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2014 EWC/EWCA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



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Date: September 17-19, 2014

Venue: Pacific Hotel Okinawa in Naha City

Theme: "Developing a Peaceful and Sustainable Asia Pacific Community"

The East-West Center and East-West Center Association will be holding the next international conference in Okinawa, Japan. Please make sure you save the date.

Registration and Call for Papers are now open! Register and submit your abstract now to guarantee the early registration rate of \$275. Early registration and Call for Papers ends on April 30th.

To register and for more details about the conference, go to the conference website at

www.eastwestcenter.org/okinawa2014.

VISIT THE NEW INDO-PAK FRIENDSHIP BLOG FOR EWC ALUMNI



Mumbai Chapter Leader Sarosh Bana has spearheaded the establishment of an East-West Center-sponsored Indo-Pak Friendship blog. The blog seeks to facilitate dialogue and exchange between EWC alumni in India and Pakistan in order to lend their voices toward improving bilateral understanding. Visit the blog at EWC-IndoPakFriendship.org and get involved by commenting on articles or submitting your own posts for consideration via the blog's [Contact page](#). You can also sign up to receive email notices whenever new items are posted.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Read about some recent achievements our alumni have received.

Ashok Kumar Malhotra (ISI 63-69) SUNY Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, recently published *Wisdom of the Tao Te Ching: The Code of a Spiritual Warrior*, Second Edition (November 2013). Since the themes in the Tao Te Ching range from the beauty and spontaneity of nature to the human foibles of aggressiveness and wars as well as the gift of a simple contented life, the transcended text is being embellished by the addition of art works and photographs. The art works are Malhotra's original paintings created just for this volume, which hopefully capture through lines, colors and harmonious forms the essence of the philosophical message. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Ninash Foundation (www.ninash.org), a 501(c)(3) charity that builds schools for the female and minority children of India. The book can be obtained from: The Ninash Foundation, 17 Center Street, Oneonta, New York 13820 by sending a check of \$25 to obtain your copy.

Rhea Peñaflo (EWSEM 08, 10) is leading relief operations in the Philippines which gave birth to a rebuilding of homes project. As of today, they have rebuilt 51 homes of one island hamlet in Concepcion, Northern Iloilo. Watch the YouTube video on "Save Sitio Botlog Gamay, a Rebuilding of Homes Project by Rhea Peñaflo." Visit facebook pages <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Help-Us-Help-Rebuild-the-Homes-in-Northern-Iloilo/179544915578205> and <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAVE-SITIO-BUTLOG-GAMAY/599273796801404>. You can make a donation through <http://www.gofundme.com/5jea5w>.



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Hao Ping (ASDP 93-96) Chinese vice minister of education and UNESCO representative is the 37th President of the General Conference of UNESCO, the governing body that brings together 195 member states and nine associate members to forward UNESCO's mission in education, the sciences, culture and communication. He is the first representative from China to be elected to UNESCO's supreme governing body.



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Jagdish Pokharel (OG 83-85, ET 92-93) EWC alumnus, Dr. Jagdish Pokharel, accepted the University of Hawaii 2013 Dinell Outstanding Urban and Regional Planning Alumni Award this past December. He was an East-West Center graduate degree fellow in 1983-85 for his Master's in Urban and Regional Planning. Dr. Pokharel subsequently received a PhD from MIT.



Estrella Besinga Sybinsky (OG, 70-71) published *From Portents Dark to Promises of Light II: Reflections on People, Politics and Places*. This book is unique in that the author delves into issues deeply important, but perhaps too sensitive for others. The book's poetry moves from shades of dark to shining moments of inspiration. The author and her family are longtime residents of Kailua, Hawaii. The book can be purchased through Amazon.com and Xulonpress.com.

Agaton Uvero (EWSEM 1999) On October 2, 2013, President Benigno S. Aquino III announced the appointment of five new Deputy Commissioners for the Bureau of Customs. Uvero will head the Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group, which handles import valuation and classification; implementation of rules and regulations governing import assessment; processing of goods for exports, warehousing, auction and disposal; as well as port operations.

IN MEMORIAM

Crescencia Chan-Gonzaga (ISI 65-67) former President of Leyte Normal University and 2002 recipient of the EWCA Distinguished Alumni Award, passed away last December. The Philippines Chapter remembers her fondly as an active member of the Chapter.

Robert "Bob" Felsing (ISI 68-70) 70, of Eugene, Oregon, formerly of Sioux City, died on Dec. 1, 2013. Bob earned a master's degree from the University of Hawaii, where he was awarded an East-West Center Scholarship that included language study at National Taiwan Normal University. He was a visionary who early on saw the potential for electronic books in serious scholarship. His e-Asia collection, begun and developed while at the University of Oregon and known world wide, is a legacy to his insistence on the need for bibliographers to develop an Internet presence as well as add to the existing collection on the shelves.

Kiyoshi Hamano (POP 86-88, 89, 90-91, 92, 98) Professor at Kansai University and Communication Liaison for the EWCA Kansai Chapter suddenly passed away last December. The EWCA and the Kansai Chapter have lost a great friend and colleague.

Alice Harris (Former EWC staff, Research Information Services (RIS)) passed away Jan 10th at the age of 83. This past December, she was still managing the library in her retirement community. RIS staff members made donations in Harris' name to honor her on the [EWC Wall of Honor](#). Since retiring from the EWC, Harris had an active life working as a public librarian in Florida and writing mystery novel reviews for a local newspaper.

Mary-Ann Kim (Filotas) (OEA 03, 08, 10) passed away on November 8th in Ottawa, Canada. Memories of her time at the EWC were always special to her, as were the many friends she made there.

Myrna Nip (Former EWC staff, Office of Administration) passed away this January in Honolulu, Hawaii. She worked at the Center for many years as the Administrator for Finance.

Eleanor C. Nordyke (PI 82-91) a Fellow in the EWC Population Institute from 1982 to 1991 passed away on January 17th in Honolulu, Hawaii. Nordyke was a trailblazing public health nurse and author who set up Hawaii's first Planned Parenthood in the 1970s. She published nearly one dozen history books and demographic studies from the early 1970s through 2009, including *The Peopling of Hawaii*.

EWCA CHAPTERS

Chapters submit activity reports quarterly to the EWCA Executive Board via Estrella Besinga Sybinsky, EWCA Vice President for Chapter Development. Twenty-one chapters have submitted reports for this quarter. To view the individual chapter reports, click [here](#).



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Update your contact information anywhere you have Internet access, search for friends and professional colleagues with the Alumni Directory and take advantage of the Email Forwarding service. Membership and access to the community is exclusive and free to EWC Alumni and Associate members only. The purpose of the online community is to help members network and share information with each other. Log in or register for the [East-West Center Community](#) today.

EWC AND EWCA ONLINE NETWORKS

The East-West Center and the EWCA maintain four main online networks to keep Alumni, Associates and Friends of the East-West Center communicating with each other. Join our Online Networks at:

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