

Distinguished Alumni Awards

The **Distinguished Alumni Award** recognizes outstanding accomplishments, including significant contributions to the promotion of better relations and understanding among the countries of East and West through activities of cultural and technical interchange; significant achievement in one's career, and continuing support for the goals of the Center. The award was established and endowed by Dr. Dai Ho Chun, former Director of the East-West Center's Institute for Technical Interchange.



Dr. Hao Ping

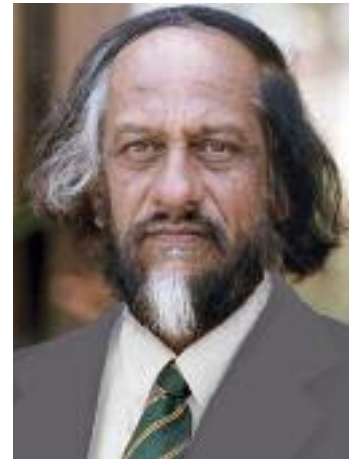
(China) (Research Intern ASDP 1993)

Dr. Hao Ping is honored for his accomplishments as a leading national educator and government official in China combined with his work with the Center's Asian Studies Development Program. He exemplifies, both personally and professionally, the East-West Center's core mission of community building and facilitating intercultural exchange and understanding. After entering the EWC community in 1991 to pursue an M.A. in History, Hao Ping distinguished himself through the depth of his involvement in the work at the Center with the Institute of International Relations and later with the Education Program. In 2005, he served as the President of Beijing Foreign Studies University where he remains along with holding his current post as the Vice Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Education. In addition to his career in academic administration, Hao Ping has served many organizations such as the Chinese Association for European Union, Sun Yat-sen Foundation for Cultural and Educational Exchange, and Chinese Association for International Friendly Contact.

Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri

(India) (Fellow Resource Systems 1982)

Long before climate change became a household worry, Dr. Rajendra Pachauri identified the dangers of global warming and related environmental issues. As Director General of India's The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), he is respected internationally as a leading global thinker and researcher in this area. In 2007, he was catapulted into the spotlight when the IPCC shared the Nobel Peace Prize with U.S. Vice President Al Gore. He was awarded the "Padma Vibhushan," India's second highest civilian award by the President of India in 2008. Dr. Pachauri has maintained ties to the EWC since the late 1970's when EWC researcher Toufiq Siddiqi approached him to collaborate on a project on the environmental dimensions of energy policies. This began a series of collaborations on various energy and environment-related projects that brought Dr. Pachauri to the Center many times in the 1980's, including as a visiting fellow with the Center's Resource Systems Institute in 1982.



Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma

(Nepal) (Ph.D. Student 1979)

Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma has a long and distinguished career with the government of Nepal and serves as Nepal's Ambassador to the U.S. since November 2009. He was the Vice Chairman of the National Planning Commission and Member of the Commission in charge of Industry, Trade, Tourism, Supplies, Finance and Labour sectors. He was also Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Development and Administration (CEDA), Tribhuvan University. During his term as president of the EWCA Kathmandu, Nepal Chapter from 1995 to 2009, Dr. Sharma revitalized the activities of the chapter. He secured funding from the Nepal Government for the chapter, fostered community service activities, increased chapter participation in



regional alumni conferences, and established a sister chapter relationship with the Brisbane, Australia chapter. A joint research project on the current and likely future effects of global warming on Australia and Nepal is ongoing. The Kathmandu, Nepal Chapter raised \$1,500 for the tsunami relief fund by staging a concert in 2004. Combined with matching funds from the EWC, \$3,000 was sent to help victims in India and Sri Lanka.



Dr. Delia B. Rodriguez-Amaya

(Brazil-Philippines) (MA Student 1963-65)

Dr. Delia Rodriguez-Amaya is an internationally recognized expert on food composition and analysis, food chemistry, food safety and quality, nutritive value of foods and bioactive (health promoting and disease-preventing) compounds of food. As a faculty member of the University of Campinas in Brazil since 1977, she has been intensely involved in undergraduate and graduate teaching and research in food science and related fields of food technology and nutrition. Dr. Rodriguez-Amaya is a research fellow of the Brazilian National Council for Science and Technology in the highest category (1A) since 1990, the first woman to reach this category in Food Science and Technology. She has received numerous awards including the “Andre Tosello” Award in 2005, a major award given by the Brazilian Society of Food Science and Technology. She was scientific adviser of Vitamin A Partnership for Africa, a joint project of seven African countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Ghana and Mozambique) aimed at combating vitamin A deficiency, until it became part of HarvestPlus which she is still involved with today.

Ann Dunham Soetoro

(Ph.D. Student in Anthropology, 1973-78 Resource Systems)

Dr. Ann Dunham Soetoro receives this award posthumously in recognition of her outstanding work in anthropology. She joined the Center’s Technology and Development Institute as a degree fellow grantee in 1973 due to her keen interest in the entrepreneurship program. She pursued her master’s and doctorate degrees in anthropology with a focus on social and economic



development in Indonesia. She later went on to publish “Women’s Work in Village Industries on Java” in 1982 and her Ph.D. research culminated in 1992 with a 1,000 page dissertation on “Peasant Blacksmithing in Indonesia: Surviving and Thriving Against All Odds,” which has recently been published in Indonesian as well. Dr. Dunham’s research and consulting work took her around the world. She became a consultant for the United States Agency for International Development on setting up village credit programs, then a Ford Foundation program officer in Jakarta championing women’s issues, and served in Pakistan as a consultant to the Asian Development Bank focusing on women’s welfare in 1986. In 1988, she joined Bank Rakyat Indonesia, Indonesia’s oldest bank, and helped develop the world’s largest sustainable microfinance program, creating services like credit and savings for the poor, which enabled people from rural areas to engage in cottage industries and emerge from poverty. As a pioneer in the field of microfinance, her anthropological research helped shape the policies set by the Bank. At present the Bank’s microfinance program is the world leader in terms of savers, with an average of 31 million members, according to MIX (Microfinance Information eXchange Inc.). Her life served as an inspiration for her son, President Barack Obama, and daughter, Maya, who share her values and dedication to make the world a better place.