildlife and the environment.



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