

# Significant Events



More than a hundred Hawai'i businesswomen and students joined with international participants in EWC's **Changing Faces** women's leadership seminar in July to discuss and celebrate women's entrepreneurship at a special workshop held in partnership with UH Manoa's Shidler College of Business and other partners. The program featured interactive sessions and "open space" discussions on such topics as bringing local products to larger markets, funding startups and building a personal brand. ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/Z4D](http://EastWestCenter.org/Z4D)

**62,000+** international alumni and **48** alumni chapters worldwide.



Twenty participants in an EWC-administered leadership program for Southeast Asian university students and recent graduates met with **President Obama** at the White House in June as part of the State Department's **Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative**. During a wide-ranging "town hall" Q&A session, Obama told the group that "Southeast Asia helped shape who I am and how I see the world. And as president, I've made it a pillar of my foreign policy to make sure that the United States is more deeply engaged in the Asia Pacific region ... because your region is critical to our shared future." ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/Z4R](http://EastWestCenter.org/Z4R)



**U.S. Ambassador to India Richard Verma** spoke at EWC in September, in advance of a visit to the U.S. by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Verma said the relationship between the two nations has reached "a new level" and is "poised to become a 21st century alliance, based in Asia, working towards the goal of global prosperity." ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/Z4z](http://EastWestCenter.org/Z4z)

**1,139** institutional partnerships in **79** countries and **37** U.S. states.



More than 115 graduate students gathered at EWC in February to present their research at the Center's annual **International Graduate Student Conference**. Planned and organized by EWC students, the interdisciplinary gathering is one of the largest of its kind worldwide. Cybersecurity expert Dr. Motohiro Tsuchiya delivered the conference's keynote address. ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/Z4r](http://EastWestCenter.org/Z4r)

**3,055** participants from **79** different countries and territories, including students, visiting fellows, professional associates and interns.

**31,000** social media followers.



Policymakers and experts gathered in Honolulu in early October for the 6th annual **Australian American Leadership Dialogue** co-sponsored by EWC. The private diplomatic initiative brings together leaders from government, enterprise, media, education and more to review such issues as security, energy and climate.

♦ [EastWestCenter.org/Z4K](http://EastWestCenter.org/Z4K)

# Program Notes

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration awarded more than \$4 million for a new phase of the EWC-led **Pacific Regional Integrated Science and Assessment** program. A collaboration between the Center and several University of Hawai'i, federal and community entities, the Pacific RISA program is designed to help island and coastal communities learn about and cope with the effects of climate change, including the water quality testing project in American Samoa pictured here. ♦ [PacificRISA.org](http://PacificRISA.org)



Accomplished international journalists from a dozen countries traveled together to China, the Philippines and Singapore in May on the **Jefferson Fellowships** exchange to study territorial conflicts, resource issues, environmental concerns and more in the South China Sea. Pictured: Jim Gomez of the Associated Press in the Philippines questions a Chinese naval officer about the two countries' conflicting claims over islands in the region. ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/jefferson](http://EastWestCenter.org/jefferson)

**600** mentions in news reports by **530** media outlets in 2015.



At an **Expert Group Meeting at UN headquarters**, EWC researchers shared findings on how different countries are trying to address low birthrates. The presentation coincided with the publication of **Low and Lower Fertility: Variation Across Developed Countries**, edited by EWC researchers Ronald Rindfuss and Minja Kim Choe, which explores how various institutions, histories and cultures influence fertility in a diverse range of countries in Asia, Europe and North America. ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/Z4V](http://EastWestCenter.org/Z4V)

In May, *The Economist* magazine cited analysis in the EWC publication **New Directions in Asia-Pacific Economic Integration** as the "most influential" study on the potential impacts of the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement. ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/Z4y](http://EastWestCenter.org/Z4y)

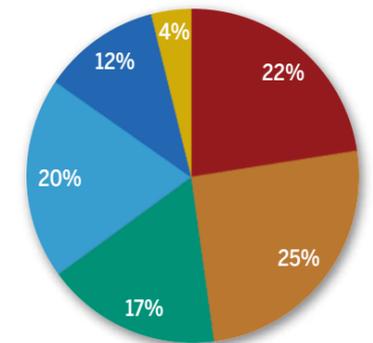


EWC's **human rights, international justice and governance initiatives** continued their capacity-building work in Southeast Asia, including development of the Jakarta-based Human Rights Resource Centre, advancing judicial reform in Timor Leste, collaborating with the UN on a workshop in Myanmar on cross-border governance, and helping Indonesia's courts strengthen anti-corruption law. Pictured: The **Asian International Justice Initiative's annual Summer Institute** in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights met in Bali to focus on issues of human trafficking. ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/aiji](http://EastWestCenter.org/aiji)



In September, the East-West Center in Washington collaborated with the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins to host a **"Myanmar in a Regional Context"** conference examining the policies of different Asia Pacific regional powers toward Myanmar and their effects on the emerging nation's internal policies. Speakers included then-U.S. Ambassador to Myanmar Derek Mitchell. ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/Z4j](http://EastWestCenter.org/Z4j)

More than 140 educators attended the annual national conference of the **Asian Studies Development Program** held in the heartland entertainment mecca of Branson, Missouri. Since its inception in 1991, more than 1,600 educators from the U.S. and Asia have participated in the collaborative EWC and University of Hawai'i program aimed at enhancing undergraduate-level teaching about Asia at colleges and universities. ♦ [EastWestCenter.org/asdp](http://EastWestCenter.org/asdp)



## FY 2015 EWC Student Fellows (by region)

East Asia	105	22.4%
Southeast Asia	119	25.4%
United States	81	17.3%
Pacific	92	19.6%
South Asia	54	11.5%
Other	18	3.8%

**469** student fellows from **53** countries and territories participated in EWC undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate training and scholarship programs in FY 2015.

