Significant Meetings/Conferences

Heads of State and special envoys from 11 Pacific island nations met with President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and other top U.S. and international officials in a series of meetings organized by the EWC Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) when APEC leaders met in Honolulu.

PIDP also organized the “State of the Pacific Dialogue” in January 2011, which was the first U.S.-based regional track 1.5 meeting for the Pacific that brought together senior representatives from government, academia, and civil society.

“No institution plays a role like the East-West Center... The U.S. government, and particularly the State Department, treasures the Center’s role on critical issues in Asia.”

Kurt Campbell, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, during his Keynote address at the PECC 20th General Meeting in Washington, D.C., hosted by the East-West Center on September 28-29, 2011.

Research in the Field

Burmese villagers engage in community forestry training as part of a U.S. State Department funded project headed by EWC Senior Fellow Jefferson Fox, which addresses the challenges of deforestation caused by demographic changes and shifting cultivation.

EWC Senior Fellow Melissa Finucane filming “Climate Matters,” a NOAA-funded documentary featuring stories of climate impacts on Pacific islands designed to help policy makers understand real-world climate impacts and the need for usable climate information.

Launch of Websites and Publications

As part of the Asia Matters for America project, the East-West Center launched two new initiatives: Korea Matters for America (KoreaMattersforAmerica.org) and Australia Matters for America (AustraliaMattersforAmerica.org). Both initiatives comprise a publication and website that provide a one-stop, ongoing source of information, data, news, and analysis on the country’s relations with the United States.