Late August and early September was an extraordinary period for the Center, with a range of activities coinciding with the quadrennial **IUCN World Conservation Congress** held in Honolulu. President Obama addressed the **Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders** summit, which is administered by the Center’s Pacific Islands Development Program, telling the leaders that new technologies and approaches mean that there doesn’t have to be a conflict “between a healthy economy and a healthy planet.”

More than 300 prominent thinkers from 40 countries gathered at EWC in the spring to share Eastern and Western approaches to the idea of ‘place’ at the **11th East-West Philosophers’ Conference**. Held roughly every five years for more than three-quarters of a century, the prestigious University of Hawai’i-led conference helped give rise to the field of comparative philosophy, and was an early precursor to the East-West Center’s founding.

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Staff of EWC’s **Pacific RISA** climate change adaptation program gave a presentation during the IUCN Congress, and the **AsiaPacificEd** program created a “Youth Voices” website to help connect K-12 students and teachers with nature. Attendees were able to visit a high-tech EWC **digital display booth** and participate in a field demonstration of the Center’s **leadership education** techniques.

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**Hosting Presidents, Scientists and Philosophers**

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Lower section (from left): President Obama addresses Pacific island leaders at EWC; young professionals from China, Japan, Korea and the U.S. explore future scenarios in the Building North Pacific Cooperation Leadership Workshop; Hiroshima teachers visit a U.S. high school.
Leadership education staff, in partnership with the New Zealand Consulate-General in Honolulu, held women’s empowerment workshops in the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia. Participants in the North Pacific Women’s Action Program learned techniques for informed, effective action toward the goal of increasing women’s participation in local decision-making.

With support from U.S. embassies in the region, 35 young professionals from China, Japan, Korea and the U.S. gathered at EWC to explore shared challenges at the Building North Pacific Cooperation Leadership Workshop in February. The group explored methods to overcome historical animosities and identify shared goals and values. ◆ EastWestCenter.org/ZJg

East-West Center continued to fulfill its mission as a
Engaging Scholars and Policymakers

The Center’s Research Program continued its original analysis on policy-relevant topics, including a book launch at the UN on contemporary development thinking; a high-level academic workshop series on “mega-regional” trade and industry; an urban governance workshop in Surabaya, Indonesia; and continued legal monitoring and public education about the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Cambodia.

EastWestCenter.org/research

Among the more than 80 books, studies and policy briefs published by the Center during 2016 were a study on human trafficking data in Southeast Asia and an analysis of the regional trade-security nexus.

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Teaching the Teachers

EWC’s AsiaPacificEd program coordinated a Teaching for Global Competence exchange program with schools in Hawai’i and New York to expose high school teachers from Hiroshima to U.S. best-practice models for preparing students for an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world. Sponsored by the Hiroshima Prefectural Board of Education, the program is helping prepare a core group of educators for the prefecture’s planned Super Global High School.

EWC-globalteachers.org

The Asian Studies Development Program celebrated its 25th year of working to enhance undergraduate-level teaching about Asia at American colleges and universities. Since 1991, more than 2,300 educators from virtually every U.S. state and 26 foreign countries have participated in the program’s curriculum development workshops across the U.S. and abroad.

EastWestCenter.org/ASDP
In 2016, more than 2,000 people attended EWC public seminars in Honolulu and Washington, D.C., as well as meetings and conferences throughout the U.S. and Asia Pacific region. The Washington-based Asia Matters for America project continued to upgrade its user-friendly public data products on a wide variety of U.S.-Asia interactions. And about 12,000 Hawai‘i students and community members experienced EWC Arts Program exhibitions and performances, including concerts, school tours and school workshops. ◆ Arts.EastWestCenter.org

### Reaching the Public

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410 student fellows from 51 countries and territories participated in EWC undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate training and scholarship programs in FY 2016.

- **14,000** people reached through seminars, public events and arts outreach.
- **50,000+** social media followers.
- **1,087** institutional partnerships in 79 countries and 37 U.S. states.
- **4,075** participants from 97 countries and territories, including students, visiting fellows, professional associates and interns.
- **65,000** international alumni and **48** alumni chapters worldwide.
- **1,100** mentions in news reports by **800** media outlets.