The East-West Center in Washington invites you to an Asia Pacific Security Seminar:

**Southeast Asian Military Modernization: A New Arms Race?**

Featuring:

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and Discussant:

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There is growing concern that Southeast Asia is in the midst of a regional arms race. Certainly many countries in the region have increased defense spending and been on a veritable shopping spree for advanced conventional weaponry. These acquisitions may not fit prevailing theories about the pattern of an “arms race,” however, the regional re-arming process is significant in that the types of arms being acquired go beyond the mere modernization of regional armed forces, and could greatly change the nature and character of potential regional conflicts. Mr. Richard A. Bitzinger and Mr. Bronson Percival will discuss the resulting arms competition or “arms dynamic” and its potential for undermining the security and stability of the region.

**Wednesday, February 2**  
12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.  
Lunch will be served.

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This event is free and open to the public.

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