DKI APCSS routinely invites participation from:

United States  New Zealand  Australia  Niue  Bangladesh  Pakistan*  Bhutan  Palau  Brunei  Papua New Guinea  Cambodia  Peru  Canada  Philippines  Chile  Republic of Korea  China*  Samoa  Colombia  Singapore  Cook Islands  Solomon Islands  Fiji  Sri Lanka  Hong Kong*  Taiwan*  India  Thailand  Indonesia  Timor Leste  Japan  Tonga  Kiribati  Tuvalu  Laos  Vanuatu  Malaysia  Vietnam  Marshall Islands  Mexico  Micronesia  Regional Organizations such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations  Mongolia  Myanmar*  (ASEAN) and the Pacific Islands  Nauru  Forum (PIF) Secretariats, and  Nepal  other International Organizations such as the United Nations (UN)

* with U.S. Department of Defense approval

Concept

The Center has a strong focus on executive education via both resident and regional events. These academic events include courses and workshops. They are intertwined to produce a dynamic, integrated program of study, workshops and research to support the Center’s mission.

Staying Connected

DKI APCSS Public Website:

Our website at www.apcss.org contains useful information for Fellows, alumni and others interested in what is happening in the region.

At www.dkiapcss.edu, you can find:

- Event Updates and Descriptions
- Course Descriptions
- Publications
- And more...

APCSSLink Portal:

APCSSLink is a password-protected portal at https://apcsslink.org

It is designed to help keep alumni connected through the sharing of information and participating in online discussions.

Also follow DKI APCSS on:

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Mission & Vision

Vision

A free and prosperous Indo-Pacific promoting collaborative, inclusive security.

Mission

DKI APCSS builds resilient capacity, shared understanding, and networked relationships among civilian and military practitioners and institutions to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Guiding Principles

- Transparency: Foster an environment that encourages open and honest communication and processes.
- Mutual Respect: Value perspectives that are different from our own.
- Inclusion: Seek to involve the broadest range of stakeholders and ideas.

Value Proposition

DKI APCSS programs advance cooperative strategy and policy actions based on trust, critical thinking, and shared experiences. Programs build partner capacity by educating, connecting and empowering a diverse, whole-of-society network of security practitioners in order to achieve stability, security and prosperity in a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.
Our History

The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) is a Department of Defense institution that provides a forum where current and future military and civilian leaders from the Indo-Asia-Pacific gather to address regional and global security issues and enhance security cooperation through programs of executive education, professional exchange, and building relationships of trust and confidence.

It was established on September 4, 1995 by the U.S. Congress as the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. The Center moved into our permanent campus at Ft DeRussy in 2000, and in 2015, the Center was renamed in honor of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye who was a supporter of the Center and involved in many Center events. Since 1995, the Center has been awarded numerous Meritorious Unit Awards and has been recognized by the Honolulu Consular Corps for its outstanding support to regional security.

Research & Information Sharing

Research – DKI APCSS faculty members conduct collaborative research on security issues that support the Center’s mission, which includes its courses, workshops, and professional development. Reports, papers, articles and books are available on our website at www.dkiapcss.edu.

Roundtables – Each year more than 1,700 visitors come to the Center including senior leaders from the U.S. and other countries throughout the region. Visitors participate in roundtable discussions on security challenges and serve as guest speakers.

Partnering – DKI APCSS partners with many other Department of Defense and U.S. Government agencies, local and regional academic institutions and universities, as well a number of on-island partners that have an interest in regional security.

In-Resident Courses

The five-week Comprehensive Security Cooperation (CSC) course fosters critical thinking by exposing mid-career security practitioners from governments and other influential agencies from all over the Indo-Pacific to a diverse array of regional beliefs and perspectives. The term ‘comprehensive security’ goes beyond military defense to include the need to take into account other aspects vital to national stability, such as environmental, social, communication, and energy security. These, often transboundary issues, require cooperation with other countries, even those that are not partners. Comprehensive security emphasizes confidence building through preventive diplomacy, inclusion, critical infrastructure and economic security to enhance overall stability. CSC is especially useful for those working in complex security environments dealing with geopolitical powers, crises, violent extremism, and transnational maritime threats. In supportive surroundings, Fellows assess their security environments, identify threats, investigate security disruptors, and probe governance challenges as they work together to build relationships and mutual understanding, and identify resilient solutions that improve national and regional security. They apply this knowledge to action-oriented projects that strive to achieve real organizational and even national outcomes. Throughout this educationally empowering, comprehensive security program, capacity is developed in security practitioners to support the ideals of rules-based international order, and a free and open Indo-Pacific, with the expectation that we all identify how best to contribute to regional security. MASL: SAP0008

The one-week Indo-Pacific Orientation Course (IPOC) prepares mid- and senior-grade security practitioners to knowledgeably engage in cooperative security efforts that build capacity to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific that recognizes the linkages between good governance, rules-based order, economics, and security. IPOC examines strategic approaches to the Indo-Pacific by the U.S., its partner nations, and its competitors. Framed by an understanding of the geopolitical landscape and security architectures of the Indo-Pacific, IPOC explores the four sub-regional dynamics, and good governance sectors of economic security, gendered security, maritime security, cyber security, and environmental security. MASL: SAP0004

The one-week Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC) course is an intensive program for current senior leaders. It is designed for military officers at the two- and three-star level and director/general civilian equivalents from the Indo-Pacific region. The curriculum emphasizes the impact of change in the region and evolving security roles, capabilities, and opportunities. MASL: SAP0003

Workshops and Dialogues

Workshops and Dialogues – DKI APCSS’ tightly focused workshop and security dialogue program anticipates the most challenging regional and transnational security issues and cooperation tasks ahead. These events, in-person or virtual, serve as a forum for key regional interagency security policy drafters and decision makers to produce actionable outputs and executable outcomes, resulting in unique value-added opportunities to partnering organizations and participants.

Regional Security Studies Intern Program

Internship opportunities are available throughout the year for undergraduates, graduate students, and those who have recently completed their academic programs (within 2 years). Interns support our suite of courses through course development, preparation, and execution as assistant seminar leaders. In addition, interns pursue research in partnership with faculty mentors, support workshops and visits, and develop their own projects on Asia-Pacific security. Interns are uncompensated and interns are responsible for travel, accommodations and living expenses.

Application information is available online at www.dkiapcss.edu

Alumni Sustained Engagement

Using tools and platforms such as periodic newsletters, password-protected portals, social media and in-person events, DKI APCSS continues to virtually and physically engage nearly 14,000 graduates and 59 alumni associations worldwide. The alumni program keeps alumni connected to each other and to the Center. The program also allows us to recognize individual alumni achievements and alumni group accomplishments that contribute to regional peace, stability and prosperity.

Women, Peace, and Security

Our WPS Program assists partner nations in the advancement of security sector governance (SSG) by integrating women leaders and women’s perspectives into security sectors, security processes, and decision-making. Our courses seek 33% women, lecture gendered security, and encourage WPS-related Fellow’s Projects; our workshops seek inclusion in SSG.