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## On the Cover



The cover of this issue is an illustration of how DKI APCSS reaches out to our partners in the region. Connections are very important to the Center and our Alumni department works very hard to establish and maintain those connections in a variety of ways. This issue's theme is "Reaching Out," which recognizes those efforts. **pg. 13**

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# Aloha and Farewell!!!

On February 9, I completed my time as Director of DKI APCSS. These past 15 months have been personally rewarding and professionally enlightening for me and are a highlight of my US Government service. I am excited for the future of the Center and welcome the arrival of retired Rear Adm. Peter Gumataotao as the new Director.

I have immense admiration for this executive education institution and the positive impact and lasting influence it has had on so many all across the globe. When I stepped into the position, I had no idea of the amazing education I was going to receive from my engagements with the Center's staff and faculty, and also with our amazing Fellows and Alumni. In the short time I've been at DKI APCSS, we've had more than 1,600 Visitors to the Center and we added 1,350 new Alumni to our family 'Ohana through our Courses and Workshops. Additionally we engaged with 625 new partners and friends through the Dialogues and Seminars in which we participated. We've definitely been **On the Move** during this exciting and rewarding time!

A wonderful surprise for me was the warm greeting and the professional and personal care I received from our Alumni every time I visited an Indo-Pacific nation on behalf of DKI APCSS. Everywhere I travelled I saw the positive effects of the Center's Guiding Principles of Transparency, Inclusion and Mutual Respect through the actions of our Alumni. I'm thankful that I had the opportunity to try to



DKI APCSS outgoing Director Maj. Gen. James "Hammer" Hartsell welcomes retired Rear Adm. Peter A. Gumataotao to take the helm of the Center Feb. 8.

live these principles while here at the Center and I'm committed to continuing to do so in both my personal and professional life.

I also want to say how inspiring our Fellow's Projects have been for me. The work so many of you are doing is helping to make our World more Secure, more Stable, and more Prosperous. I plan to use the Education and the Connections I gained from my time at DKI APCSS to be more Empowered to have a positive impact on our World and I ask you all join me in redoubling your efforts in this regard.

I will miss the beauty of Hawaii's rainbows, and its green mountains and its blue ocean. I'll miss the awesome culinary diversity of our Tastes of Asia, and I'll miss wearing comfortable Aloha attire. But what I will miss the most are the people of DKI APCSS, both those here at the Center,

and those abroad. The last issue of CURRENTS was entitled **Staying Engaged** and this is something I am fully committed to doing as an alumni, as an advocate, and as an ambassador for DKI APCSS !

Though its my time to move on, I sincerely look forward to connecting with you all wherever our paths may cross in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James S. Hartsell".

James S. "Hammer" Hartsell  
Director, DKI APCSS

# New Director for DKI APCSS Named



Director, DKI APCSS retired Rear Adm. Peter A. Gumataotao

Pete Gumataotao became the Director, Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) in February 2018. A native of Guam, RADM (Ret) Gumataotao joined the Navy in 1976 and attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island. He is a 1981 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and earned his Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in 1994.

Pete has extensive experience operating in the Asia-Pacific region during 37 years of active duty service, including eight years as a U.S. Navy flag officer. In addition to undertaking eleven deployments conducting defense and security exercises, he served in executive-level, strategic management capacities, notably as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea for U.S. Pacific Fleet (CNFK), and Current Operations Director for both U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) and U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM).

As Commander of Nimitz Carrier Strike Group, he directed the multi-national exercise ‘Rim of the Pacific’ in 2012. In Washington, DC, he served as a Strategic Fellow at the Center for Naval Analysis, collaborating with faculty and staff to develop strategic analytic research covering a broad range of maritime issues.

He most recently served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy for Supreme Allied Command Transformation, NATO, where he spearhead transformational initiatives to formulate and update NATO strategic security policies. He organized numerous forums aimed at strengthening collaboration among NATO leadership and allied partners which included international organizations such as the European Union and United Nations, nongovernmental organizations, and academia.

Pete is the first recipient of the Admiral Zumwalt Award for Visionary Leadership. He was awarded the Order of National Security Merit Cheonsu Medal by the Republic of Korea for distinguished performance in promoting military cooperation between South Korea and the United States. He was most recently awarded the Bundeswehr Cross of Honour for Valour by the German military for his performance at NATO.

His U.S. Naval decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (five awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), and other personal, unit, and campaign awards.

“I am deeply honored and extremely excited to have been given this opportunity to lead this exceptional team of professionals at DKI APCSS. In a dynamic, complex, and interconnected world, the need for better transparency, understanding, and cooperation is paramount. DKI APCSS provides this important portal to the Indo-Pacific region, bringing together partners and allies alike,” said Gumataotao.

Gumataotao replaces U. S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. James “Hammer” Hartsell, who served as the interim director of DKI APCSS since November 2016. Hartsell looks forward to assuming new leadership opportunities in both the health industry and as a U. S. Marine Corps reserve general officer.

## *New Beginnings...*



**Top:** Director Gumataotao poses for a photo with the DKI APCSS Foundation members after a meeting. Mar. 7 (pictured from l-r) Mr. Warren Luke, Amb. Lauren Moriarty, Mr. David Carey, III, Mr. Gerald Sumida, Director Gumataotao, former Director retired Lt. Gen. Hank Stackpole, Mr. Tim Guard, Ms. Brenda Lei Foster, retired Gen. Darryll Wong, Ms. Betty Brow, and Ms. Christine Gayagas.

**Bottom:** Director Gumataotao meets with Randall G. Schriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs on Feb. 14, 2018.

# ‘Prescriptive’ workshop held at DKI APCSS

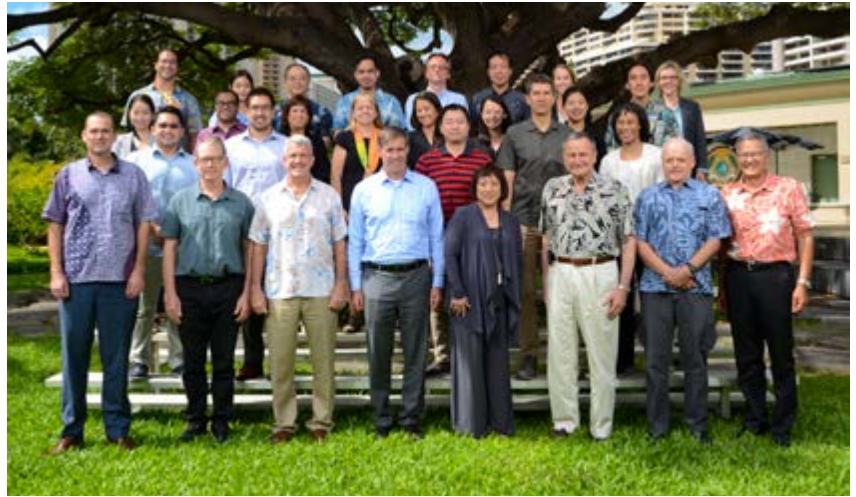
The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies co-hosted a workshop Oct. 25 - 27 entitled “ASEAN @50, Southeast Asia @ Risk: What should be done? A Prescriptive Workshop.” The event kicked-off with a reception on Wednesday evening in Honolulu followed by two days of Australia-Singapore-U.S. policy dialogue on Southeast Asia.

The Southeast Asia Program and the U.S.-Asia Security Initiative in the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (Stanford University) prepared this program and planned the workshop in cooperation with dialogue partners: the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (Australian National University); the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Nanyang Technological University); and the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

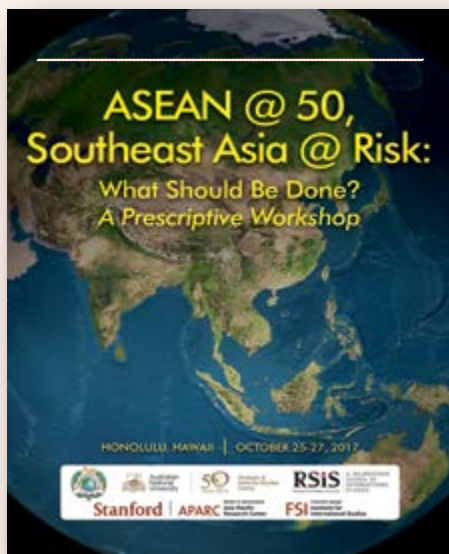
Guest speakers at the event included Joseph Felter, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia; U.S. Representative Colleen Hanabusa; Rear Adm. Matthew Carter, Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Rear Adm. Patrick A. Piercey, Director of Operations for U.S. Pacific Command.

This workshop was intended to facilitate frank and creative discussion and evaluation of specific policy recommendations for consideration by specific relevant actors regarding four sets of Southeast Asia-related topics: regional security, regional infrastructure, regional economy, and improving ASEAN.

Their final recommendations have been included in the 20-page report which is now available online at [www.apcss.org](http://www.apcss.org).



DKI APCSS Leadership and Dialogue partners: the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (Australian National University); the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Nanyang Technological University), pose for a group photo outside Maluhia Hall.



*In October 2017, the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies co-hosted a workshop on “ASEAN @50, Southeast Asia @ Risk: What should be done?” The result of the two days of Australia-Singapore-U.S. policy dialogue is a new publication outlining the group’s recommendations. The 20-page report is now available online at [www.apcss.org](http://www.apcss.org).*