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

**Vietnam: Rising Dragon**

Featuring:

**Mr. Bill Hayton**  
Reporter and Producer with BBC World News TV

As Vietnam continues to experience great economic growth and the Communist Party-led government increasingly plays a leadership role in the Southeast Asian region, the spotlight on Vietnam grows brighter. In addition, the United States and Vietnam have been enjoying especially warm relations after celebrating the 15th anniversary of normalized relations and expressing common concerns regarding maritime security issues in the South China Sea. The recently published book, *Vietnam: Rising Dragon*, illustrates how the government in Vietnam hopes to sustain a high rate of economic growth, balance its major relationships and carefully monitor its civil society to shape Vietnam’s future. Author Bill Hayton will discuss how the interests of the Vietnamese government and the interests of its citizens impact the country’s foreign policy and its relations with other regional powers, such as China and the United States.

**Monday, October 25**  
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**East-West Center in Washington**  
1819 L Street NW, Washington, D.C., 2nd Floor Conference Room  
This event is free and open to the public.

Kindly send your reply by **October 22**. Please note that seating is limited.

**Bill Hayton** is the author of *Vietnam: Rising Dragon* (Yale University Press, 2010) and a reporter and producer for BBC World News TV in London. His recent book, *Rising Dragon* has been commended by many reviewers and was described by Jonathan Mirsky of the *New York Review of Books* as being “a very good book.” Mr. Hayton was previously BBC’s reporter in Hanoi from 2006-2007, where he covered the country’s entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Asia-Pacific Summit in Hanoi and dozens of other stories, ranging from international relations to dissidents, road safety and the fate of the Vietnamese pot-bellied pig. Before joining BBC, he was a producer and reporter for well-known channels, such as CNBC, Dow Jones TV and al Jazeera. Hayton has reported from Vietnam as well as a host of different countries and regions, which include Iran, Yemen, Israel, Central Europe and the Balkans.