JANUARY

- Launch of “Pacific Islands Policy,” a new series of policy studies on economic, political, social, and cultural issues relevant to the Pacific islands region.


- Tokyo seminar on host nations’ domestic politics surrounding the U.S. military’s Asia Pacific presence, led by EWC research fellow Sheila Smith.

- Dr. Satu Limaye was named director of the East-West Center in Washington, succeeding Dr. Muthiah Alagappa who assumed a new role as Distinguished Senior Fellow.

- “State of the Asia Pacific Region” luncheon address, an overview of major issues and likely hot spots by EWC President Charles E. Morrison.

- 137 participants representing 19 countries and more than 50 universities across the U.S. and Asia Pacific region presented papers at this year’s student-led East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the theme of “Continuity and Change in the Asia Pacific: People, Places, Systems.”


- EWC in Washington Human Rights Seminar: “Malaysia’s Semi-Democracy in Practice: Through the Lens of Elections,” with Dr. Bridget Welsh, Assistant Professor of Southeast Asia Studies, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

FEBRUARY

- Asian Studies Development Program faculty outreach workshop at Georgia Southern University on “Islam in South Asia, Southeast Asia and China.”


- Public forum: “Is Free Trade with East Asia Good for Us?” with Peter Petri, founding Dean of the International Business School at Brandeis University, and Alan Tonelson, Research Fellow at the United States Business and Industry Council Educational Foundation.
2007 CALENDAR OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

MARCH

- 13th national conference of the Asian Studies Development Program in Seattle, the largest event for ASDP alumni in the United States.

- The Asia Pacific Journalism Fellowships took six U.S. journalists to Singapore and Taiwan, where they met with political, economic, social and cultural leaders, including Taiwan President Chen Shui Bian.

- EWC in Washington Democracy and Human Rights Seminar: “Resolving Separatist Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Aceh and Southern Thailand,” with Dr. Edward Aspinall, Indonesian Politics Fellow, Australian National University, and Dr. Duncan McCargo, Professor of Southeast Asian Politics, University of Leeds.

- East-West Center Gallery exhibition: “Sala: Gem of Thai Architecture,” including an inaugural celebration of the reconstructed Thai pavilion at the East-West Center.

- Six Korean journalists visited the United States and six U.S. journalists traveled to South Korea to meet with government and business leaders, academics, non-governmental organizations and others in the 2nd Korea-United States Journalists Exchange.

APRIL

- “Celebrating Our Diversity” was the theme of this year’s East-West Fest, the popular cultural celebration organized by East-West Center students that features native attire, music and dance from their widely varied home countries.

- Spring Jefferson Fellowships: “Powering the Future: Energy Sources and Alternatives.” Journalists met with government officials, business leaders, environmental experts and energy industry analysts in Houston, Sacramento, Seoul and Beijing.


- At the first annual Spring Leadership Symposium, students in the Leadership Certificate program presented the inaugural Transformations in Leadership journal. A film, produced by the participants, was broadcast about the fellows’ experiences in the program and their reflections on leadership.

- Public briefing on cooperative counter-terrorism efforts by Bangladesh Ambassador to the U.S. Shamsher Chowdhury.

This year's **Senior Journalists Seminar** provided first-hand insight on the very complex and emotional topics connected to the program’s theme: “Building Understanding Between the United States and the Asian Muslim World.”

**Informal public talk and discussion with Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer.**

**Eighth Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders,** Washington, D.C. (See Highlight on page 4.)

**128 students graduated** at the East-West Center Ho’opuka Ceremony.

**AsiaPacificEd State Farm Service-Learning Initiative,** “Partnership for Youth: Building Disaster-Resilient Communities.”

**The Asian Studies Development Program Summer Institute** on “Korean Culture and Society” introduced U.S. and Latin American college faculty in the humanities and social sciences to Korean culture, history, and contemporary affairs.

Approximately 200 delegates gathered for the **General Meeting of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council** in Sydney, Australia. EWC President Charles E. Morrison currently serves as the international chair of PECC.


**EWC in Washington Democracy and Human Rights Seminar:** “Ethnic Diversity and Democracy,” with Dr. Kanchan Chandra, Associate Professor in the Department of Politics at New York University.
JUNE


- Asian Studies Development Program five-week institute: “The Ideal and the Real: Arcs of Change in Chinese Culture,” funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

- EWC Gallery exhibition: “Flower Traditions in Hawai’i.”

- EWC’s Pacific Islands Development Program helped facilitate the Pacific region’s participation in the United Nations’ Global Forum on Building Trust in Government, held in Vienna and attended by more than 2,000 delegates.

- 47 participants representing universities, governmental agencies and NGOs from 17 countries took part in the 38th Summer Seminar on Population.

- 125 participants attended the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast annual conference at the East-West Center and University of Hawai’i.

- More than 900 community leaders and friends of the EWC attended the East-West Center annual dinner, at which the Center’s Asia Pacific Community Building Award was presented to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawai’i (at right in photos below). The event netted more than $326,000 for student scholarships and programs.

**JULY**

- **EWC/Korea Development Institute conference:** "Reforms for Korea’s Sustained Growth."

- **The Northeast Asia Journalists Dialogue** brought Korean, Japanese and American journalists to the East-West Center in the only known trilateral dialogue of its kind for journalists.

- The Asia Pacific Leadership Program assisted the Polynesian Voyaging Society in coordinating educational outreach for the Hawaiian voyaging canoe Hokule’a’s epic journey from Hawai‘i through Micronesia to Japan. The education project involved connecting school children in Hawai‘i, Micronesia and Japan, designing a values-based curriculum for the voyage, setting up a website, organizing an international essay contest and more. In addition, APLP fellows Paulina Youropi of Chuuk and Kyoko Ikeda of Japan (pictured here) sailed aboard the canoe on various legs of the voyage.

- **EWC Gallery exhibition:** "Shaman Arts of Vietnam."

- **Bank of Hawaii Breakfast Briefing:** "Broadening the Pacific Islands Region’s Engagement with the United States," with Gerard Finin, Deputy Director, EWC Pacific Islands Development Program.

- 14 women, including first-time representation from Afghanistan and Papua New Guinea, participated in the Changing Faces Women’s Leadership Program.

- **EWC in Washington Congressional Study Group:** "Regional Implications of Iran’s Nuclear Weapons Program," with Dr. George Perkovich, Vice President for Studies-Global Security and Economic Development and Director of the Non-Proliferation Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

- **China-U.S. Faculty Exchange Program** — a collaboration between the Chinese Ministry of Education, Peking University, the East-West Center and the University of Hawai‘i.

- **From Analysis to Action,”** a two-week introductory training on integrating HIV-AIDS analysis and advocacy with the EWC’s Asian Epidemic Model for participants from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Family Health International’s Asia-Pacific Division and UNAIDS.

- **The Energy Security in the North Pacific conference** brought together leading experts and top industry executives at the East-West Center.

- **International Forum for Education 2020 Senior Seminar:** "Quality in Higher Education" at the East-West Center.

- **AsiaPacificEd Partnership for Youth summer leadership program:** “Reporting for Change: Cambodia.” (See Highlight on page 9.)

- **Bank of Hawaii Breakfast Briefing:** "Broadening the Pacific Islands Region’s Engagement with the United States,” with Gerard Finin, Deputy Director, EWC Pacific Islands Development Program.

- **AsiaPacificEd’s “Travel and Teach” program** provided an opportunity for 21 American teachers to develop personal and professional insights into Thai and Cambodian society, history, culture, economy and education.

- **For the 4th year, AsiaPacificEd was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to offer its popular Landmark of American History and Culture Workshops on Pearl Harbor for American and Japanese history/social studies teachers.**

- **Infusing East Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum,** an Asian Studies Development Program workshop for undergraduate faculty and administrators to explore the cultures and social structures of China and Japan.
The new Health Journalism Fellowships took 10 journalists from the U.S. and Asia to Hong Kong, Vietnam and Indonesia to learn firsthand about efforts to prevent pandemics and other health issues of regional and global concern.

“You think you know all about the hot-button issues of infectious diseases in Asia,” said participant Mary Ann Benitez of the South China Morning Post. “But there's nothing like being on the ground, where the battle is being fought, talking to the common folks about the impact of disease on their daily lives.”

The 7th generation of the Asia Pacific Leadership Program arrived at the East-West Center, consisting of 35 participants from 21 countries. The mean age of the class was 32 years, making this group the most professionally qualified and experienced to date.


Asian International Justice Initiative workshop for the Office of the Co-Prosecutors at the international Khmer Rouge tribunal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. (See Highlight on page 8.)

This year’s Senior Policy Seminar brought together policymakers, government officials, private sector leaders and academic experts from the United States and the Asia Pacific region for discussions on shifts in military, economic and so-called “soft” power in the region.

Publication: Viable and Environment-Friendly Sources for Meeting South Asia’s Growing Energy Needs, by Toufiq A. Siddiqi (8 pp.), part of the EWC’s AsiaPacific Issues series.

‘70s Alumni Reunion: Rekindling the Spirit (See Highlight on page 11.)
For the first time, the Asia Pacific Leadership Program led an optional, self-funded field study to Washington D.C. and New York.

Mary Townswick, a 20-year veteran of the U.S Foreign Service, including postings in Pakistan and Afghanistan, assumed the temporary post of EWC Diplomat-in-Residence.

Nine U.S. journalists participated in the Hong Kong Journalism Fellowships study tour to Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and Hong Kong. Highlights included meetings with top officials of the State Council on Food Safety and the director of the Beijing Olympic Organizing Committee.


Publication: The Islamist Threat in Southeast Asia: A Reassessment, by John T. Sidel (74 pp.), part of the EWC’s Policy Studies series and co-published with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

Bank of Hawaii Breakfast Briefing on “Asia’s Emerging Urban Crisis,” with EWC Senior Fellow Allen Clark.

The EWC was a co-organizer of Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health’s 12th meeting, “Environment and Health in the 21st Century: Challenges and Solutions.”

The two-month, student-led Wednesday Evening Seminar began with the theme of “Sustainability: Behind the Veneer of the Rhetoric.”

EWC researchers participated in a workshop in Hanoi on “Social and Ecological Factors in Emerging Infectious Diseases: Toward an Ecosystem Approach to Research and Control of Avian Influenza (H5N1) and Dengue.”


The International Forum for Education 2020’s second leadership institute focused on tensions between education as a public good and a private commodity.

Master teachers and world experts participated in AsiaPacificEd’s Global Education program that seeks to introduce some of Asia’s top thinkers to some of America’s best educators.

Launch of the EWC’s new “East-West Dialogue” interactive publication series, with an accompanying online discussion site. The premiere issue was written by Charles E. Morrison and Peter Petri on Renewing the Pacific Partnership, with commentary by Taeho Bark (South Korea), Peter Drysdale (Australia) and Shen Dingli (China).
### OCTOBER

- **Forum at the EWC with leading authors, filmmakers and scholars of Vietnamese Cinema.**

- **EWC in Washington conference: “United States Relations with ASEAN at Thirty.”**

- **The Asian Studies Development Program hosted a campus workshop at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.**

- **EWC co-sponsored colloquium on “Intercultural Intersections in Media Ethics.”**

- **In the Fall Jefferson Fellowships — “Mekong on the Move: Asia’s New Economic Frontier?” — journalism fellows traveled to countries at very different stages of economic and political development: Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam.**

- **The EWC, in collaboration with the Université Paris Sorbonne, the French Secretariat for the Pacific and the French Institute of Research for Development held a conference in Paris on “Pacific Islands: Local Governance, Development and Vulnerability in the Small Island States.”**

- **Nearly 200 scientists, engineers, policy makers, students and government representatives from more than 20 countries participated in the 12th International Conference of the EWC-administered Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health Sciences at Peking University.**

- **EWC researcher Jefferson Fox hosted a research project leaders’ meeting on “The Role of Landcover Change in Altering Hydrology.”**

- **East-West Center in Washington Congressional Study Group on the Pacific Islands: “China as a Force in Pacific Politics,” with Terence Wesley-Smith, Associate Professor, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa; and C. Steven McGann, Director, Office of Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Affairs, U.S. Department of State.**

- **On the heels of the “saffron uprising” in Burma, U.S. Charge D’Affaires Shari Villarosa presented a public “Burma Update” at the East-West Center. The Center also launched a special “Burma Views” blog.**

- **“Japanese Koto and Shakuhachi Music,” a 10-day residency by koto masters Professor Masateru Ando of Tokyo University of the Arts and his daughter Toshiko Ando, along with shakuhachi master Christopher Yohmei Blasdel.**

- **Publication: *An APEC Trade Agenda? The Political Economy of a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific*, edited by Charles E. Morrison and Eduardo Pendrosa (256 pp.), a joint study by the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council and the APEC Business Advisory Council.**
NOVEMBER

- The East-West Sports Summit, held in partnership with Sports Marketing Japan, drew high-level participants such as Bin Yuan, marketing director for the Beijing Olympics, and Bobby Valentine, manager of the Chiba Lotte Marines and former manager of the Texas Rangers and New York Mets.

- Launch of the new EWC in Washington publication Asia Pacific Bulletin, designed to help busy professionals and policymakers absorb the essence of dialogue on issues of concern in the Asia Pacific region.


- Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne, founder of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka, spoke about his work in grassroots community development and peace-building at an East-West Center evening forum.

- The EWC joined with the University of Hawai’i and the Southeast Asia Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture to organize the International Conference on Sustainability Science for Watershed Landscapes in Honolulu.

- The East-West Center Leadership Certificate Program’s Fall Service Learning Fair featured a panel of Honolulu community leaders discussing the emerging importance of social entrepreneurship.

- East-West Center researchers Kang Wu and Fereidun Fesharaki assembled a distinguished team of Asia Pacific specialists to contribute to their definitive book Asia’s Energy Future: Regional Dynamics and Global Implications. The book’s collection of papers describe recent trends and future challenges, as well as laying out a set of policy recommendations designed to strengthen the region’s overall energy security.


- EWC in Washington special presentation: “Negotiating the Malaysia-United States Free Trade Agreement: A Mid-Course Analysis,” with speaker Dr. Pek Koon Heng, Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University.

- At the special request of the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, the Asian Studies Development Program conducted a two-day training workshop on Chinese culture and society, designed to be of use for CDC staff working on health issues related to China.

DECEMBER


- Publication: China in Oceania: New Forces in Pacific Politics, by Terence Wesley-Smith (35pp.), part of the EWC’s Pacific Islands Policy series.

- Publication: Population Aging, Intergenerational Transfers and the Macroeconomy, edited by Robert Clark, Naohiro Ogawa, and Andrew Mason (320 pp). Published by Edward Elgar Publishing in the UK.