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Discussion Session: Proposal for Asia Pacific Center (APC) in Okinawa

Panel 3.3: Learning from the EWC Experiences: In Consideration of its Function in the Asia Pacific Region

The East-West Center (EWC) serves as a useful reference when we plan to create Asia Pacific Center – Okinawa, a common arena set in the Asia Pacific region to work on international/ intercultural conflicts.

Under the mission, to promote 'better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue', the EWC has been contributing to the region, particularly in education and research, for over 50 years now. It should be noted, however, that the content, significance and focus have been reviewed and modified, responding to the changing time.

In my discussion, I would like to look back on the experiences and accomplishments of the EWC by studying the record from the perspective of a sister organisation planner, and offer some arguments about how organisations can underpin regional stability and development.