



Annual Report 2008



EWC's Hong Kong Journalism Fellows take their place at the starting line in the 2008 Beijing Olympic 'Bird's Nest' stadium.

The **East-West Center** was established by the United States Congress in 1960 to "promote better relations and understanding between the United States and the nations of Asia and the Pacific region through cooperative study, education, and research."

The Center works to strengthen relations in the region and serves as a national and regional resource for information and analysis on Asia and the Pacific. It provides a meeting ground where people with a wide range of perspectives exchange views on topics of regional concern. Since its founding more than 55,000 people have participated in Center programs. Many of these participants occupy key positions in government, business, journalism, and education in the region.

Officially known as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West, the East-West Center is a public, nonprofit institution with an international board of governors. Funding comes from the U.S. government in addition to support provided by private agencies, individuals and corporations, and governments in the region.

Located in Honolulu, three miles from Waikiki and adjacent to the University of Hawai'i, the Center's 21-acre campus includes conference facilities, a research and administration office building, and three residential halls.

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Message from EWC President and Board of Governors Chairman

The year 2008 will be long remembered for two events: the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and the election of the first minority president in the United States. Both are highly relevant to the East-West Center.

The economic crisis dramatically illustrates both the high level of interdependence and integration within the Asia Pacific region, including the United States, and the imperative of cooperative Asia Pacific leadership in addressing a global crisis. At the beginning of the crisis with the collapse of the subprime housing market in the United States, there was considerable discussion of a "decoupling" of the United States and East Asian economies, allowing East Asia to continue its growth trajectory and help the United States out of its growing recession. Very quickly, however, it became apparent that East Asia was being greatly affected by the sharp downturn in U.S. imports as U.S. consumption plunged and savings rose.

It also became obvious that no one country, including the United States, could stimulate its way into recovery without supportive actions from other major economies. Even more important, a sustainable economic recovery could not be achieved on the basis of simply restoring the preexisting situation, with its enormous trans-Pacific trade and payments imbalances, themselves an underlying condition of the crisis.

In comparison to the Atlantic world, the Asia Pacific region has responded remarkably quickly and cooperatively to the crisis. China, Japan, and the United States have all had large stimulus packages, and have been active members of the G-20, the international group that has been the locus of international policy discussions. The East-West Center, through its involvement with the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, has helped form an international task force of economists under the leadership of Non-resident Senior Fellow Peter Petri to monitor these efforts and conduct cooperative analysis that will help guide policymakers toward a healthy and sustainable recovery. Several of our other programs, including those for journalists and senior policymakers, have been oriented toward strengthening a common understanding of the dynamics of the crisis and the future policy measures needed at the national and international levels.



EWC President Charles E. Morrison



EWC Board of Governors Chairman Puongpun Sananikone

The many facets of regionalization and globalization have reduced barriers of time and geography that once inhibited the spread of crises, whether economic, political, health, or environment related. The global interconnection of today's world places a premium on forward-looking analysis, building resilience, and establishing response capabilities. Much of the work of the East-West Center over many years has sought to make the Asia Pacific region less vulnerable to crises through anticipating problems and developing the human and leadership capacities and institutional networks needed to respond. As Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, whose first trip to the United States was for an East-West Center trade conference, has stated, this work of the East-West Center has become more critical than ever before.

It has been commonly noted that President Obama's original international experience was in Asia during the time he lived in Indonesia as a boy, and the Center actually played a direct role in this. Obama's mother, Ann Dunham, then a student at the University of Hawai'i , met her second husband, Lolo Soetoro, when he was studying as an East-West Center grantee. She and the young Obama accompanied Soetoro back to Indonesia at the end of his grant, leading to Obama's four childhood years in Indonesia and his mother's continuing passion for that country.

Dunham herself later received an East-West Center award for her Master's and Ph.D. work on Indonesia, and remained devoted to promoting an understanding of Indonesia and support for its disadvantaged population until her untimely death in 1995. After her death, the family held a small memorial service in the Center's Japanese garden. Through a special panel discussion at the Center's international alumni conference held in Bali this past November, we were proud once again to honor her legacy as a bridge, which continues through her son, between the United States and Asia.

In 2010, the East-West Center will be celebrating the 50th year anniversary of the Congressional legislation — offered by then Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Baines Johnson — that created the East-West Center as an institution to promote understanding and friendship in Asia and the Pacific through "cooperative study, training, and research." We look back on many positive legacies, including indirectly the new U.S. President, and we anticipate the great many challenges as Asia Pacific becomes even more critical to the United States in a continually shrinking world.

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Thai Princess Dedicated New Royal Sala Pavilion— A Gift to the EWC from His Majesty

The Princess was the guest of honor at the EWC's annual "International Affair" dinner, where she accepted the Center's Asia Pacific Community Building Award on behalf of her father, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, in recognition of the king's dedicated work for the welfare of the people of Thailand.



Hundreds gathered outside the East-West Center's Imin International Conference Center to witness the formal dedication of the Royal Sala Thai (Thai pavilion) by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand on March 1, 2008. In her remarks at the dedication ceremony, Her Royal Highness described King Bhumibol's intent in gifting the original *sala* to the Center in 1967 as a symbolic meeting place for people from different nations and cultures to come together and exchange knowledge and ideas.

In recognition of the importance of the East-West Center to U.S.-Thai relations, Their Majesties King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit gifted the East-West Center with a Royal Sala, which they dedicated in person 41 years ago. Since then, it has remained the only *sala* outside Thailand personally dedicated by the King and one of only four such pavilions outside of Thailand to bear the king's own royal seal. In 2006, the EWC and the Royal Thai Government worked together to restore the *sala*, which was reconstructed at the Royal Palace in Bangkok, and assembled at the EWC by Thai artisans under the direction of Thai National Artist/Architect Dr. Pinyo Suwankiri.

"In the old days, one way of community service or merit-making was to build a pavilion, or a Thai *sala*," the Princess said. "Its purpose is for any traveler or passerby to rest a while during their journey. ... It is free for all travelers coming from different directions. ... It was therefore His Majesty's wish to build a *sala* here at the East-West Center as a symbol of universal hospitality and brotherhood of mankind."

Top Left: HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn with the members of the Royal Sala Thai Scholarship Fund Committee in front of the newly dedicated sala. Bottom Right: HRH Princess Sirindhorn with EWC President Charles E. Morrison (right) during the Royal Sala Thai dedication ceremony. The dedication ceremony included the debut of an original classical-style dance titled "Dream Island," inspired by the Princess and performed especially for the occasion by the Royal Thai Dancers and Musicians ensemble, as well as a special hula performance by Halau ika Wekiu. At that event, Her Royal Highness also met privately with students from Thailand and members of Hawai'i's Thai community.

To commemorate the dedication of the new Royal Sala Thai, and in recognition of the importance of leadership to the future of the Asia Pacific region, the East-West Center and EWC Thai alumni and friends established The Royal Sala Thai Scholarship Fund with a \$185,000 scholarship endowment, which was presented by Her Royal Highness to the East-West Center. This scholarship fund provides additional support for students from Thailand to participate in EWC educational programs as degree fellows and in the Asia Pacific Leadership Program. More than 3,000 Thai scholars, researchers, students and professionals in business, government, journalism and the arts have participated in East-West Center cooperative programs of research, study, training, and dialogue since the Center was established in 1960.



International Conference in Bali Reflects the Center's 'Unity in Diversity'



"We have to make the 21st century a century of progress and peace," Minister Bakrie stated. "Let us avoid the fate of the previous century, with its world wars and bloody conflicts. The opportunities are plenty to make our world a much better place."



"The region of Asia and the Pacific has become a growing force in the 21st century," stated The Honorable Aburizal Bakrie, Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare, to the gathering of 533 scholars, officials, and business professionals from 45 countries at the EWC/EWCA 2008 International Conference in Bali, Indonesia in November 2008. "In the present global configuration, Asia Pacific is no longer merely a marketplace for global consumption, but a center of production and dissemination of goods, ideas, and culture," Bakrie said.

The conference opened with welcoming remarks from Bakrie along with the Governor of Bali and the U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia, followed by the keynote address by East-West Center President Charles E. Morrison. Other featured presenters included Indonesia's Minister of Women's Empowerment, Meutia Swasono; Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle; U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs Thomas Farrell; EWC Board of Governors Chairman Puongpun Sananikone; and EWCA President Lawrence Foster.

Leading up to the conference, the EWC alumni Chapter Leaders Workshop drew 31 members together to discuss the EWCA Strategic Plan and related issues of how to best support the Center and how to use advanced technology to enhance communications within the EWC/EWCA community.

Conference presentations covered topics ranging from health to education, from culture to business, from human rights and social justice leadership to the environment. Cultural highlights included entertainment hosted by Indonesia's Ministry of Culture and Tourism and a traditional Indonesian music and dance performance arranged by alumnus Garrett Kam. Honored for their accomplishments and service to the EWCA were U Maung Maung, Joe Overton, Didin Sastrapradja, Claire Richmond, A. Seshan, Dennis Zvinakis,





Above: Hawai'i Gov. Linda Lingle with EWC President Charles E. Morrison (left) and Board Chair Puongpun Sananikone (right) greeting Indonesia's Coordinating Minister Aburizal Bakrie. Bottom: EWC Alumni Officer Gordon Ring (left) and EWCA President Lawrence Foster (right) with members of the conference coordinating committee: (L to R) Nasti Reksodiputro, Sarlito Sarwono, Irid Agoes, and Anak Muninjaya.

Kuldeep Mathur, and Riley Lee. Alumni Chapters in Bangkok, Thailand and Dhaka, Bangladesh both received an outstanding alumni chapter award.

U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia Cameron R. Hume told the group that "over many years, our Embassy has greatly valued the work of the East-West Center and its alumni in promoting international education and fostering mutual understanding. We know that Center programs build invaluable professional and personal relationships, enhance awareness and promote informed dialog."

"We also know you serve the broader community," Ambassador Hume added. "We were impressed when the East-West Center Tsunami Relief Fund generated more than \$500,000 to assist with relief efforts and provide long-term support through education and research programs."

In his keynote address to the gathering, East-West Center President Charles E. Morrison observed that the conference's theme of "Unity in Diversity" was inspired by Indonesia's national motto, which in turn comes from an ancient Javanese poem proclaiming that "there is no duality in truth."

"It is a beautiful thought — to respect and treasure diversity, while being united by fundamental values and principles," Morrison said, adding that the concept of unity in diversity was also embodied in the creation of the East-West Center.

One of the most important measures of the Center's success, Morrison told the alumni gathering, has been the achievements of its graduates. "The intellectual and policy contributions of the East-West Center are not simply those of its own staff, important as these are," he said. "They are also your accomplishments in your own societies and professions and those of the other 55,000 alumni... Your continuing engagement in our activities confirms the relevance of our institution and its expanding network."

East-West Center in Washington Launched New Website on U.S.-Asia Interactions

www.asiamattersforamerica.org

EAST-WEST CENTER IN WASHINGTON

Established in 2001 to expand the Center's outreach in the U.S. capital, East-West Center in Washington works to strengthen relations and understanding among the governments and peoples of the Asia Pacific region and the United States through research, publications, and substantive programs. Public forums and congressional study groups in 2008 featured key government officials, scholars, as well as military, business and NGO leaders. Highlights include presentations by Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte; Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Christopher Hill; Assistant Secretary of Defense James Shinn; and Barbara Weisel, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) for Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

EWC in Washington Director Satu Limaye welcomes guest speaker Ambassador Jhe Seong-Ho, the Republic of Korea's ambassador-at-large for human rights.



"The Asia Matters for America initiative was launched to create a 'goto place' for information, data and analysis of U.S.-Asia interactions," said Dr. Satu Limaye, director of East-West Center in Washington. "The project

is designed to provide user-friendly information for political leaders, policymakers, business people, analysts, media and students — all of the constituencies that are critical to the East-West Center's goals of 'forming and informing leaders' and building an Asia Pacific community."

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It's well known that Asia has key relationships with the United States in a variety of important measures, including overall trade, U.S. exports, immigrant populations, international students and more. But what has been less widely understood is the importance that these relationships hold for the economies of individual U.S. states and congressional districts.

Now, as part of an on-going project of East-West Center in Washington, this information is readily available on-line in a user-friendly graphic format at **AsiaMattersforAmerica.org**, an interactive website that provides a hub for viewers to explore the importance of Asia to specific U.S. areas. The *Asia Matters for America* site covers 40 Asian countries and all 50 U.S. states and 435 congressional districts. It displays data on such topics as exports, employment, ethnicity and students from Asia in innovative and understandable ways.

Trade with Asia is increasing faster than with any other region. The economic impact of that trade is not limited to goods and services; rather it includes a wider range of exchanges such as employment based on exports, tourism, and revenue generated by Asian students studying in the United States. However, the politics of trade is often driven by the most visible negative consequences. The *Asia Matters* site provides the data to make a broader, more informed evaluation of the overall benefits and tradeoffs.

At a time when lawmakers from both major parties point to Asia as the source of dwindling jobs in the U.S. manufacturing sector, the data from this new site shows the other side of the equation. It reveals that Asia accounts for 27 percent of total U.S. jobs from exports, more than the European Union and second only to NAFTA.

An article by the consulting firm Oxford Analytica published in the International Herald Tribune and Forbes, cited the new Asia Matters Website as its source, stating that "economic prosperity in many U.S. states and counties depends heavily on trade with Asia — particularly in interior states where foreign trade is not typically seen as a contributor to growth." Examples of such "hidden beneficiaries" include Montana, which saw the value of its exports to Asia grow by 339 percent from 2001 to 2007, the fastest growth in the country; and in 2007 Idaho, New Mexico, Maine and Vermont all ranked among the top ten U.S. states in terms of their share of exports to Asia. The article points out that "while China is frequently blamed for shuttering manufacturing firms in Ohio, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, they also rank among the top ten states in manufacturing employment by exports to Asia. In Ohio alone, 47,796 manufacturing jobs are directly attributable to trade with Asia."

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On the *Asia Matters* website, users can create interactive maps and charts using selected regional data; instantly access Top 10 lists for each variable; analyze data by per-capita, per-GDP, or as a percentage of total; compare data across neighboring states and congressional districts; explore detailed reports for each state; and much more.

In addition to the website, the initiative includes printed maps, outreach events, conferences and analytical publications. The first phase of the project focuses on trade, student, and societal impacts. Future phases will address foreign direct investment, immigration and more.

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"Journalists as gatekeepers have lost sole control of the information flow," stated Sheila Coronel, director of the Tony Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism at Columbia University during her keynote address at the East-West Center's first international media conference. She asserted that the news media at this critical juncture must embrace new technologies, new ways of thinking and changing media regulation regimes, emphasizing the use of citizen journalism, blogging, cell phone reports and pictures as well as other forms of electronic democracy. "Those new forms will not replace, but will take their place alongside the old journalism," she said.

The conference, "Changing Dynamics in the Asia Pacific: Power Politics, Economic Might, Media Challenges," held in Bangkok in late January and co-hosted by the National Press Council of Thailand, attracted some 200 journalists and other media professionals from 21 nations seeking frontline perspectives on important news and media issues throughout the Asia Pacific and United States.

"Journalists always have the same instinct; therefore we easily become friends," remarked Ina Hisayoshi, Tokyo's *Nikkei Shimbun* editorial editor, at the conference. "If mutual understandings among the journalists have been deepened, it could lead to preventive journalism in international conflict."

The conference included a look at China's regional and global impact, New Media in the Asia Pacific, and New Media business models. Featured presenter Li Datong, Senior Editor at China Youth Daily and a longtime advocate of a more open and independent press in China, painted a positive picture of the media climate in China today. "Even with continued strict control by China's government," he stated, "the development of democracy in Chinese media is irreversible."

During his keynote address on "Eternal Vigilance: The Role of the Media in East Asia Community Building," Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, ASEAN Secretary General and former Foreign Minister of Thailand, emphasized, "The road to reconciliation between the Muslim and Western world runs through Southeast Asia." He noted that half of the population of the region encompassing ASEAN is Muslim and is generally a moderate, progressive and open population that has much to teach to the rest of the world.

Newsgathering trips supplemented the conference exposing journalists to Mae Sot, a frontier town along the Burma border, and Klong Toey, Bangkok's largest slum, among other places. In Mae Sot, journalists met with Burmese refugees, factory workers, monks, former political prisoners, health providers, and educators serving the refugee population. While in Klong Toey, journalists interviewed the founders of the Human Development Foundation, a nondenominational, communitybased field organization, which now operates kindergartens and orphanages for slum children and a care home for mothers and children with AIDS.

Top Left: Panelist Kavi Chongkittavorn of The Nation, Bangkok discusses China's regional impact. Bottom Left: ASEAN Secretary General Surin Pitsuwan delivers his keynote speech. Top Right: The conference, organized by EWC Media Programs Coordinator Susan Kreifels (front row, center), drew alumni from past media programs. Bottom Right: Lavender Wang (from i-CABLE, Hong Kong) challenges a panelist.



New East-West Center Program Fosters Understanding Between American and Indonesian Muslim Educators



"We discovered the similarities in our lives and how we all want to have a positive impact on the lives of our students," noted Wendy Lockard in her weblog posting for the Partnership for Schools (P4S) Leading Change program. A teacher at St. Jerome School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Lockard was one of several dozen American teachers who welcomed Muslim Indonesian educators into their classroom and homes as part of their participation in the 2008 P4S program, a new East-West Center AsiaPacificEd initiative designed to foster cross-cultural learning and mutual understanding at the grassroots level between Indonesian Muslims and Americans.

During October, 45 educators from 31 private *pesantren* (Islamic boarding schools) throughout Indonesia, the country with the world's largest Muslim population, visited schools and lived with host families across the U.S. Twenty American schools in 12 states participated in the program in places as varied as Berkeley (CA), Bloomfield (CT), Fayetteville (NC), Hilo (HI), and Indianapolis (IN). The participants, including Muslim clerics, gathered first in Indonesia for orientation meetings, then spent a week attending a "best practices" workshop with the group of U.S. host teachers at the East-West Center in Honolulu before traveling to their host schools in small teams. They later reconvened at the Center to compare notes, plan follow-up projects, and visit several Hawai'i schools.

Rusydi Sulaiman, the curriculum advisor at Al-Islam Kemuja, commented how his P4S participation made him "... more conscious of the value of reaching across cultural and other divides, such as religion." He added, "My American host school's mission is to support each student's individual development, enabling the student to be an effective contributor in a democratic society within an interdependent world. I hope to apply these ideals in my *pesantren*."

Enhancing American awareness and understanding of Indonesia's Islamic culture, and improving Indonesian perceptions of the United States by engaging in

Top Left: Namji Steinemann, director of EWC's AsiaPacificEd Program, with students at P4S partner school Pesantren Darul Ulum, Jombang. **Bottom Left:** Students gather during a follow-up visit of P4S partner school Pesantren Asshiddiqiyah, West Jakarta. **Top Right:** P4S participants at the East-West Center learning how to use Webquests in the classroom. **Bottom Right:** Steinemann addressing students and faculty at Pesantren Madinatunnajah, Tangerang during a P4S follow-up visit. meaningful interactions, was a primary goal of the 2008 P4S program. Through the program, Indonesian and U.S. educators built professional, institutional, and personal relationships as they worked together to develop practical solutions to the shared challenges of educating youth for responsible citizenship in today's globalized world.

For both the Americans and Indonesians, these up-close interactions helped to personalize the images of "the other" and did much to dispel prevailing stereotypes on both sides. "The interactions with our Indonesian visitors showed our students and teachers that many perceptions about Muslims since 9/11 were unfounded, "explained Grace Chao, a teacher from Connections Public Charter School in Hilo, Hawai'i. "This program helped erase prejudice and closed-mindedness that stemmed from a lack of knowledge that we had about each other." Lockard added, "Their experiences in our school, our homes, and our community generated an understanding and appreciation ... We now share a friendship that transcends distance and differences."

Ahmad Solahoudin, a teacher from Pesantren Madinnatunajah in Banten Province reflected on his P4S program experience: "I believe we have started something good toward building a better relationship between Americans and Indonesians. The connection that we have made is like a 'bridge' to fostering mutual understanding and cooperation among communities in the U.S. and Indonesia."

The program was organized with assistance from Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (UIN) and the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia. Funding for the program was provided by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.



RESEARCH

The Center's Research Program addresses issues of policy significance to the U.S. and the Asia Pacific region. The Program is organized into four broad areas: 1) Politics, Governance and Security; 2) Economics; 3) Environmental Change, Vulnerability, and Governance; and 4) Population and Health.

The Economy

Michael Plummer, a Non-Resident Senior Fellow, led a U.S.A.I.D.-funded study on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), an ambitious program to create a single market and production base in Southeast Asia by 2015. The study found that this development would have substantially more impact that the creation of the E.U.

Fellow Chris McNally published China's Emergent Political Economy – Capitalism in the Dragon's Lair.

Politics, Governance and Human Rights

As part of the Asia-Pacific Governance and Democracy Initiative, Senior Fellow Shabbir Cheema is working on several projects related to civil society engagement in democratic governance processes at the national and global levels. With funding from the U.N. Development Programme, Harvard University, and other donors, he organized two high level regional workshops.

David Cohen and Michelle Staggs, Director and Deputy Director of the EWC-U.C. Berkeley Asian International Justice Initiative (AIJI) presented their concept of an ASEAN Human Rights Resource Center to the ASEAN Secretariat and are collaborating with the Secretariat to advance the concept. They continued trainings and public outreach in preparation for the Khmer Rouge trials in Cambodia. The inaugural AIJI Summer Institute on Humanitarian Law and Human Rights was held in Bangkok in June. Also in June, the Indonesian Supreme Court Chief Justice signed a five-year agreement to continue the human rights training for Indonesian judges and others that began in 2004.

Top: Senior Fellow Kang Wu speaking on Capitol Hill about Asia's energy future. Center: EWC AIJI Director David Cohen (right) congratulating Indonesia's Supreme Court Chief Justice Bagir Manan after signing the human rights training agreement.



Regional Health and Environmental Challenges

Senior Fellow Tim Brown was a major architect of the recently launched Report of the Commission on AIDS in Asia, "Redefining AIDS in Asia: Crafting an Effective Response."

Senior Fellow Jeff Fox received a NASA grant in excess of \$800,000 to study the environmental implications of the expansion of rubber plantations in montane mainland Southeast Asia.



EWC International Conferences: EWC researchers were involved with the organization of several international conferences including:

■ 2008 EWC-Korea Energy Economics Institute Conference "Energy Security in the North Pacific"

The Pacific Climate Information System (PaCIS) Steering and Working Group Meeting in support of the NOAA funded Pacific Regional Integrated Climate Assessment (RISA), one of nine in the U.S.

Building Trust in Government Through Innovations in Governance in Asia and the Pacific in support of the Asia-Pacific Governance and Democracy Initiative

Near-Roadway and On-Road Exposures to Air Pollution: Risk Communication and Decision Making, Bangkok, Thailand with support from the National Science Foundation

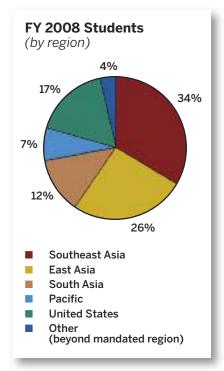


PIDP

The Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) is the research arm and secretariat to the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders, an organization founded at the Center in 1980 composed of all 22 island governments in Oceania. PIDP also publishes a Web-based daily news service and engages in conflict management and mediation with ongoing efforts in Fiji and the Kingdom of Tonga.

In October 2008, PIDP Director Sitiveni Halapua helped facilitate the first dialogue between Fiji's political leaders on opposite sides of the conflict. To further promote stability in the region, PIDP, together with the UNDP, conducted a meeting with Tongan parliamentarians to discuss their county's Constitutional reform process. **E**WC 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.

FDUCATION



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" cosponsored 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)



Above: APLP participants connect with a local family during their China Field Study. Bottom: U.S. high school students bonded with Cambodian youth during the AsiaPacificEd Partnership for Youth program.

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.

EAST-WEST SEMINARS

The East-West Seminars program offers short-term dialogue and international study tours that address critical issues affecting the region. Designed for government and business leaders, journalists and other professionals, and scholars from the U.S. and Asia Pacific, these seminars engage colleagues in discussion and analysis and serve as a catalyst for regional cooperation.

In the **2008 Asia Pacific Journalism** Fellowships Program eight U.S.

journalists visited Taiwan, Singapore and Bangkok and met the new Taiwan president.

The Japan-United States Journalists **Exchange** focused on immigration issues and the U.S. presidential election.

In the **Korea-U.S. Journalists Exchange**, supported by The Henry Luce Foundation, Korean journalists explored anti-trade sentiments and presidential campaign offices in the Rust Belt, while their American counterparts visited North Korea and met the new South Korean government.

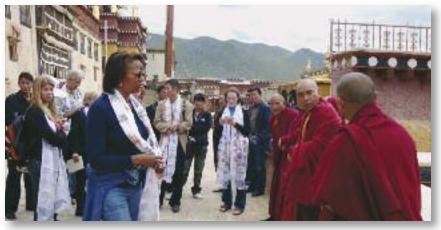
In the **Spring 2008 Jefferson Fellowships** Asian and American journalists focused on the theme "Beyond the Boomtowns: Development Challenges in 'the Other China'" while visiting Chongqing and Sichuan in Western China.

The **Senior Journalists Seminar** on "Bridging Gaps between the United States and Muslim World" engaged journalists from the U.S. and Asian countries with large Muslim populations in dialogue and study tours that ranged from Kolkata to Colorado Springs.

Top: Asian and U.S. city leaders meeting with Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann during the Urban Asia seminar. Center: Hong Kong Journalism Fellows interviewing Tibetan monks in Shangri-La, Yunnan, China. Below: Senior Journalist Seminar participant Neva Grant, National Public Radio producer, interacting with a student at a madrassah (Islamic school) in Malaysia.







The first in a new series on **Urban Asia** focused on policy implications of decentralization including democracy and governance, civil society engagement, and environmental risk. The participants included city leaders from Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta, Kathmandu, Seoul, Manila, Los Angeles, and San Diego plus urban planners.

In the **Senior Policy Seminar** high-level officials, private sector leaders, and experts discussed the global economy and made recommendations for the next U.S. Administration.

The **Conference on Prospects for Peace Across the Taiwan Strait**, cosponsored with the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, and Pacific Forum CSIS, engaged representatives from China, Taiwan and the U.S. in this first three-way Track Two conference on Taiwan since the inauguration of Taiwan's new president.

In the 2nd **Northeast Asia Journalists Dialogue** Chinese, Japanese, Korean and American journalists discussed Sino-Japan relations, post-Olympics China, and the impact of new leaders in the U.S. and Asia.

Highlights of the **2008 Hong Kong Journalism Fellowship Program** included visiting Yunnan, Hong Kong, and the Beijing Olympics Village and meeting with Tibetan monks.

The Asia Pacific Executive Forum held in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Austin focused on "Doing Business in China."

The 18th **New Generation Seminar** brought young Asia Pacific and American leaders to Ohio and Washington, D.C. to explore the politics of globalization.

The Fall 2008 Jefferson Fellows

followed the U.S. Presidential election through meetings with political leaders and voting constituencies, and attended Palin and Obama rallies. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Office of External Affairs connects the resources and research of the East-West Center with the local, national, and international community through news media and public information services; briefings for visiting officials; and public affairs, community relations, and public programs. In 2008, External Affairs cosponsored 16 public programs for Hawai'i audiences. This office also comprises the Arts Program, the EWC Alumni Office, and EWC program representatives in the Asia Pacific region.



News and Information

The News and Information section serves as a liaison between the Center and journalists worldwide. Media coverage of the East-West Center continued to reach new audiences in 2008, enhancing the Center's capacity to inform policymakers and the general public. The Center and its staff were cited by national and international media sources in more than 1,700 reports and op-eds.

Arts Program

The East-West Center Arts Program increases understanding of cultures and ethnic groups from the Asia Pacific region through exhibitions, performances, lecture-demonstrations, and hands-on workshops. In 2008, more than 20,000 adults and youth experienced EWC's arts programs. Outreach initiatives targeted 'at-risk' youth by conducting school programs in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Gallery exhibitions for 2008 included: "Material Choices: Bast and Leaf Fiber Textiles in Asia and the Pacific;" "Unseen Visions: Contemporary Painting in Pakistan;" "Altogether: Contemporary Papua New Guinea Art;" and "Field of Flowers: Mughal Carpets and Treasures." In addition, a special conservation initiative focused on the "EWC's Permanent Collection as a Resource for the Community." Performances featured Qawwali Music from Pakistan, Saman Dance from Aceh, Indonesia, and the Royal Thai Dancers and Musicians from the Fine Arts Department of the Royal Thai Government.







East-West Center Alumni

The East-West Center Association (EWCA) is an international network of more than 55,000 professionals who have participated in East-West Center programs. EWCA provides many programs and services for its members designed to support the Center's mission to help build an Asia Pacific community and to extend the outreach of the East-West Center.

In 2008, new alumni chapters were established in Aceh, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and Ontario, Canada bringing the total to 47 chapters. EWCA provided 10 student scholarships and 10 travel grants for field research or participation in professional conferences. The alumni mentoring program also matched 35 EWC students with professionals in the local community. More than 530 participants attended the EWC/EWCA 2008 International Conference in Bali, Indonesia (*see Highlight section, p. 6*).

Top: Master musicians from Pakistan enchanted audience members with their Sufi-inspired Qawwali music. Center above: (L to R) Timor-Leste Foreign Affairs Minister Zacarias Albano da Costa, EWC President Charles E. Morrison, and U.S. Ambassador to Timor-Leste Hans Klemm speaking at an EWC public program. Center middle: Visiting EWC Artist-in-Residence Ayoob Khan from India teaching Mughal carpet weaving techniques to a local Hawai'i student. Center bottom: The EWCA Nepal Alumni Chapter reaches out in support of Bal Bhojan, an NGO that cares for street children in Kathmandu.

LEAVING A LIVING LEGACY



Dean of Education Mary Hammond (3rd from right) with 2008 EWCA Scholars (L to R) John Andrew Brannon (USA), Clare Suet Ching Chan (Malaysia), Xiaofeng Kang (China), Dolores Tongco (Philippines), Chalita Bundhuwong (Thailand) and Sovatha Ann (Cambodia). Not pictured – Qiong Jia (China), David Nguyen (USA), Mayco Axel Santaella (USA) and Huei-Wen Tsai (Taiwan).

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Examples of the East-West Center's special scholarship funds:

East-West Center Association (EWCA) Alumni Endowment Fund for Student Scholarships

EWCA alumni created this endowment fund as a legacy to help future generations of students share the EWC experience. EWCA scholarships have made it possible for 43 graduate degree students from 15 countries to participate in EWC education programs over the past seven years. These scholarships supplemented the grants of these outstanding students who lacked the financial resources for airfare, food or incidental expenses not provided by the current EWC grants.

The Amanda & Natalie Ellis Women Leaders Scholarship Award

EWC alumna Amanda Ellis established a \$50,000 scholarship endowment in honor of her mother, Natalie Ellis, who has made significant contributions to the education of young women for more than 50 years. The scholarship aims to encourage young women leaders from Australia and New Zealand to study in the Asia Pacific Leadership Program.

⁴⁴The East-West Center has its own culture ... one that breaks down barriers and brings people together ... where everyone feels comfortable with each other's differences.⁹⁷

> EWCA Scholar Clare Suet Ching Chan from Malaysia

Buddy & Melga Torre Gendrano Fellowships

Buddy and Melga Gendrano created a \$50,000 Permanent Named Endowment. Melga was an Open Grants student who graduated with a Master of Arts in Elementary Education. Awards will assist Degree Fellows or APLP participants from the Philippines or Hawai'i with preference given to those who have an interest in the fields of education and/or agriculture.

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		Professional Associates Workshop/Conf/Sem				Degree Fellov	WS	Student Affiliates				
	Visiting Fellows	EWC	Field	Interns	Doctoral	Master's	Bachelor's	Doctoral	Master's	Bachelor's	Non-Degre Students	e Total
Southeast Asia												
Brunei	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burma	0	5	6	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	4	20
Cambodia	0	3	5	0	4	3	0	0	3	0	1	19
Indonesia	1	19	16	1	5	19	0	3	1	0	7	72
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Philippines	0	21	28	0	5	2 4	0	4	0	0	7	52 69
Singapore	0	13	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	Ó	17
Thailand	2	26	46	0	3	10	Ő	4	3	0 0	7	101
Timor-Leste	0	0	2	0	0	1	22	0	0	0	0	25
Vietnam	2	9	7	0	1	30	0	2	2	0	1	54
Subtotal	5	110	127	1	22	72	22	17	10	0	28	414
East Asia												
China					_							
Mainland	6	44	55	0	7	12	0	13	2	0	16	155
Taiwan Llang Kang	1 1	17 7	6 8	0 0	0 0	2 0	0 0	7 0	8 0	0 0	1 1	42 17
Hong Kong Japan	12	85	8 19	0	3	11	0	6	9	0	6	17
Korea, Republic of		48	17	3	4	3	0	6	9	0	3	100
Mongolia	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
Russia	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Subtotal	27	206	106	3	14	30	0	32	28	0	28	474
South Asia												
Afghanistan	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	1	0	1	9
Bhutan	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	6
India	0 0	15	13 0	0 0	7	3	0 0	7 2	3 0	0 0	5	53
Iran Maldives	0	0 0	0	0	1 0	0 0	0	2 1	0	0	1 0	4 1
Nepal	0	11	2	0	2	7	0	0	1	0	4	27
Pakistan	1	12	7	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	25
Sri Lanka	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
Subtotal	2	45	26	0	12	16	0	12	5	0	18	136
Pacific Region												
American Samoa	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Australia	1	39	10	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	54
Cook Islands Fed St of Microne	0 sia 0	0 4	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 5
Fiji	0 0	8	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	14
French Polynesia	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	1	0	0	0	Ő	Õ	1	2
Guam	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Kiribati	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall Islands	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
New Zealand Northern Mariana	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Palau	is 0 0	0 0	0 1	0	0 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 1	2 3
Papua New Guine	-	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	7
Samoa	0	2	0 0	ů 0	ů 0	3	0	0 0	Ő	0 0	ů 0	5
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Tonga	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
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		1,047										1,418
Other	6	73	33	3	0	5	0	7	1	1	5	134
TOTAL	71	1,546	556	17	70	164	31	78	68	1	96	2,698

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East-West Center

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, the Center had total assets of \$37,393,110, total liabilities of \$3,317,348 and total net assets of \$34,075,762. Net assets comprised unrestricted net assets of \$27,769,760, temporarily restricted net assets of \$3,343,526 and permanently restricted net assets of \$2,962,476.

East-West Center Foundation

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, the Foundation had total assets of \$3,145,836, no liabilities and total net assets of \$3,145,836. Net assets comprised unrestricted net assets of \$254,352, temporarily restricted net assets of \$1,321,081 and permanently restricted net assets of \$1,570,403.

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