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JUST ONE MONTH TO THE MANILA CONFERENCE!



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We are just under a month away from the [EWC/EWCA International Conference](#) in Manila, Jan. 15 - 17. Close to 300 EWC alumni, friends and colleagues are expected to attend; click for a list of [registered participants](#), conference [schedule](#) and [presentation abstracts](#). A special mahalo to our conference sponsors, including the University of Hawai'i who is co-sponsoring the opening night welcome reception.

EWCA ANNOUNCES 2016 ALUMNI AWARDEES



The East-West Center Association has announced the recipients of the 2016 Alumni Awards who will be honored at the Manila conference. **Arsenio M. Balisacan** (Philippines) and **Arfa Sayeda Zehra** (Pakistan) have been named recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award; **Myung-Seok Park** (South Korea) and **Estrella Besinga Sybinsky** (USA) have been named Outstanding Volunteers; and the **Chennai** and **Islamabad** Chapters have received the Outstanding Chapter Award. In addition, the first recipient of the new EWCA 21st Century Outstanding Service Award for participants in EWC programs after the year 2000 is **Glenn van Zutphen** (USA, residing in Singapore). For more information about the recipients, [click here](#).

TRAVEL GRANT REPORTS POSTED TO EWCA BLOG



EWCA Travel Grants help support selected Center participants with travel expenses for field research, conference presentations and internships. View reports from this past summer's recipients posted on the [EWCA Blog](#). The reports include participant **Obadia Mfuh Kenji's** research on Malaria in his home country of Cameroon, **Sayaka Sakuma's** pre-dissertation research on tourism development in Okinawa and paper presentations by other participants at a World History Association conference in Savannah, Georgia, and the International Conference on Green Asia and Sustainability in Bangkok.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Denis Simon, a research intern at EWC from 1977-1980, has been appointed Executive Vice Chancellor of Duke Kunshan University in China, a new educational joint venture involving Duke University, Wuhan University and the city of Kunshan in Jiangsu Province. Dr. Simon will lead Duke's efforts in China to help drive DKU's growth in both graduate and undergraduate degree programs.

Abdul Mannan (TDI & RSI 1976-78) has been appointed Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, the official body that oversees standards of teaching, research and governance in the country's institutions of higher learning, and assesses funding needs of public universities.

Business consultant **Neal R. Goodman** (Senior Fellow 1983, 85 & 87) was recently featured in a China Daily [article](#) discussing U.S. and China business relations.

A film by two 1989 Jefferson Fellows, **Richard Meyer** and partner **Susan Harmon**, was showcased at the Hawai'i International Film Festival this November. Meyer and Harmon traveled to Honolulu to attend two festival screenings of their first feature film, [Love Among the Ruins](#), a faux documentary about the miraculous discovery and restoration of a long-lost Italian silent film.

Glenn van Zutphen (Jefferson Fellow 2003) was recently re-elected to a second term as President of the [American Association of Singapore](#), the leading non-profit organization that promotes & celebrates American culture among expats and Singaporeans through social events, charitable activities and career support.

In October, former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo **David Kaeuper** (ISI 1965-'67) came out of retirement to serve as Chargé d'Affaires of the newly re-established U.S. Mission to Somalia. Due to security concerns, the mission is currently based in Nairobi, Kenya, with officials traveling to Somalia as conditions permit.



Mumbai Chapter Leader **Sarosh Bana** (Jefferson Fellow 1990) recently published a [commentary](#) in the *Seattle Times* about the Syrian refugee crisis.

EWCA CHAPTER UPDATES

APLP Chapter – Thanks to the efforts of Communications Chair **Scott Coates**, the chapter has relaunched the [APLP Navigator](#), an online publication chronicling events relevant to the APLP community. To celebrate the launch, they held the first ever APLP global happy hour, with APLP alumni, staff, participants and friends attending gatherings in 15 cities across five continents.



Chennai Chapter – Members of the chapter sprang into action during the recent unprecedented floods in the city, reaching out to ensure other members' safety and contributing to relief efforts. Shown here, chapter member **Vasanthi Raganathan** (center, in glasses) joins police officials and Rotary Club members in emergency relief operations for flood-affected families.



Southern California Chapter – In October, chapter member **Jon Beaupré** helped host a visit by 20 Chinese journalists to the Dept. of TV, Film & Media Studies at California State University, Los Angeles, where he is a professor. The group, which toured the department's new TV, Film & Media Center and discussed the future of journalism with faculty, was in L.A. as part of their EWC-coordinated study tour sponsored by the All China Journalists Association, which also included stops in New York and Washington, D.C.



Tokyo Chapter – At the end of November, a gathering of eleven 1960s alumni was organized by chapter member **Noriyuki Watamori**. The event gave grantees who were at the Center from 1963-66 a chance to meet up and discuss their current lives, as well as welcome back **Satoru Miyazaki** who currently resides in Michigan.

EWC AND EWCA ONLINE NETWORKS

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- East-West Center Community**
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