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Amid Signs of Recovery, Asia Debates Rebalancing Economies

As the region rebounds from the global economic crisis, Asian nations are debating whether to rebalance their economies away from an emphasis on exports as a principle driver of growth, according to analysts who spoke at a public program in early August at the East-West Center's Senior Policy Seminar.

"My own sense is that Asians 'get it,'" said Yuen Pau Woo, president and CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. "They understand that the world at the end of this dark tunnel is going to look very different than it did when we entered the tunnel. An assumption that exports can resume growth in the way that Asian countries were used to before the crisis simply is not viable."

An economist, Woo also directs a Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) project which annually assesses the state of the region. The debate, he noted, is "whether Asia can, should and how long it will take for Asian economies to rebalance growth" to rely less on exports and more on domestic demand.

Woo sees the potential regionally for rebalancing growth in expanding areas like the services sector,



Yuen Pau Woo

social safety nets, green growth and intraregional trade. However, he said a concern that when a country rebalances it may lose its competitive advantage is leading a related debate about regional integration and cooperation.

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A Historic Election in Japan — and a New Era in U.S.-Japan Relations?

"These early days of the new Japanese government will be crucial ... for building the global partnerships that will sustain Japan's future."

The historic electoral victory of the Democratic Party of Japan has renewed debate over the future of the U.S.-Japan relationship. "The question of what the DPJ's foreign policy stance will be, including its view on defense issues, tops the list of concerns in the United States and regionally," notes Japan Specialist Sheila Smith.

As DPJ President Yukio Hatoyama shapes his new administration, Smith says, he is "confronted with a



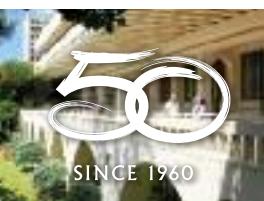
Sheila Smith

Washington eager to move forward and a diplomatic agenda that requires an earlier rather than later articulation of his new government's foreign policy goals."

Smith, Senior Fellow for Japan Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations and Adjunct Fellow at the East-West Center, adds that more is at stake than the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship.

"These early days of the new Japanese government will be crucial," she contends, "not only for establishing the first real effort at political transition in post-war Japan, but also for building the global partnerships that will sustain Japan's future."

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Woo cited a PECC survey conducted in April, of 400 opinion leaders in Asia and the Pacific, in which 60 percent either agreed or strongly agreed that as a result of the global economic crisis, "we would see greater regional integration and cooperation among Asian countries."

Yoshiji Nogami, president of the Japan Institute of International Affairs and a former ambassador and vice minister for Foreign Affairs, discussed the need to improve the social safety nets in Asian nations, maintaining this is essential to achieve a new model of economic growth.

"Improvements in the social safety nets in Asia have a direct bearing on the growth of disposable household income," he said. Growth of disposable household incomes has a bearing on the amount of private consumption, he added, which "has a bearing on the future growth of Asian companies."

Sarasin Viraphol, a former ambassador and executive vice president of Pokphand Group in

Thailand, suggested ways to improve the effectiveness of stimulus packages initiated by various governments. "The quickest way to increase consumption is to encourage more (government) spending in the rural sector," he said, particularly in Thailand, where he sees the government focusing on the urban sector rather than stimulating the rural economy.

Barbara Weisel, assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, focused her comments on trade issues and the need to reduce barriers and expand opportunities for trade.

"Our goal is to have an integrated Asia Pacific region," Weisel said. "We don't want to see negotiations among Asia-only countries that would draw a line across the Pacific. I think we need to pay attention and focus on this with some urgency. We want to see the benefits of trade spread across the Pacific."

Senior Policy Seminar Assessing China's Economic Recovery, Changing Roles in the Region

China's economy is "roaring" back, with predictions of nine to 10 percent growth next year, reflecting a "rising tide" in Asia as the region's economies rebound, agreed a group of influential economists, foreign policy officials and analysts at the East-West Center's 10th Senior Policy Seminar in early August.

During the two-day seminar on the implications of the global economic crisis for the Asia Pacific region, participants exchanged views on the rebalancing of Asia's economies from exports to the domestic market, the changing balance of power, and implications for trade and regional cooperation. The seminar follows the "Chatham House Rule" under which comments are not publicly attributed to participants by name.

China's Recovery & Role in the Region

China's robust recovery from the global economic crisis and what that means for Asia dominated the discussion. One analyst referred to China as "the only locomotive" in the region. Economists noted the country is using the crisis to address imbalances in its economy, with the government moving aggressively to rebalance and focus less on exports and more on domestic demand, raising concern this could be at the expense of its Asian neighbors.

China is unprepared for its new prominence just as the U.S. was with the collapse of the Soviet Union, suggested a foreign policy expert. The evolution of the U.S.-China relationship will be a key determinant of political stability in East Asia in coming years.

Conferees said Asia wants to see good relations maintained between the U.S. and China. If there are tensions between the two countries, this will put other Asian countries in an uncomfortable situation.

Japan in Decline?

"Japan is still one of the largest economies in the world but it doesn't draw attention and in fact is in decline," observed an Asian expert.

An economist said, "Japan has a big stake in the new architecture rising out of the crisis, but Japan is not playing much of a role in this. Can Japan afford to do this?"

Several participants said governing will be difficult and that without major changes, Japan's economy will not revive. They believe Japan will face a chaotic political situation for several years.

No U.S. Leadership on Trade

Participants shared a concern about the Obama administration's stance on trade. Asia is concerned about growing protectionism in the U.S., the public mood against trade, and "Buy America" provisions in the stimulus package.

Conferees concluded Asia shouldn't look to the U.S. for leadership on free trade issues. But it was pointed out that lack of leadership in Asia and the U.S. is rooted in public skepticism about trade throughout the region. This skepticism comes from the public perception that free trade is giving away their jobs.

Regional integration and cooperation

Asian participants repeatedly called for more integration and cooperation regionally. As Asian countries rebalance their economies, they said regional cooperation is needed so domestic demand can increase without hurting competitiveness. Asia must act together now toward regional integration and not wait for U.S. leadership.

If Asia is serious about regional cooperation, it was agreed there must be more effort put into how to structure regional institutions and make them successful. Several analysts noted the huge potential for cooperation on infrastructure — highways, rail, port facilities — in the region.

Q&A WITH: Namji Steinemann



Partnership for Schools: Indonesia

The EWC Director of the AsiaPacificEd Program for Schools on an innovative “Travel and Teach” program for K-12 teachers in the United States and Indonesia.



Q: *What is the Partnership for Schools (P4S) program?*

A: The *Partnership for Schools* program, or *P4S*, is a “people-to-people” exchange developed with a grant from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The inaugural program, launched in 2008, brought together 45 Indonesian educators from 31 *pesantren* (or private Islamic boarding schools) and their American counterparts from 20 U.S. schools to promote joint learning and mutual understanding.

Q: *Each program provides teachers with different experiences. Briefly tell us about the 2008 and 2009 programs.*

A: In 2008 Indonesian and American educators came to the East-West Center to explore “best practices” in teaching with an emphasis on education for global citizenship. Through homestays and school visits, the Indonesian educators gained insights into American lifestyles, education and community life. They also shared aspects of their culture, including ways in which Islam is practiced in Indonesia

This year’s program took American teachers to Indonesia to interact with P4S *pesantren* participants from 2008. The program explored Indonesia — its strategic geography, complex history and politics, and cultural diversity — to provide American teachers with material to integrate into curriculum. American participants got a rare glimpse of the daily life of a Muslim family through homestays with *pesantren* teachers.

Q: *Why did you decide to focus on Indonesia?*

A: My answer to that is, “Why not Indonesia!” The world’s fourth most populous nation, the third largest democracy, and its strategic location are just a few “why not Indonesia” facts to consider. Another is that more Muslims live in Indonesia than anywhere else in the world, including all countries of the Middle East combined.

Q: *What was a highlight of the three weeks spent this summer in Indonesia?*

A: There were so many highlights, but if I have to pick one, it would be our work on a new AsiaPacificEd project called “Seeds of Friendship: Cultivating Community and Shared Future,” involving Christian and Muslim students and teachers in Ambon, the Christian-majority capital of Maluku (or Moluccas) in eastern Indonesia. While I was in Ambon last April, I met with Islamic school teachers and community groups, who spoke wistfully about the way Ambon’s Christians and Muslims used to live peacefully side-by-side, thanks to their unique system of alliance known as *pela gandung*. They also spoke with a deep sense of regret about how children will eventually not be aware of peaceful co-existence their community once shared.



So, with the overarching goal of building bridges of understanding, we developed program activities, collaborative artmaking, follow-up letter exchanges, and planting of a community garden, to meet two modest and concrete program objectives: (1) to bring Muslim and Christian youth (ages 13 to 15) together and help them recognize the rewards of working together; and (2) to support their teachers in implementing a curriculum that fosters intercultural communication, cooperation and understanding.

In mid-July both groups of students and teachers along with American teacher participants of *P4S* attended a workshop in Ambon. At the start of the program, when the children were asked to make one big circle, they chose to stand next to students from their own schools. By the end of day one, they formed another circle, so much smaller, many laughing and chatting away while holding hands in mixed groups. By the end of the second day, they were exchanging phone numbers, email addresses and snapping photos of each other on cell phones as if they had been friends for life.

Q: *If there was only one thing teachers from the U.S. and Indonesia take home from participation in the program, what would you hope that would be?*

A: As one participant shared in her program reflection: What AsiaPacificEd aims to do is to impart “not expertise, but open-mindedness, not definitive knowledge, but a thirst for understanding.” And I think that sums up our program goals nicely. And, I hope that our teachers will draw on their experiences to layer their teaching as an “uncovering” process, to help students shape their own ideas and, in turn, incorporate them into their life-long process of learning.

Q: *Will there be a third P4S program? And if so, how do teachers and schools learn more about it?*

A: The interest is overwhelming among Indonesian and American schools and teachers to see *P4S* continue, so yes, with funding permitting, we hope to offer a third *P4S* program in 2010. Interested teachers can contact us at asiapacified@eastwestcenter.org.

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U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman visited the East-West Center in August enroute to his new post in China.

Morrison, Bigalke on Higher Education Delegation to Indonesia

EWC President Charles E. Morrison and Director of Education Terance Bigalke joined a U.S. higher education leaders' mission to Indonesia, July 26-31. Hosted by Indonesia's Ministry of National Education, the delegation visited Jakarta, Bogor, Bandung, Yogyakarta and Bali to explore opportunities for expanding education exchange programs under a planned U.S.-Indonesia bilateral partnership.

Morrison was a co-chair of the delegation and Bigalke was a senior advisor. In addition to discussions with senior officials and faculty at Indonesian universities, the group met students and alumni, and engaged in a two-way video conference with Indonesian universities not visited.

"We were very pleased to be able to participate in this important mission, which is part of a range of partnership efforts between the U.S. and Indonesia that have blossomed out of Secretary of State Clinton's visit there earlier this year," Morrison said. "With our Indonesian counterparts, we explored ways to revive what was once a more vigorous educational exchange relationship, with more collaborative research and increased numbers of students studying in each other's countries."



Raviv Huso, U.S. ambassador to Laos, visited the East-West Center in August. He received a walk-through tour of "Cosmic Creatures: Textiles from Northeastern Lao Communities" in the EWC Gallery. Photo, L to R: EWC Gallery Curator Michael Schuster, Ambassador Huso and EWC Chairman of the Board Puongpun Sananikone.

Limaye Represents U.S. at Indonesian Conference

Satu Limaye, director of the East-West Center in Washington, was selected by Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Special Staff for the President as the sole U.S. representative to the Presidential Friends of Indonesia Conference, August 13-19 in Jakarta. Invited participants from 13 countries attended the program, including top government officials, journalists, academics, entrepreneurs and artists.



Andri Hadi, Indonesian Foreign Minister Wirajuda's spokesman, greets EWC in Washington Director Satu Limaye.

The delegation, as guests of recently re-elected President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, participated in the Independence Day ceremonies at the State Palace in Jakarta and discussed aspects of Indonesia's economic and political transformation with the president at a state reception. Limaye, on behalf of the delegation, expressed appreciation to Yudhoyono for the opportunity to foster better ties with Indonesia, which in turn will enhance political, economic, cultural and academic cooperation between Indonesia and the respective countries represented.



Tadatoshi Akiba

Hiroshima Mayor Speaks at EWC

Tadatoshi Akiba, the mayor of Hiroshima, Japan, spoke at a presentation at the East-West Center in July, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Hiroshima-Honolulu sister-city relationship.

"Hiroshima and Honolulu's shared status as famous battlegrounds has evolved into a truly warm and creative friendship," Akiba said. "Furthermore, I think it has evolved into a symbol of reconciliation and hope for the future. And I believe it is now our responsibility to make the relationship even richer going forward, so that 50 years from now, people will say that the second 50 years of the sister-city relationship between Honolulu and Hiroshima has meant so much."

EWC Visiting Fellow Victor Cha predicts Pyongyang eventually will return to six-party talks as a result of stiff sanctions mandated in the UN Security Council resolution passed in June.

"I think sooner or later North Koreans are going to start asking to come back to negotiations," the former

White House Advisor on North Korea said at a presentation in Honolulu in early August. "One thing I've learned in studying the country and working on

negotiations is when they feel the pinch of international sanctions that's often when they want to come to talks."

While some initially argued that the resolution lacked "teeth," UNSC Resolution 1874 imposed sanctions against North Korea which already are proving effective, Cha said.

"North Korea says they don't want to have six-party talks anymore and people have declared them dead," Cha acknowledged. "But I've counted at least two other times where we've declared the six-party talks dead and, like a cat with nine lives, the talks keep coming back. So I think they will resume again at some point and that

this is the best forum for trying to negotiate an end to North Korea's nuclear proliferation program."

Cha is director of Asian Studies and D.S. Song-Korea Foundation Chair at Georgetown University. He served as Director for Asian Affairs and the U.S. Deputy Head of Delegation to the Six-Party Talks from 2006-07, while a member of the National Security Council at the White House from 2004-07.

The UN resolution calls for an arms embargo, financial sanctions and inspection of suspect cargo in a multilateral context, making them more effective, Cha maintains.

However, he cautioned, "One of the tough decisions this administration will face is when North Korea shows an interest in coming back to talk. The United States will face a lot of pressure from China and Russia who will want to say, 'OK, let's take our foot off the pedal. Let's relax some of these sanctions now,' which I personally think is a bad thing."

The sanctions are a "counter-proliferation effort." Just because Pyongyang sits down and negotiates does not equate to the denuclearization of North Korea, he said. "They still have nuclear weapons. So I think that is a tough decision this administration faces down the road."

Cha: UN Sanctions Will Bring North Korea Back to Six-Party Talks



Victor Cha

Microfinance, recognized worldwide as a tool for community development, involves more than just lending money, emphasized two international development experts who spoke at a public program in early September at the East-West Center.

Kathleen Stack of Freedom from Hunger, where she is vice president for program development, discussed

how her organization develops programs and partnerships that provide

Microfinance, a Tool for Community Development



Kalpana Sankar

financial, educational and health protection services to fight chronic hunger and poverty in 16 countries.

Like Stack, Kalpana Sankar, chief executive officer of Hand in Hand in Tamil Nadu, spoke of the importance of self-help groups, which have mobilized more than 400,000 poor and illiterate women in southern India. Started in 1988 with a handful of employees, the NGO now is a global organization with 3,000 employees, 30,000 volunteers and pilot programs in South Africa, Afghanistan and Brazil.

Stack and Sankar were among 12 participants in this year's EWC Changing Faces Women's Leadership Program, an 11-day seminar that brings together women from Asia, the Pacific and the United States to enhance leadership abilities and address issues of concern related to a theme. This year's theme focused on how women as entrepreneurs can foster economic growth and strengthen and build communities.



Kathleen Stack

Based in California, Freedom from Hunger's programs empower more than 1.4 million women through training in capacity building and skills development, so they can provide sustainable livelihoods for their families.

"The best example of social enterprise is micro-finance," Stark said. "We work in partnership with other organizations to do microfinance and use it as a platform to ensure women in particular can be food secure." With the rise in food prices this year, she noted, 100 million more people are struggling to avoid hunger, which makes it even more critical to provide both financial, educational and health services to the very poor.

"Hand in Hand recognizes that to truly empower women there should be more to microfinance than just lending money," agreed Sankar. "You have to provide literacy, address enterprise, financial services and linkage to markets."

Taiwan President: Seeking ‘Peacemaker’ Role, ‘Diplomatic Truce’



Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou was greeted by EWC President Charles E. Morrison during a visit to the Center.

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Both Japan and the U.S., she points out, “play critical roles in global governance institutions, including the global recession, the threat of pandemic disease and the immediate need for concerted action on climate change.”

Outside Japan there is much speculation about whether the DPJ rise to power will usher in a new era for these two longtime partners. And as the DPJ-led government seeks the domestic transformation it promised voters, Smith believes the management of the U.S.-Japan alliance will also undergo some adjustments.

“Most obvious is the (DPJ) critique of past practices regarding the U.S. military presence in Japan,” she says. Possible targets of reform which have been raised are the Status of Forces Agreement that governs the U.S. military’s presence in Japan, and the funding offered by the Japanese government to U.S. forces.

The DPJ also has “pointedly indicated” differences with the troop realignment plan under discussion, including a preference to relocate the Marine Air Station Futenma from Okinawa rather than to a less-populated area on the island, she says.

Smith sees DPJ criticism of Japan’s participation in refueling ships involved in U.S. antiterrorism efforts in the Indian Ocean and other military-related issues having more to do with a lack of transparency in public

The president said his policies of pursuing better ties with mainland China are in the best interest of everyone, including the United States. Ma said he has made it clear since the day of his inauguration “that I will maintain status quo in the Taiwan Strait and adopt a policy of ‘no unification, no independence and no use of force.’”

“Taiwan wants to be a peacemaker in this part of the world, and to shed the once troublemaker image in the international community,” Ma said. “The United States can rest assured that our efforts to improve relations with the mainland will make security relations much easier than they were before ... and so far I think we have proof that the new-found rapprochement with the mainland actually benefits our relations with the United States, and this is a ‘win-win,’ or even a ‘win-win-win,’ situation for us.”

Ma pointed out that there used to be two main “flashpoints” in Northeast Asia: the Taiwan Strait and the Korean Peninsula. “Now if you compare the two places these days, you’ll see a big difference,” he said. “And this is exactly why countries like Japan and the U.S. are generally very supportive of our change.”

Ma said the return to this consensus has already paid off with the signing of nine separate agreements with the mainland, covering such issues as direct flights between Shanghai and Taipei, food safety, financial regulations and judicial issues. “This is something that many people could never have dreamed of a year ago,” he said. “And the reason is that we understand very well that only by easing the tension across the Taiwan Strait could Taiwan be developed further into a land of peace and prosperity.”

policy, “rather than a fundamental challenge to common U.S.-Japanese goals and interests.”

Nonetheless, she deciphers signs that the DPJ is interested in shifting diplomatic priorities. Four days prior to Japan’s national election, an op-ed column authored by Hatoyama, entitled “A New Path for Japan,” appeared in the *International Herald Tribune*. Critical of American-style “market fundamentalism,” it argued that Japan’s “sphere of being” was Northeast Asia.

“This new vision for Japan proposed not Asian regionalism – the enhancement of networks and institutions for multilateral dialogue — but rather Asian regionalism a la Europe, complete with a regional security mechanism and a shared currency,” Smith says.

However, she cautions that “one essay does not make a foreign policy.” Hatoyama’s immediate efforts after his election to reach out to the U.S., she says, “reassured many that Washington should take a deep breath and wait to see how relations develop before jumping to any hasty conclusions about the future of the alliance.”

“Hatoyama and Obama must lead their governments beyond past irritants,” she advises, “and toward a vision for a better future for our two societies in these very trying times.”

Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship recipients and the generous donors who helped make it possible for them to come to the East-West Center met each other for the first time at the Aloha Ceremony welcoming new EWC students in August.



Director of Education Terry Bigalke, Chalita Bundhuwong, and Pat Loui

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A Challenge Grant from McInerny Foundation (Bank of Hawaii, Trustee) has helped to increase alumni giving, especially from individuals who had never given before.

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You are invited to join the festivities at the East-West Center 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Dinner Celebration on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. No-host cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the program at 6:30 p.m.



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Programs

AsiaPacific Breakfast Briefing at Bank of Hawaii

August 3, 2009: Victor Cha, EWC Visiting Fellow and Director of Asian Studies and D.S. Song-Korea Foundation Chair, Associate Professor of Government, Georgetown University, discussed how North Korea's unpredictable behavior influences strategists and others focused on Northeast Asia during his talk, "North Korea: What Do They Want?"

Arts 'Ohana

June 30, 2009: Guest curator Patricia Cheesman described the impressive textile traditions of Laos followed by a special demonstration by weaver Dalounny Phonsouny "Aire" Carroll from Vientiane, Laos during the exhibition, "Cosmic Creatures: Textiles from Northeast Laos Communities."



Nippon Club

June 18, 2009: Tomoko Hosoe, Project Specialist in the EWC Energy Economics Group, spoke on "Japan's Energy Demand Outlook" to members of the Nippon Club during their meeting held at the Imin Conference Center.

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EWC/EWCA International Conference 2010

Come Join the 50th Anniversary Celebration in Hawai'i July 2-5



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Next year the East-West Center marks 50 years working to promote understanding and cooperation in the Asia Pacific region, including the United States. One of the premier events of the golden anniversary year will be the EWC/EWCA International Conference 2010 in Honolulu, July 2 to 5.

For alumni, it's an opportunity to return to Hawai'i, renew old friendships and make new ones. Exchange stories about Hale Mānoa and International Days. Network with alumni from various decades and different programs like the Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP) and the Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP). Among the invited speakers are Nobel Prize-winning environmental expert Rajendra Kumar Pachauri (EWC 81) who chairs the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Hawai'i Gov. Linda Lingle.

The conference theme, "Leadership and Community Building in the Asia Pacific Region," ties in with the recognition of the Center's legacy and the work ahead. Plan to join us to toast the accomplishments of the Center's first 50 years and to tackle the needs and challenges the Asia Pacific community faces today and in the years to come.

Program. The program will include plenary, concurrent, and poster sessions on a wide range of themes such as Leadership, Community Building, and the East-West Center: Past, Present, and Future.

Schedule. The tentative schedule includes an Opening Ceremony on July 2 followed by EWC Day with a wide variety of activities on the EWC campus, a Welcoming Dinner featuring cultural presentations, a 4th of July all-American reception with hot dogs, hamburgers and the Royal Hawaiian Band, and finally an Aloha Dinner featuring the talent of our very own EWC alumni.



Venue. The Hawai'i Convention Center offers excellent conference facilities and is conveniently located at the edge of Waikiki. You can select from a list of hotels offering accommodations ranging from economy to 5-star. For those who prefer to stay on campus, 100 rooms have been reserved at the EWC (dorms and guest facility) as well as 100 rooms in a brand new UH dormitory just across the street from the East-West Center.

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Nepal Names EWC Alumnus Shankar Sharma Ambassador to U.S.

Shankar P. Sharma (OG 79-83, RSI 83-86) was appointed ambassador to the United States by the government of Nepal on August 3. The president of the EWCA Nepal Chapter, headquartered in Kathmandu, earned his Ph.D. in economics at the University of Hawaii while an EWC grantee.

"Attachment with the East-West Center enhanced my understanding of the multi-cultural dimension of the Asia Pacific region and helped me to expose myself to a wide range of academic and social activities, broaden my vision about national and global challenges, and develop my leadership quality," the ambassador said.

Former Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission in Nepal, most recently Sharma

has been a consultant to the Constitution Assembly, drafting a new constitution for Nepal. He also served as Senior Economic Advisor to the Ministry of Finance in Nepal.



Sharma (center) at a UNESCAP event.

On the regional and global level, he has been involved in international organizations addressing energy issues, challenges facing Asia's least developed countries and, for UNESCAP, the implications of the global financial crisis on fiscal policy in the Asia Pacific region.

The ambassador also was a professor of economics at Tribhuvan University in Nepal. In 1982, he returned to the East-West Center as a Fellow in the Resource Systems Institute.



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Call for Papers

If you're interested in participating in the program as a presenter, you'll need to complete a registration form and submit your abstract to the conference committee. Paper presentations should be related to the conference theme, "Leadership and Community Building in Asia Pacific" and preferably to one of our specific sub-themes, which are included at the conference website.

All presenters are required to register and pay the registration fee in order to have their papers considered for inclusion in the program. If the paper is not accepted, the registration fee will be returned upon request.

Moderators are also needed. If you wish to volunteer, please indicate that on the Registration form.

Deadline. Deadline for submission of the proposal with abstract is **January 31, 2010**.

For more information on papers, go to:
EastWestCenter.org/hawaii2010



Registration

Registration will include two dinners, two lunches, one reception and all program sessions including conference materials.

Early Registration - Until January 31, 2010
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 EWCA members and guests, UH alums, Fulbrighters \$300; Non-EWCA members \$350

Online registration is available for those who would like to make payment with their credit card on our secure site.

Go to: eastwestcenter.org/go.php?6



EWC Board Re-Elects Sananikone Chairman

Puongpun Sananikone was re-elected by the EWC Board of Governors to serve a second-year term as Chairman of the Board in July. He is the first EWC alumnus to be elected to the position of chairman.

Originally from Laos, Sananikone (ISI 64-68) came to the Center as an economics student. He credits the Center's cross-cultural environment with shaping both his personal life and his career as an international development economist and business executive. He met his wife, Thanh-Lo (ISI 64-68), a grantee from Vietnam, while they were students at the Center.

Both Puongpun and Thanh-Lo have been active supporters of the Center since their return to Hawai'i in the mid-1980s after living and working abroad.



Win an Airline Ticket to Honolulu for the 2010 EWC Anniversary Conference!

Update your email address and be a winner!

As we approach our 50th Anniversary in 2010, we are making a special effort to update our alumni records. If you update your name and email address with the EWC office by December 31, 2009, your name will be entered in a **Grand Prize Drawing** awarding **one round trip airline ticket to Honolulu in 2010** (valued at up to \$1,750) or 3 second prize awards for free 2010 Conference registration. We are also offering Monthly Drawings giving away \$50 gift certificates to Amazon.com. To enter, all you need to do is **update your email contact information!**

Update your contact information now and:

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Don't wait! Send in your update form now. Access the update form on our website at EastWestCenter.org/go.php?10 OR contact alumni@EastWestCenter.org.



Soon-Kwon Kim

Without the East-West Center, says Soon-Kwon Kim, there would be no "Dr. Corn." For more than 30 years the South Korean agricultural scientist has been fighting poverty and famine through the development of high-yielding, disease resistant corn hybrids first in Asia, then Africa. His remarkable success, bucking conventional wisdom that corn which thrived in developed countries wouldn't grow in the developing countries of the Third World — earned him the nickname he wears as a badge of accomplishment.

Through the International Corn Foundation, he's continued a dream that began at Kyungpook National University in the early 1970s, became a reality at the University of Hawai'i through an EWC scholarship and has matured over the decades as he worked first in South Korea, then throughout Africa and now in northeastern China and North Korea. Since 1998, Kim has made more than 50 trips to North Korea to introduce corn-breeding techniques to cooperative farms in an effort to alleviate famine and foster better relations between the north and south. "You know," he says, "corn doesn't know Korea is divided."

"Without the EWC, there will be no Dr. Kim. No corn green revolution in Korea...Combating hunger in Africa with maize would be far behind."

Born in 1945 in Ulsan, the son of a poor farmer in a rural area, Kim "had a lot of experience with hunger." He attended an agricultural high school, then Kyungpook National University and Korea University on scholarships. That — along with his EWC scholarship and the Center's mission — instilled in him "a strong responsibility first to help my country, next to help other countries."



Fighting Famine with 'Miracle Corn'



In 1971, Kim arrived at the East-West Center with a passionate interest in reducing hunger. His solution: to develop miracle corn by revolutionizing corn breeding. From the minute he set foot off the plane at Honolulu International Airport, he encountered a way of life he'd never imagined. His host family took him to their home and "I was very shocked," he recalls. "They had hot water coming out of a tub!" At Hale Mānoa, he was startled when the sprinklers came on at night to irrigate the lawn. "I was very upset. I thought, 'this is crazy,'" he recalls.

Kim received a monthly stipend of \$120 a month while he worked on his master's and Ph.D. He saved half his stipend to send home to the South Korean government to help the poor. He went on a field study through the U.S. corn belt, traveling by Greyhound bus to Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio and Illinois. The corn he saw growing in fields was "better than I dreamed," he remembers. In Ames, Iowa, he looked out the window of the bus and started crying because, he recalls, "The corn was so beautiful." A woman, a farmer's wife, sitting next to him asked if he was OK. When he explained why he was crying, she replied, "It doesn't look beautiful to me."

Back in Hawai'i, aided by his mentor, Dr. Jim Brewbaker, he developed corn seed resistant to parasites, insects and diseases in South Korea. He mastered hybrid techniques to produce high-yielding crops that were environment-friendly so farmers didn't have to rely on chemicals. "With this corn," he thought, "I can change the world." When he completed his thesis three months before the

semester ended, Kim immediately returned to Seoul without attending graduation ceremonies, eager to get to work.

But first he had to convince his agricultural institute, the government and farmers that the seeds he brought home would thrive in their fields. "I told them if I fail, I will go to jail for 10 years," Kim says. "I had strong confidence I can do this."

By 1978, his team had doubled the national corn yield twice and tripled farmers' net income. His success in Korea, caught the attention of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA). Kim accepted a job at its headquarters in Nigeria, developing corn for countries in Africa to combat hunger on the continent. Kim moved his family, expecting to spend 12 months — and stayed 17 years. His research team succeeded in developing 100 different varieties of maize resistant to Africa's No. 1 enemy, maize streak virus. IITA and Kim received the CGIAR King Baudouin Award for international agricultural research in 1986.

In the late '90s, alarmed by reports of famine in North Korea, he decided to return to South Korea intent on helping fellow Koreans. "I worked to save the devastated country of North Korea by encouraging science-based farming instead of the ideology-based farming of the communist regime," he says.

Kim was also able to arrange for his wife to be reunited with a sister and brother in the north, siblings she had not seen in 47 years. "Without corn," he is positive, "the family reunion would not have happened."

AROUND the Globe

SOUTH ASIA

Bangladesh - Dhaka

Through its Community Services Project, the Bangladesh Chapter continues to provide relief to the poor in specific locations affected by floods and cyclones, in collaboration with local NGOs. Relief activities include distribution of clothing, medicine, drinking water and monetary support.

The chapter will participate in the climate change panel at the 2010 EWC/EWCA Conference and is working closely with Jeremy Webb, who plans to visit Dhaka to discuss the project.

In September, the chapter will hold an alumni get-together during the visit of Karen Knudsen, EWC Director of External Affairs, and Mary Hammond, EWC Dean of Students.

India - Chennai

The chapter celebrated EWC Day on May 28 with a talk on "Indo-U.S. Relations" by Fred Kaplan, Consul for Public Affairs at the U.S. Consulate General in Chennai. President P.M. Belliappa reports the alumni attended in good strength and distinguished guests enjoyed fellowship and dinner.

Representing the Philippine Chapter are President Alex Brillantes Jr., Past President Senen Bacani, UH Alumni Association in the Philippines President Ramon Clarete and Pauline Bautista, APLP alumna and board member of EWCAAP.

To contact the EWCA Chapters, visit: EastWestCenter.org/go.php?22

Nepal - Kathmandu

On May 22, the Nepal Chapter gathered at a reception to celebrate EWC Day. Attending were EWC alumni, Humphrey and Fulbright alumni executive members, and several USEF and U.S. embassy staff members. In June visiting EWC graduate fellow Anil Bhargava spoke to chapter members on "International Development."

Pakistan - Faisalabad

The chapter made donations, in response to requests from NGOs, to help the population displaced from tribal areas due to conflicts between the Taliban and Pakistani army. A number of individuals not connected with the EWC have become interested in chapter activities and have been included in the events. Every Sunday morning members get together at a public park where invited speakers address topics that have included education, religion, culture, media, environment, global issues and politics, followed by discussion. At the end of the program, light breakfast is served. Muhammad Ashraf has been very active in coordinating this activity.

Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim has donated \$100 which will be presented to the EWC at the 2010 conference in Honolulu.

The executive committee met in early August to discuss fundraising efforts to attend the 2010 EWC Conference in Honolulu. Recent alumni Sunita Chowdhary and Kamal Sigdel also provided orientation for Anju Devkota who just began her study at the EWC.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Indonesia - Banda Aceh

EWC alumni in Banda Aceh gathered during a visit by Bill Feltz, EWC Arts Coordinator (seated second from left). The chapter met with Vice Governor Muhammad Nazar (seated third from left), seeking his support for increased educational exchange between Aceh and Hawai'i.



Malaysia

The chapter's annual general meeting was held on May 24, when executive committee members were elected to three-year terms and future projects were discussed.

Philippines

The EWC Philippine Alumni Association has entered into a collaborative relationship with other alumni associations under the umbrella of the Philippine American Educational Foundation. This includes the Fulbright Alumni Association, the Fulbright (Agriculture) Alumni Association, the Hubert Humphrey Alumni Association and the International Visitors Program Alumni Association. Their initial collaborative project is to assist a local government in the province of Laguna (north of Manila) on various issues, ranging from governance, livelihood to education. The first activity, on governance, will be spearheaded by the EWCAA.

The chapter also is actively engaging APLP alumni as members. And the EWCAA Philippines and the UH Alumni Association in the Philippines are moving toward consolidation under Chapter President Alex Brillantes and Ramon Clarete, head of the UH Alumni Association and an EWC alum. The EWC alumni chapter held a general meeting in August to discuss participation in the 2010 EWC/EWCA Conference and to elect new officers for the coming year.





EAST ASIA

Japan - Tokyo

The Tokyo Chapter hosted a “send-off” party on July 25 for new EWC participants Mami Hayashi, Junko Mochizuki, Maiko Namihira and Hitomi Yokote (photo above). The Japan Chapter president of the University of Hawai‘i Alumni Association was a special guest. President Takashi “Taka” Tsuchiya said Hawaiian music and a hula by an alumnus helped evoke a “Hawaiian atmosphere.” The new participants were provided with information on living and studying in Hawai‘i by the attending alumni.

Japan - Nagoya

The establishment of a new EWCA Chapter in Nagoya was approved at the May 21 EWCA Executive Board meeting. The Nagoya Chapter is led by Yasuo Hoshino (OG 70-71), professor at Aichi University and professor emeritus at the University of Tsukuba. If you’d like to join the Nagoya Chapter, please email: ewcnagoya@gmail.com.

PACIFIC

Australia - Brisbane

For the EWC’s 50th anniversary conference in Honolulu in 2010, Jeremy Webb is coordinating preparation of papers on disaster management planning by local governments in Australia and on climate change. (See article at right). The chapter welcomed Tim McInerny and Krisitiana Kilvert, two APLP alumni, as new members. In August four chapter members attended a Nepal Australia Friendship Association function.

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Jeremy Webb, left, moderated the climate change panel at the 2008 Bali Conference.



Introducing an EWC Alumni Global Network on Climate Change

By Jeremy Webb, Brisbane Chapter

A virtual network of EWC alumni has been created to study the effects of climate change on countries in Asia and the Pacific. An outgrowth of the 2008 EWC/EWCA International Conference, the network will organize presentations on climate change at the EWC 50th anniversary conference in July 2010.

The network is the product of a unique collaboration between the EWC Alumni Association and the EWC Research Program, including its concentration on Environmental Change, Vulnerability and Governance.

An address by R.K. Pachauri (chairman of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize), who has been invited to speak at the EWC conference next year, will give a higher profile to the alumni initiative on climate change. It’s expected his speech will help to call attention to the critical importance of addressing climate change in the Asia Pacific region, following the all important global COP 15 UN Climate Change Conference to be held in Copenhagen this December.

Participating Alumni chapters are developing panel presentations which study climate change issues at the local/community level. Information is being gathered on:

- Effects of climate change (already measurable and expected effects) on the local region.
- General levels of awareness of climate change issues.
- Extent of community group involvement in dealing with climate change.
- Coverage of local and or regional governments’ policies and programs on climate change.

It is being stressed that participating chapters do not have to have particular expertise on the subject of climate change. Information gathered may simply be from public sources and may cover only some of the survey questions. The essential ingredient is enthusiasm and a willingness to learn as you go!

The alumni network has applied for a UNESCO grant to set up a dedicated multi-lingual website to assist carrying out the surveys and recording the results.

These studies will be the subject of forum discussions within the conference climate change panels. Out of these discussions we hope to write a comparative paper on the difference and similarities of local level response to the issue of climate change in the Asia Pacific region.

Participating chapters are located in Australia (Brisbane, Sydney), Bangladesh (Dhaka), Canada (Ottawa), India (Mumbai, Chennai), Nepal (Kathmandu), Singapore, the United States (California, Hawai‘i), and Vietnam (Hanoi).

The network wants to expand its reach for the 2010 conference to as many countries in the Asia Pacific region as possible and in particular to Pacific Island nations. Should you have an interest, please contact the network coordinator Jeremy Webb at: jeremywebb4944@hotmail.com.

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UNITED STATES

Chicago

In July, the Chicago and Mid-West Chapter met at the College of Lake County for an aikido demonstration by EWCA alumnus Charles Tseng (ISI 61-63) and his aikido class. The group was photographed in front of the shrine to the creator of aikido.



Chicago Chapter L to R: Usha Neupane, Pam Drymiller, Neel Chapagain, Lita Biejo (Pam's cousin), Jinn Tseng, Charles Tseng, Jerry Ostermann, Alex Ostermann (grandson), Tsue Ostermann, Zach Ostermann (grandson), David Drymiller.

Florida

On August 1, the Florida Chapter hosted its annual EWC/UH alumni reception at the Hilton in Walt Disney World Resorts in Orlando. The gathering, open to family and friends, was held after a Hawaiian Hula and Polynesia Competition and just before a Makaha Sons concert. The annual cultural event spotlights the traditions of Hawai'i, Samoa, Tonga, Tahiti and New Zealand.

Hawai'i

The chapter held the traditional EWCA new student orientation BBQ on August 22 at Kapiolani Park for all arriving EWC students. The picnic attracted some 250 people, including about 170 students who were joined by alumni and staff. A "swap meet/bazaar" was also held in August where EWC students purchased donated kitchen items at low cost.

Northern California

The chapter and the Asia Society co-sponsored a program on "A New Era for Taiwan-PRC Relations." In August, President Barbara Bornet Stumph and three members met with EWC Media Relations Specialist Derek Ferrar, who presented an update on various EWC activities.

The Northern and Southern California Chapters and the Arizona Chapter are sponsoring a fund-raising event for scholarships. The event, "A China Discovery Tour" will explore the Silk Road, Beijing, Xian, Xinjiang Province and Shanghai in late September 2010 under the leadership of Dr. Tim Wong.

SPECIAL INTEREST

Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP)

Another issue of the ASDP Alumni Newsletter was published under the direction of Editor Julien Farland. The chapter also published an issue of *East-West Connections*, the academic journal of ASDP, and prepared the next issue. Preparations have begun for the 20th ASDP National Conference, to coincide with the 2010 EWCA Conference in Honolulu. And plans are underway to host a fundraiser dinner to support EWC student scholarships and ASDP student paper awards.

U.S.-South Pacific Scholarship Program Alumni Workshop

Twenty-two alumni from the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and the Solomon Islands gathered for a U.S.-South Pacific Scholarship Program alumni workshop in Honolulu, June 22-26.

The theme for the five-day workshop was "Leadership and Social Networking: Strengthening the Ties that Bind Our Pacific Islands Community." Participants attended team building and leadership workshops, forums led by EWC fellows and University of Hawai'i faculty, and learned about and participated in cultural activities.

One highlight of the week-long program was an evening sail on the *Hokule'a*, the Polynesian voyaging canoe. Participants learned about the ancient art of wayfinding, the traditional form of navigation that brought populations to previously uninhabited islands across the Pacific.



In Memorium

Ledivina "Leddy" Vidallon Carino (ISI 62-64), former dean of the University of Philippines National College of Public Administration, died in June. The author of several books on public administration, corruption, civil society and volunteerism, she did pioneering research on graft and corruption. Her last book, "Between the State and the Market," is the definitive study on civil society in the Philippines. Carino received her master's and a special award from the UH Political Science Department, then earned a Ph.D. in Sociology from Indiana University. Leddy returned as a visiting professor in political science at UH in the early '80s, when her husband, Ben, was a visiting scholar at the East-West Center.

Maryellen "Meg" Thompson, the first public relations director at the EWC, died on May 8 in San Diego. Thompson had a 40-year career in mass media and public relations in Hawai'i, California, Alaska, Japan and Washington. She left Hawai'i in 1969 for San Diego, where she worked for Project Concern and Rady Children's Hospital. During her seven years at the EWC, she organized three Asian-American Women's conferences and made an impact on the lives of alumni, particularly women grantees who remember her with great aloha.

Alumni Happenings

Dana Doan (Changing Faces 07) reports the launching of the LIN Center for Community Development in Ho Chi Minh City. During the 2007 EWC "Changing Faces" seminar, Doan developed an action plan to set up a new type of non-profit organization in Vietnam that promoted volunteerism and charitable giving to support the work of Vietnamese non-profits. Through the LIN Center, individuals and companies can contribute knowledge, energy and resources to local non-profits. The center promotes philanthropic giving and public-private partnerships in Vietnam and has its own website: linvn.org/

Gembo Dorji (APLP 04-05) was recently promoted to Secretary General of the Central Monastic Body in Bhutan. In his new position, which made national news in Bhutan, Gembo assumes responsibilities for shaping the future direction and advancement of the 400-year-old monastic institution. The promotion also brought with it the title of *Totsi Jim Dhar*, which now places him in a position equivalent to that of the Honorable Secretaries of the Bhutanese Cabinet Ministries.

Reynaldo Garay (ISI 67) was recently saluted for his many years of volunteer work by Dollars for Scholars, a national organization that provides scholarships and educational support for students in 4,000 communities in the United States. Rey established a chartered regional office in Southern California, the California Dollars for Scholars chapter (for which he served as board president) and a Wilmington chapter in his community. He continues to serve as a dedicated volunteer on the boards of the California and Wilmington chapters. Born and raised in East Los Angeles, Rey received a small scholarship from a community college which led to a bachelor's degree at UCLA, master's and Ph.D. from USC, and a successful career in education and administration. An active member of the Southern California chapter, he currently serves on the Board of the EWCA.



Riley Lee (MA 84 Music) won Instrumental Album of the Year honors at the 2009 Na Hoku Hanohano Awards, which recognizes excellence in the recording arts in

Hawai'i. Ethnomusicologist Lee, internationally recognized for his performances on the shakuhachi, shared the award with slack-key guitarist Jeff Peterson for their album *Haleakala*. In 2008, Lee received an EWC Distinguished Alumni Award.

Dewardric ("DL") McNeal (APLP 02-03) has left the Brookings Institution, where he was Deputy Director for the China Initiative, to work at the Pentagon. His position, as Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia and the Pacific, is a presidential appointment.

Laura Keehner Rigas (NGS 06) was married in May and in July entered the Harvard Kennedy School mid-career master in public education (MPA) program. She spent six years in the Bush Administration, most recently as press secretary in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Anees A. Sheikh (ISI 61), co-authored *Imagery for Pain Relief*, a guidebook for clinicians based on scientific information about pain and mental imagery that shows why imagery is a valuable tool for pain management. Shiekh is a professor and former chair of the Department of Psychology at Marquette University and clinical professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He is internationally recognized for his contributions in the field of imagery and has published numerous scholarly articles and 15 books on imagery and related topics.



Photo by Rudi van Starrex

Ricardo Trimillos (ISI 62), professor of Asian studies and ethnomusicology, received the University of Hawai'i Mānoa Distinguished Graduate Mentoring Award at a ceremony in September.

Trimillos is a member and/or chair of more than 10 thesis and doctoral committees, and serves as advisor for the annual Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference. In announcing the award, UH said Trimillos "has been an instrumental mentor for many graduate students. He views his role as a Mānoa faculty member not only to teach the music of the world's peoples and guide students to pursue a graduate degree, but to prepare them for a meaningful life."



Photo: University of Hawai'i



L to R: President of India Patibha Patil presenting the award to the chairman of Kalyani Municipality. Next to him is Kasturi Bakshi.

Kasturi Bakshi (Population Summer Seminar 08) reports the Community Led Total Sanitation program in Kalyani, India, received a 2009 National Urban Water Award from the government of India. Bakshi, project leader for the program, said the award recognizes exemplary practices by local urban organizations that have led to improved public services, particularly for poor and marginalized populations.

Huma Sheikh (APLP 2008), a journalist in Kashmir, became the first foreigner to intern at China's Xinhua News Agency. Her internship, after completing her APLP studies, was arranged by Xu Shi, Beijing Chapter president. Xu has been with Xinhua for 25 years and is Chief and Senior Liaison Officer in Xinhua's Office of Foreign Experts Affairs.

"She has given me — an EWC fellow — a chance to explore Beijing as a working journalist at Xinhua News," said Huma. During her internship, she served as Foreign Language Expert and Editor for the web portal, Xinhuanet. Xu praised Huma for the columns she wrote about her experiences in Beijing.

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