EWC educational opportunities prepare current and future leaders from the Asia Pacific region and the U.S. for a new era of increased social, economic and technological interdependence. Through degree and certificate programs, students develop a foundation to address critical regional and global issues. Programs for educators strengthen their capacity to cultivate in their students an understanding of the histories, cultures, and contemporary issues of the region. An international forum explores new educational paradigms for the Asia Pacific region. Both public and private sources support the Center’s education programs.

In FY2008 the number of students in EWC degree and certificate programs rose to 508, the highest since 1974. The chart above reflects the student diversity by region.

The 7th annual International Graduate Student Conference, a student-led initiative, attracted 130 graduate students from 50 universities in 25 nations.

Asian Studies Development Program

In 2008, the Asian Studies Development Program conducted faculty development workshops on the U.S. mainland, field seminars in Asia, residential institutes in Hawai‘i, a meeting of its 20 U.S. regional centers, and the 14th national ASDP conference.

ASDP workshops ranged from “Trading Tastes: Islam, the Indian Ocean, and the Asia-Africa Interchange” to “Himalayan Cultures and Societies,” which featured Bhutan’s U.N. Ambassador.

U.S. and Chinese educators traveled during field seminars focusing on “Korea and Japan: Relations Past and Present” and “From Hong Kong through Southwest China: Chinese Identities and Diversity.”

The new ASIA residential institute on “Chinese Culture and Society” co-sponsored by the ASEAN University Network drew professors from 15 leading universities in Southeast Asia and the U.S.

AsiaPacificEd Program

Pearl Harbor:
History, Memory, Memorial
American and Japanese teachers engaged in this National Endowment for the Humanities funded living history workshop.

Partnership for Youth: Cambodia
In Cambodia, U.S. students examined the Khmer Rouge tribunal to learn more about human rights and media’s role in the democratic process.

Travel and Teach: Cambodia
U.S. teachers examined Cambodia’s politics and met with Khmer Rouge survivors and U.N. officials.

Partnership for Schools Leading Change (see Highlight article, p. 12)

Asia Pacific Leadership Program

The Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP) links analysis of regional issues with experiential leadership learning. The APLP has 320 alumni in 50 countries supporting a network of action across the Asia Pacific region. The Washington, D.C, Field Study involved meetings with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka, the Department of State, and the World Bank.

The China Field Study was hosted by APLP alumni from the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and the World Economic Forum in Beijing. APLP teams conducted interviews in the Sichuan earthquake area, developed business ties in Shanghai and examined China’s urban transition in Shandong. APLP alumnus Lieutenant Governor Zhao Zhenge hosted participants in Yunnan.

International Forum for Education 2020

Mid-career leaders representing nine Asian countries participated in the third IFE 2020 Leadership Institute focused on raising the quality of education in the Asia Pacific.

The fifth IFE 2020 Senior Seminar, co-sponsored by The National Chung Cheng University in Taiwan and supported by a National Research Council grant, drew scholars from Asia, the U.S., and Australia to address access, equity, and capacity issues in Asia Pacific higher education.