

The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the Asia-Pacific region and the United States.

Each year the Center brings together more than 3,000 people to build expertise and capabilities to better address critical regional issues.

The Center helps develop cutting-edge expertise by leveraging individual and institutional contacts around the world. They identify trends, serve as resources for programs, and help create new initiatives to address needs in the region.

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

## About the East-West Center

The **East-West Center** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, international educational institution that focuses on issues and relations in the Indo-Pacific region. Founded in 1960 and partially funded by the U.S. Congress, the Center is also supported by individuals, foundations, corporations, and U.S. and foreign government departments and agencies. Our international Board of Governors includes appointees by the U.S. Secretary of State and the Governor of Hawai'i, as well as members from the Indo-Pacific region who are invited by the appointed members.

Our 21-acre Honolulu campus is in scenic Mānoa Valley, adjacent to the University of Hawai'i, and includes two residence halls and a guest hall. The Hawai'i Imlin International Conference Center at Jefferson Hall can accommodate meetings of 10 to 300 persons and has dining rooms on the garden level.

[EastWestCenter.org/ImlinConferenceCenter](http://EastWestCenter.org/ImlinConferenceCenter)

The Center's 150 research, education, training, and support staff host more than 400 activities per year in Hawai'i, the U.S. mainland, and across the Indo-Pacific region.

The **East-West Center Foundation** helps broaden financial support for the Center. The **East-West Center Association** supports student scholarships and mentoring, and every two years one of its nearly 50 chapters is the official host of an international conference. The **Friends of the East-West Center's** many activities include a host-family program for EWC graduate degree students. The **East-West Center Participants Association** is an elected body that advocates for student needs, promotes cultural exchange, and builds community.

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Jefferson Hall, designed by acclaimed architect I.M. Pei, is seen here from its Japanese Garden. At right, EWC alumni are active supporters of Center graduate students.



Coming to the  
East-West Center  
transforms the way  
you look at things.

--Thinley Choden, Bhutan  
Leadership and graduate degree programs alumna



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## Multiple perspectives

More than 66,000 individuals and hundreds of organizations in 80 countries have participated in East-West Center educational, research, and dialogue initiatives. Center programs are unique because each one brings together people from multiple nations, cultures, and sectors.



**The cross-cultural skills we develop at East-West Center make us much more effective. Whether we go into international business, government service, teaching or journalism...we become agents for positive change around the world."**

--Puongpun Sananikone, former EWC student from Laos; former chair of the EWC Board of Governors; founder, PacMar



## Convening power

The Center is a trusted regional institution. For nearly six decades it has hosted heads of state and diplomatic meetings, assembled thought leaders and stakeholders to drive solutions locally and internationally, and brought people together to form close relationships even though their countries were at odds.



**The East-West Center is unlike any other place: it generates the power of peace."**

--Nainoa Thompson, master navigator and president, Polynesian Voyaging Society; mentor, EWC Asia Pacific Leadership Program; recipient, EWC Asia-Pacific Community Building Award

The Center's special relationship with the Pacific Islands involves both heads of state and emerging leaders. Left: Kiribati President Anote Tong. Middle: West Java Governor Ridwan Kamil, named one of the world's top 50 leaders by Forbes, at the Regional Urban Leaders Exchange on "Smart Cities". Right: Madam Ton Nu Thi Ninh, Vice Chair of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee, 2006 Alumni Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam.



## Actionable solutions

We promote "peacefare," the pursuit of actionable solutions to non-military problems across the region. Collaborative research programs focus on policy responses to regional security topics, including food, health, climate and environment, and related economic issues. Findings are shared widely with stakeholders, policymakers, the media, and others. [EastWestCenter.org/Research](#)



Then-U.S. PACOM Commander Admiral Harry Harris discusses future climate-based threats to the security of the Pacific Islands region with Research Fellow Victoria Keener, whose team helps communities plan for the effects of climate change.

## Catalysts for constructive change

Our residential graduate student program hosts hundreds of students with perspectives forged in countries from Japan to New Zealand and India to Saipan, as diverse as Timor-Leste, Korea, the United States, Afghanistan, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea. [EastWestCenter.org/Education](#)

**"It has been an incredible experience for me as a developing officer to live with people from 30 countries and bring the Center's focus on collaboration and expertise into my military career."**

--Army Lt. Andrew Beckman, West Point graduate and EWC student grantee, one of 80 military academy graduates who have received EWC scholarships for graduate study at the University of Hawai'i

Our professional development programs for current and emerging leaders from government, civil society, media, politics, education, and business promote understanding of issues with an emphasis on capacity building for practical action. [EastWestCenter.org/PDP](#)



On-the-ground learning and international conferences are hallmarks of more than five decades of international journalism programs.

## US and regional interdependence

Understanding the growing interdependence of the United States and the Indo-Pacific region requires clear facts and analytic insights—both available through Center programs and print and web-based materials. [EastWestCenter.org/Washington](#)



Asia Matters for America/America Matters for Asia is an interactive, online resource for economic and social data, analysis, and news on US-Asia Pacific relations at the national, state, and local levels. Related "Matters" studies focus specifically on ASEAN and U.S. allies Australia, Japan, and Korea.

[AsiaMattersForAmerica.org](#)

## The power of the arts

The Honolulu-based Arts Program curates innovative exhibits and performances reflecting the rich cultural diversity of the Americas and the Indo-Pacific region. Thousands of school children and adults enjoy exhibits, demonstrations, and performances at the Center, in the community, and on Neighbor Island tours. [EastWestCenter.org/Arts](#)



School children watch as Bhutanese monks create a mandala from ground and colored sand.