Brunei-U.S. English Language Enrichment Project for ASEAN

Teacher-trainers, officials, and diplomats from nine Association of Southeast Asian Nations member countries attended a month-long intensive English-language education training workshop at the East-West Center under the new Brunei-U.S. English Language Enrichment Program for ASEAN. The five-year project to strengthen ASEAN’s integration and global engagement by raising the level of English language skills in ASEAN countries is funded by the government of Brunei and managed by EWC and Universiti Brunei Darussalam with guidance from the U.S. Department of State and Brunei’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

AsiaPacificEd with ASEAN

U.S. Ambassador to ASEAN David L. Cardin presented the ASEAN Curriculum Sourcebook during the opening ceremony of the organization’s Education Ministers Meeting. Namji Steinemann, Director of the AsiaPacificEd Program at the East-West Center, was lead author of the textbook, which provides learner-centered and inquiry-based materials about ASEAN for use by teachers in primary and secondary schools in the region. The book will be distributed to schools in the ten member states of ASEAN, with materials also posted on education websites.
At the EWC International Media Conference in South Korea, Burmese journalists discussed the changing media landscape in the Southeast Asian nation, including the use of social media and how citizen journalists use the social network to publish their reports. Several hundred journalists and media experts from more than 100 news organizations in 25 countries gathered at Yonsei University in Seoul to hear how the new media is shaping journalism in Asia and the Pacific.

Launch of Websites and Publications
An updated, interactive website at PacificRISA.org, produced by researchers at the East-West Center and other partner organizations, serves as a hub of media, publications, and tools on climate knowledge for Hawai’i and the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands. Users can explore current data on climate change, including projections, modeling, disaster risk assessment, and analysis.