

Dear EWC student participant:

Greetings from the East West Center Associates Office!

On behalf of the 55,000 alumni, we would like to congratulate you on being selected as an East West Center student. As EWC has been sponsoring students and scholars from all over the world from last 50 years, one of our most precious resources is our alumni network. Our Associates Office offers several valuable networking resources for students. The following resources are the most immediately relevant to you:

**1. Networking with the EWCA regional chapter in your region:**

Attached is a list of the EWC alumni chapters in the U.S., Asia, and the Pacific regions. Please take the initiative to contact the alumni chapter in your region. Most alumni are very friendly and will gladly share with you their EWC experiences. You can learn a lot about the East-West Center from those chapter members.

**2. The Mentoring Program:**

This is a joint project offered by the EWC Alumni and the Friends of EWC. It provides a great opportunity for you to link with a professional in the Honolulu community. According to your professional goals and career interests, ***if selected you will have one meeting with your mentor who is an experienced professional in Hawaii.*** Participation in this program is on a voluntary basis. If you and your mentor find needs to meet further, it's entirely up to your own arrangement. You will gain valuable field experience related to the "work culture" and "work environment" in your mentor's profession. If you are interested, please fill out the attached "Mentoring Program Application Form" and return it to us on or before **June 15, 2010**.

**3. EWCA Online Community:**

This is a free service offered exclusively to alumni and current students of the East-West Center. Access it to locate friends, network with professional colleagues, and learn up-to-date information about the Association and its activities. Some of its features include, Online Directory where you can search for friends and professional colleagues (and update your own record); Permanent Email Address that never changes, even when you change jobs or email providers; and many more. More information will be provided at the student orientation after arrival.

For more information about student services provided by EWCA, please contact Gordon Ring, the EWC Alumni Officer, by email: [ringg@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:ringg@eastwestcenter.org), or by phone: 1-808-944-7743. If you would like to mail any forms to us before you arrive in Hawaii, please send it either by email to: Itsuko Suzuki at [suzukii@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:suzukii@eastwestcenter.org) and Mamta Panwar at [panwarm@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:panwarm@eastwestcenter.org) or by regular mail to: **Alumni/Associates Office, East West Center, 1601 East West Road, Honolulu HI 96848-1601, USA.**

May you have a bright and fruitful experience at the East-West Center!

Aloha,

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