



Partnership and Leadership: Keys to Community-Building in the Asia Pacific Region

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In the nearly five decades since the East-West Center's founding, the Asia Pacific region has seen dramatic economic, political and social changes that have transformed its character, global influence, and future challenges. The Asian share of the world's annual production of goods and services has more than doubled, becoming equal to or exceeding the U.S. share, depending upon the type of measure. China alone has become the world's top emitter of carbon dioxide, and Asia's thirst for resources of all kinds has a huge impact on global commodity markets. Contemporary Asia is also a major source of much needed investment capital and the largest single source of new growth in the world economy. Today, no problem — from global warming to ensuring adequate food supplies — can be solved without the participation of both the U.S. and the major economies of Asia.

Because of the region's rapid growth, the East-West Center's efforts to develop common understanding of the resulting impacts and new challenges, and to promote consensus on how to deal with them, are more important than ever.

In his acceptance address, EWC alumnus Rajendra Pachauri, who shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for his leadership of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, stressed the need for cooperation if the world is to meet the long-term challenges posed by global warming. To galvanize such cooperation and action on this and other global challenges, leadership of the kind exhibited by Dr. Pachauri and his colleagues is essential.

A strong focus on cooperation and leadership imbues every program at the Center. From our Hawai'i headquarters and Washington office, we work each year in partnership with more than 650 organizations spanning the region and globe. Our goal is to inform present leaders and to help form and inspire future leaders. We seek to share substantive knowledge while building the cross-cultural communication and teamwork skills necessary for leadership success in the 21st Century.

The scope and depth of the Center's programs are illustrated by this brief overview of our 2007 activities:



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■ The Asian International Justice Initiative, a collaborative program with the U.C. Berkeley War Crimes Studies Center, provided training to prosecution and defense for the international tribunal on Khmer Rouge atrocities in Cambodia. The Justice Initiative also developed videos and other media materials to educate the Cambodian public about the importance of the trials and the nature of the trial process. The Initiative also continued its human rights training for judges in Timor Leste and Indonesia.

■ The Center's Pacific Island Conference of Leaders convened its triennial meeting of heads of state and other government leaders for the first time ever in Washington, D.C. In meetings with key U.S. executive and legislative figures, the island leaders learned more about U.S. policies and processes and also shared their own interests and concerns.

■ Student programs expanded to their highest level in several decades in 2007, engaging nearly 500 students from 53 countries. While the vast majority of East-West Center students come from the United States and the other Asia Pacific countries in our basic footprint, an increasing number of students come from other areas, such as Central Europe, Latin America and Africa, funded from non-appropriated resources.

■ More than 375 university and college faculty from across the U.S. and several Asian countries participated in the Asian Studies Development Program's workshops and conferences, focused on enhancing the teaching of Asia in the undergraduate curriculum. To further expand the program's outreach to East and Southeast Asia, a new initiative — Asian Studies in Asia (ASIA) was developed with our partner universities in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore and the Philippines. This project brings Asian and American faculty who are not Asian studies specialists together for learning in residential institutes, field seminars, teaching and research exchanges, and international conferences.

■ Policymakers are involved in EWC programs, workshops, and seminars in Hawai'i, Washington, and the region and receive the Center's policy oriented publications, including *East-West Wire*, *Asia Pacific Briefs* and the *Policy Studies* series. Under development is an innovative interactive website for policymakers called *Asia Matters for America*, designed to help Americans and Asians understand their mutual importance and impact on each other.

■ Seven media dialogue and exchange programs helped more than 100 journalists from the U.S. and across the region increase their understanding of each other's societies and regional challenges. These programs included the flagship Jefferson Fellowships, which celebrated their 40th year in 2007; the Senior Journalists Seminar, which creates dialogue among journalists from predominately Muslim Asian countries and the U.S; and a new program, the Northeast Asia Journalists Dialogue, which brought together journalists from Japan, Korea and the United States.

The East-West Center's mission of contributing to a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia Pacific Community has never been more relevant. As we approach the Center's watershed 50th birthday, our leadership, staff, partners, friends, and far-reaching network of 55,000 alumni are taking measure of our impact and rededicating ourselves to this vital mission.