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Panel 1.3 Overview

Educating Global Changemakers

The East-West Center (EWC) is at the forefront of educating people of the Asia Pacific region to meet the evolving demands of global change. The EWC is unique among international institutions in its focus on community building at the campus level as a stepping-stone to community building at the regional level. While at the Center, participants learn, work and live together, and extend helping hands to the community. The experience is one of grassroots relationship building, cultural exchange, shared experiences, and communal preparation for future leadership roles throughout the region. The EWC Education Program model includes opportunities for innovation and leadership development, allowing students to experiment with new ideas, leading to a sense of empowerment for making change once back home. This also provides continuous improvement for the program itself, keeping it cutting edge and meeting the needs of each next generation of leaders. This panel session will share the key elements of the EWC Education Program, overviews of EWC educational opportunities, and experiences of current students. Session will open for discussion about best practices in providing preparation for next generation leaders, including the most meaningful aspects of the EWC Education Program for previous generations (alumni).