De m and forEast-W estC enterservices drove a year of opportunity in 2013, with the establishment of many new activities.

Leadership is often perceived as the scarcest of resources for the Asia Pacific region’s developing countries. In response, the Center’s educational programs are increasingly aligned around leadership training, with three new programs added this year.

With support from both Chinese and American philanthropists, the Center deepened its collaboration with the China Philanthropy Research Institute, holding the first China-U.S. Philanthropy Summit in Hawai‘i in the early days of 2014. The summit resulted in a number of concrete collaborations in such areas as environmental protection and established the East-West Philanthropy Forum as a regular event.

Amid dramatic changes in Burma, the Center built upon its long engagement there to ramp up activities, including a visit to EWC by Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi; a first-time visit to Burma by the Jefferson Fellows journalists’ exchange program and a strategic scenario-building workshop run by the Asia Pacific Leadership Program in Yangon.

The Center’s Washington-based Asia Matters project continued to grow, including a new edition of the main Asia Matters for America publication and the launch of updated Korea Matters for America data on bilateral trade, immigration and more. The Center also conducted a U.S. study tour for North Korean-born journalists, and coordinated environmental leadership programs for youth from Southeast Asia and the Pacific islands.

EWC researchers continued important work on climate change — including a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill — as well as trade policy, land use, human rights and other vital issues.

We are very grateful to our many stakeholders for their continued engagement and support. As the Asia Pacific region increasingly becomes the axis of global leadership, the East-West Center is proud to contribute to a collaborative future.

Message from EWC President Charles E. Morrison and Board Chairman R. Brian Tsujimura