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REGIONAL STABILITY AND SECURITY



*“Everything we do
connects to
our enduring priorities”*



ALOHA AND HAFĀ ADAI

We closed out 2023 after several fast-paced months of hard work. The DKI APCSS Ohana accomplished a great deal this past year, working diligently as a team. It's not just the quantity of work that stands out but also the quality of our teamwork, planning, and execution, consistently shining throughout the year. So, a heartfelt mahalo nui loa to all of you for your diligence, patience, persistence, and passion in leading, supporting, coordinating, and even participating in our courses, workshops, key leader engagements (KLE), webinars, podcasts, overseas travels, and so much more.

I'd like to showcase a few of our major accomplishments from a 3PI (People, Program, Processes, & Infrastructure) perspective. Everything we do connects to these enduring priorities.

On PEOPLE: Joining our DKI APCSS Ohana is our new Deputy Director, Mr. Russell Bailey. He comes to us with a good balance of experience and knowledge of the region, an understanding of key policy and priority initiatives (e.g., AUKUS), and familiarity with key mission stakeholders in Security Cooperation, especially in USD (Policy) and the Indo-Pacific Security Affairs (IPSA). But most importantly, he comes to us with an exceptional reputation as a caring leader.

As we welcome one new team member to our ohana, we sadly must bid aloha to our outgoing Deputy, Mr. Dick Sears. I can't express enough my gratitude to Dick, who did not hesitate to come back to the Center to fill the Deputy position after just retiring from government service as our Dean of Admissions and Business Operations for many years. His counsel to me always had the good of the Center in mind.

On PROGRAMS: We have much to celebrate and build on from 2023. In the last half of the year, we executed a Climate Adaptation workshop in Nepal in record time. It was a last-minute ask, but our team put together a great event, which we'll follow

up on with another workshop in 2024.

We lead a Comprehensive Security Cooperation course under the cloud of a government shutdown. Our team stepped up and had a number of contingency plans in place. Thankfully, our Fellows were able to complete the entire course. We also hosted our largest course ever, with 157 Fellows attending the Indo-Pacific Orientation Course.

We also began a new Security Nexus Webinar series. This series gives us the opportunity to share our expertise and insights on a global level.

On PROCESSES: We have certainly taken many strides both internally and externally to improve our process and coordination lines. As many of you know, in 2023, USD(P) signed Regional Centers Enterprise Priorities and Crosscutting Guidance that includes broad strategic and administrative guidance, which will be updated every two years. In addition, IPSA has promulgated region-specific guidance for DKI APCSS. In turn, led by our Strategy and Assessments team, our Center uses this and crosscutting guidance for FY24 execution and FY25+ Program Plan development.

Internally, our team demonstrated maximum adaptability, flexibility, and surgeability in mid-November in the planning and execution of inserting a short-notice DKI APCSS Speaker series with Philippine President Marcos, Jr., while executing an Indo-Pacific Orientation Course (IPOC) and preparing for a Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC) course. This insertion of a significant event, which normally takes months to coordinate and plan, was only confirmed a week before execution. The internal process of properly prioritizing, deconflicting, and time-sharing resources during this compressed timeline was very impressive.

Finally, on **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Similar to our continuous investment in our people, we have also constantly improved our

infrastructure at the Center, physically and digitally. Digitally, our Information Services and Visual Information Department folks are quite busy behind the scenes upgrading equipment in the plenary and seminar rooms, as well as upgrading computers and printers throughout the Center.

You may have noticed, in the past year alone, a significant effort to improve our displays, especially in the entrance foyer as well as Wing B in the vicinity of the Library and Admissions spaces. These upgrades by our superb PA team have taken the art of storytelling to a new level. Why this is important goes back to promoting the unique value of this Center to our Fellows and senior visitors we host via the KLE program. Understanding the core of what we do has certainly been enhanced by the creativity and vision of our PA team. If you haven't seen the recent short videos produced by them, I encourage you to do so as it helps articulate our Center's unique approach to educating, connecting, and empowering security practitioners in the region.

As we get ready for 2024, we have a number of initiatives in the works. The Indo-Pacific Security Workshop has been renamed "Maluhia 2024" and will bring together senior leaders to discuss new policy initiatives.

We'll be hosting another Mobile IPOC... this time in Japan!

And finally, we will be beta-testing a new concentrated track focused on all things China. I'm excited to see how future Fellows will receive this new track and where this initiative takes us with one of our IPSA priorities addressing the pacing challenge.

Malama Pono and mahalo for your kokua!



Peter A. Gumataotao,
Rear Admiral (Ret.), U.S. Navy
Director, DKI APCSS

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The cover of this edition features Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., who spoke during the Daniel K. Inouye (DKI) Speaker Series held in November 2023. The theme for this issue is “Fostering Discussions on Regional Stability and Security,” which was also the theme of his talk.

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PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT ADDRESSES REGIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

AT DKI APCSS

The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies held the sixth iteration of its DKI Speaker Series on November 19, 2023, featuring His Excellency Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines.

The Philippine President's discussion resonated with the series' goal of fostering discussions on regional stability and security. He spoke to an auditorium of over 200 participants focusing on regional security challenges, the Philippines' security situation, and the Philippine-U.S. alliance.

President Marcos Jr. presented a donation to Hawaii to aid in the Maui fire recovery effort. Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke accepted the gift. She was joined by Rep. Ed Case, Rep. Jill Tokuda, Donovan M. Dela Cruz, and Sen. Henry Aquino.

Said Marcos, "My message has always been simple and clear: the Philippines will continue to be an engaged and responsible neighbor and partner, always finding ways to collaborate with the end goal of mutually beneficial outcomes, namely, peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region."

The President began his address by expressing gratitude for the opportunity to speak at the DKI APCSS, noting the personal connection between Senator Inouye and his father. He shared a poignant moment regarding Senator Inouye's involvement in arranging recognition for Filipino World War II veterans, showcasing the deep and longstanding ties between the two nations.

The President's address highlighted the historical ties between the Philippines and the United States, emphasized the strategic importance of the Indo-Pacific region, and outlined the country's commitment to collaboration for peace and prosperity.

This event was the sixth iteration of the series. It was co-sponsored by the DKI Institute and the Foundation for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. The series contributes to Senator Inouye's vision of Hawaii's role in ensuring a secure, stable, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. Senior officials and thought leaders can discuss their perspectives with community leaders, current and future, who represent Hawaii's longstanding support of regional security and stability. Previous speakers include then Secretary of Defense Dr. Mark T. Esper, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Affairs Randall Schriver, former Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Adm. Pete Davidson, and former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Harry Harris.

To watch this presentation online, visit the DKI APCSS YouTube channel at youtube.com/@dkiapcss.



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Jerry Sumida, President of the Foundation for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies; Jennifer Sabas, President, Daniel K. Inouye Institute (DKII); Peter Gumataotao, Director, DKI APCSS; His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., Republic of the Philippines; Adm. John Aquilino, Commander, US Indo-Pacific Command; Adm. Sam Paparo, Commander, US Pacific Fleet; and Richard Sears, Deputy Director, DKI APCSS.



BAILEY JOINS CENTER AS THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Russell Bailey has joined the Center as the new deputy director of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

A seasoned professional, Bailey has extensive executive-level service at the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, the Joint Staff, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, and the National Security Council staff at the White House, as well as tours on two U.S. Embassy country teams (in Indonesia and Singapore).

“I am humbled by the opportunity to join Rear Adm. (Ret.) Gumataotao and the DKI APCSS ohana as they continue to forge relationships across the Indo-Pacific, addressing the complex security environment and advancing the National Defense Strategy and Defense Department objectives in our nation’s priority theater,” Bailey said.

A California native, Bailey earned a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and a Master of Arts in Asian Studies,



DKI APCSS Director Pete Gumataotao speaking to his two Deputies: incoming Deputy Russell Bailey and departing deputy Richard Sears.

with an emphasis in National Security Affairs, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from California State Polytechnic University.

“The selection of Mr. Russell Bailey will help make us better,” said DKI APCSS Director Pete Gumataotao. “We had numerous qualified folks who applied.

The selection was very competitive and comprehensive, and we are very excited to have the caliber of leadership and experience that Russ brings to our Ohana.

Bailey replaces Capt. Richard Sears, USN (Ret.), who has been the deputy director since earlier this year, succeeding Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Jim Hirai. Sears retired in January 2024.

GALLE DIALOGUES

Retired U.S. Navy Captain Wade Turvold, DKI APCSS Dean of Admissions and Business Operations, represented the Center at the 2023 Galle Dialogues, serving as a moderator for the Maritime Domain Awareness panel at the conference.

The 11th edition of the Galle Dialogue International Maritime Conference, organized by the Sri Lanka Navy in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence and Geopolitical Cartographer, was held October 12-13, 2023, in Sri Lanka. The central theme of this year’s conference was “Emerging New Order in the Indian Ocean.” Maritime representatives from 42 countries, along with 11 international organizations and defense industry organizations, participated in this year’s event.

More at: geopoliticalcartographer.com/events/conferences/



HAWAII COMMUNITY LEADERS

SUPPORT PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

For 28 years, the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) has played a crucial role in promoting peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. Since 2000, the Center has received generous support from Hawaii's local community through the Foundation for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

A group of Hawaii's business and community leaders created the Foundation as a nonprofit institution where the local community could support the Center's activities to ensure its continued success. Through personal donations from its members, the Foundation has supported numerous Center programs, ensuring that the Center can continue its valuable work to address the ever-evolving security concerns in the Indo-Pacific region. Their support has created opportunities for alumni events and community relations activities.

Gerry Sumida, one of the original founders and the president of the Foundation, has been instrumental in ensuring that the Foundation continues to thrive. According to Sumida, given the rising security threats in the Indo-Pacific region, the reasons to support DKI APCSS have compounded.

"This part of the world has become much more important and critical," said Sumida. "The [Fellows] who pass through the Center create bonds that contribute to peace and security in the region."

The Foundation recently held its biannual meeting, where the 18 members voted on membership and discussed strategies to support the Center's future plans. The meeting was attended by Gen. (ret.) David Bramlett, Gerald "Jerry" Sumida, Betty Brow, Connie Lau, Maj. Gen. (ret.) Darryll Wong, and DKI APCSS Deputy Director Dick Sears.

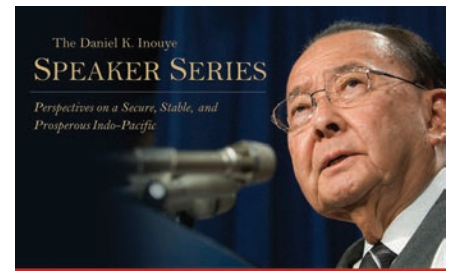
A critical factor that has enabled the Foundation to support the Center is 10 U.S. Code § 2611. This law allows DKI APCSS to accept gifts and donations to defray costs



The Foundation for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies held its biannual meeting on October 12. Some of the members of the Foundation include (left to right): Gen. (ret.) David Bramlett, Gerald "Jerry" Sumida, Betty Brow, Connie Lau, and Maj. Gen. (ret.) Darryll Wong. Also pictured is then DKI APCSS Deputy Director Dick Sears.

or enhance the operation of the Regional Center. This provision has proven invaluable in empowering DKI APCSS to fulfill its mission in a region characterized by complex security challenges. The Foundation continues to serve as a vital link between DKI APCSS and the Hawaii community, contributing to the Center's impact in the region. With the unwavering dedication of individuals like Gerry Sumida and the continued support of the Hawaii community, DKI APCSS remains an institution that promotes the security and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region.

"Our Center has been extremely fortunate to have the advocacy support of the APCSS Foundation. They reflect the true patriotic spirit of our local community, and we are all very grateful for their support."
-Pete Gumataotao



The Foundation has sponsored events like the DKI Speaker Series, where members of the community are invited to the Center to gain awareness on Indo-Pacific security issues.

DKI APCSS, named in honor of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye, was established in 1995. Its mission is to educate, connect, and empower security practitioners from the United States and other countries in the Indo-Pacific region, fostering a better understanding of security issues to promote peace and stability. The Center offers various programs, including courses, workshops, and outreach initiatives designed to improve regional security cooperation and assist partner nations in addressing shared challenges.



ENGAGING TRANSNATIONAL SECURITY IN THE HEART OF THE PACIFIC

DKI APCSS Director Pete Gumataotao welcomes participants and friends to the Center at the start of TSC23-1.

The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies brought together senior-level security practitioners from more than 20 countries to explore transnational security issues and emerging challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

DKI APCSS professor Dr. Jeremiah “Lumpy” Lumbaca and U.S. Navy Capt. Henry Saito led the group from June 23-28, 2023. The 27 participants engaged in discussions on topics such as economics, strategic competition, maritime security, space security, and cybersecurity. A tabletop exercise simulated a real-world crisis, allowing the Fellows to apply their knowledge strategically and engage in role-playing.

One lecture on the information environment in the Indo-Pacific region was particularly engaging. Brian Finlay, president and CEO of the Stimson Center, expressed surprise at the resonance the topic had with participants.

“When it came to misinformation and disinformation, I was really surprised,” Finlay said. “To see the participants’ eyes light up as they clearly identified with the challenges that arise from misinformation and disinformation, I didn’t think it would resonate as much as it did.”

A visit to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command headquarters provided the Fellows with insights into how the U.S. military seeks to deter regional conflict. For Nicole Bacolod, director of the Office of Financial Manage-

ment for the Philippines Department of National Defense, the experience alleviated some fears about military conflict in the region.

“We always fear what we do not know,” Bacolod said. “But with education and the knowledge that I got [in TSC], it makes you fearless because you know that the leaders in this area know what they’re doing. They don’t want war. Everyone wants peace.”

The course also sparked transformative discussions among the Fellows. U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Lance Okamura, director of strategic engagements for Joint Task Force-Red Hill, noted that engaging with experienced senior Fellows from other countries shifted his perspective.

“Engaging with brilliant senior Fellows from other countries who have a lot of experience can change your mind within four days,” Okamura said. “I learned that each nation has its own asymmetric concerns outside of traditional military conflict. Whether it be crime or violent extremism, they are constantly inundated with threats that aren’t considered traditional.”

This iteration of TSC featured break-out sessions where the Fellows brainstormed ideas to enhance alliance and partnership building between countries, drawing on previous DKI APCSS workshops, including “Alliances, Partnerships, and Architecture” and “Maluhia 2023.” Several Fellows

advocated for a security approach that prioritizes human security issues such as food education, infrastructure development, environmental concerns, and fostering trust between nations.

The course also offered participants a chance to learn about Hawaiian culture through traditional Hawaiian oli chants and a tour of the center’s native Hawaiian plants. The TSC course provides a comprehensive and enriching experience for senior security practitioners from the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.



The Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC 23-1) course included 27 participants from 21 locations around the world.



SENIOR LEADERS GAIN A NEW VIEW OF THE REGION AT TSC 23-2

The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies closed out the Center's slate of course offerings for the 2023 calendar year by graduating 27 Fellows from the Transnational Security (TSC 23-2) Course.

From December 3-9, 2023, participating senior leaders received lectures on crucial security issues in the Indo-Pacific region. DKI APCSS faculty shed light on topics such as the U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy, China's Perspectives on the Indo-Pacific, Cybersecurity, Maritime Security, and modernizing partner and alliance relationships.

On Wednesday, the Fellows made an excursion to visit the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and met with USINDOPACOM Commander Admiral John Aquilino, as captured in the group photo above.

The 27 Fellows came from Cambodia, Canada, Cook Islands, Fiji, Germany, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, and Vietnam.

DKI APCSS offers TSC twice a year to senior security practitioners from the whole of government and society at the vice-minister, ambassador, and senior military officer (one- to four-star rank) level. It aims to enhance awareness of transnational security issues within the complex environments where they occur, explore collaborative policies to address these challenges, identify opportunities to strengthen states' capacities, and promote effective and accountable security governance.



Ms. Yun Sun, Co-Director of the East Asia Program at the Stimson Center and Director of the China Program, shares her thoughts.



Prof. Shyam Tekwani discusses Media and Security.

"I have appreciated the honest, open discussion on the varying topics this week. The wealth of knowledge and experience on security matters is invaluable. The DKI APCSS provides a fantastic platform to initiate and encourage these discussions, and Pacific Islands Countries should take full advantage," said Ms. Chere Arthur, principal immigration officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Government of the Cook Islands.



Fellows continue discussions on the lanai during lunch.



CSC 23-3: FELLOWS NAVIGATE UNCERTAINTY WITH COURAGE

In a world marked by evolving geopolitical security challenges, DKI APCSS hosted the Comprehensive Security Cooperation (CSC) course 23-3 in Honolulu, bringing together 108 Fellows from over 30 countries in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

According to course manager Dr. Sungmin Cho, the course was not just a platform for academic learning but a testament to the courage of its participants, who braved uncertainty with the looming threat of a possible government shutdown.

“Even compared to [previous] Fellows, you are truly special and impressive because you survived the potential government shutdown,” said Cho in a graduation speech to the Fellows.

The course was held from September 2 to October 25, with a possible government shutdown taking place on October 1, just one-and-a-half weeks into the program. For weeks before the course, Cho and the Center staff developed multiple plans to navigate a government shutdown, ranging from drastically restructuring the schedule to canceling the entire course altogether. Ultimately, the Center leadership chose to continue with the class and restructure the program so that the Fellows could receive essential instruction before October 1.

Said Cho, “Some suggested that we should cancel the course or end in eight days to remove any uncertainty, but we planned for success, not for failure.”

On the evening of September 30, the U.S. government announced a continuing resolution. The following morning, instead of boarding planes to their home countries, the Fellows boarded a bus for a team-building excursion around the island.

Rowena Tatad, a Fellow from the Philippines, was selected by her peers to deliver a commencement speech on the Fellow’s behalf. In her remarks, Tatad reflected on two pivotal moments that defined the uniqueness of this course. She acknowledged that the threat of a U.S. government shutdown and the unfortunate occurrences of the Israel-Palestine conflict and the



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Afghanistan earthquake were incidents that set this course apart from its predecessors.

Tatad emphasized the bond that developed among the participants due to the shared trauma of a potential government shutdown. She referred to this phenomenon as “trauma bonding,” which often leads to strong emotional connections among individuals facing high uncertainty and distress. However, she chose to reframe this experience as a testament to genuine peer support that accelerated social connections and a sense of belonging among participants from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and aspirations.

According to Tatad, it was this authentic peer support that fostered deliberate interactions, encouraged sincere efforts to engage with fellow participants, and, most importantly, created a platform for open and meaningful conversations—the uncertain times transformed into an opportunity for deeper insights and broader perspectives on various issues.

She also noted how current events like the Israel-Palestine conflict and the Afghanistan earthquake created opportunities for deliberate discussions. During the course, Fellows

from the regions retold firsthand accounts, fostering in-depth discussions and insights into these global issues.

Throughout the course, events like “The Great Game” and “The Great Debate” provided effective platforms for simulating interactions between leaders, individuals, and governments with diverse interests and motivations. Additionally, the Fellows Projects encouraged participants to develop and initiate long-term projects that will improve the security environment in their home countries.

In her speech to her cohort, Tatad reflected on the transformation they underwent as a class. “We came here to DKI APCSS as strangers,” said Tatad. “But because of the shared understanding built over time about the interconnectedness and the shared and the transboundary nature of different issues, I believe that we acquire that sense that we now have this network of people and professionals whom we can work with. We have just acquired more opportunity and motivation to collaborate and cooperate on issues that matter, especially when they matter.”

Photographs capturing interactions among Fellows during the course.

DKI APCSS Hosts Its LARGEST IN-PERSON COURSE WITH 157 FELLOWS



IPOC 23-3 Course Manager Dr. Bill Wieninger welcomes Fellows to the course.

In November 2023, DKI APCSS marked a milestone in the Center’s history when it held its largest in-person course, with 157 Fellows participating in the Indo-Pacific Orientation Course (IPOC) 23-3.

The course, held Nov. 13-17, 2023, included a diverse group of 55 women and 102 men, reflecting 35% female participation. According to course manager Dr. Bill Wieninger, this gender ratio demonstrates the course’s robust and inclusive nature. Participants hailed from 11 locations: the United States, the United Kingdom, Thailand, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Korea, New Zealand, Japan, France, and Canada. This diversity fostered rich discussions on regional security challenges.

This iteration of the IPOC introduced significant structural changes to improve the learning experience. One major innovation was the creation of inter-agency working groups, allowing participants to choose from six security topics: Taiwan, the South China Sea, building partnerships



Fellows in their seminar room

and allies, climate change, governance, and strengthening bilateral and multilateral alliances. The last topic emerged as the most popular choice, highlighting an increasing focus on international defense collaboration.

“People coming to our course recognize the importance of defense partnerships,” Wieninger said. “Integrated deterrence involves interagency and international collaboration with partners and allies. This shows our defense community values these aspects highly.”



DKI APCSS staff enjoy a seminar of their own.

Course managers reduced seminar time to allow for deeper content engagement. They introduced advanced and introductory electives, catering to varying participant knowledge levels. Wieninger noted the importance of an engaging learning environment and highlighted increased diverse engagement in plenary sessions. The course’s lively and interactive approach was well-received, contributing to a dynamic and enjoyable atmosphere.

FOUR DKI APCSS PROFESSORS SUPPORT THAILAND'S SENIOR SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAM



Fellows developing a strategic thinking matrix.

DKI APCSS Faculty and senior leadership once again participated in the Royal Thai Armed Forces' Strategic Studies Center of the National Defense Studies Institute's Senior Security Studies Program in July 2023. The intensive one-week course for senior Thai security sector leaders was held in Bangsaen, Chonburi, and emphasized the impact of change in the region as well as the capacity to manage change for both leaders and institutions. Thirty participants from a variety of government organizations and academia attended the fourth iteration of the course. They represented various offices within the Ministries of Defense, Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, education, and others.

During the course, these senior leaders reviewed a comprehensive array of emergent and over-the-horizon security issues:

- Dr. Alexander Vuving led a session on Critical Thinking and Strategic Thinking.
- Mary Markovinic conducted a session on Strategic Communication.
- Dr. Al Oehlers discussed Space Security.
- Dr. Tim Buehrer presented sessions on Economics & Security and the Blue Economy.

The course also covered other topics, including ASEAN security challenges, climate change, and cybersecurity.

The opening and closing ceremonies were led by Lt. Gen. Natee Wongissares, Deputy Commanding General of the National Defence Studies Institute; Maj. Gen. Taksin Sirisingha, Director of the Strategic Studies Center; and retired Navy Captain Richard Sears, Deputy Director of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. Maj. Pablo Valerin, Chief of Training and Education for Joint US Military Advisory Group Thailand (JUSMAGTHAI), spoke at the opening ceremonies.

During the opening ceremony, Lt. Gen. Wongissares cited the SSC as a valuable resource for the Thai Ministry of Defence to bring security practitioners together for collaboration and capacity building.

General Jerdwut Kraprayoon provided keynote remarks on Comprehensive Security and the challenges of hybrid warfare. Maj. Valerin shared the U.S. perspective on the Global Security situation.



Dr. Alexander Vuving



Dr. Timothy Buehrer

In his closing ceremony remarks, DKI APCSS Deputy Director Sears reminded the participants that we live in a high-pressure environment today and that the key to successfully addressing the complex challenges we face is through good relationships and cooperation.

The United States and Thailand enjoy a long-committed alliance. This Senior Security Studies Course is an excellent example of how our countries can work together to build cooperation throughout the Indo-Pacific Region. DKI APCSS proudly counts more than 480 Thai security sector professionals as part of its alumni network.



Lt. Gen. Natee Wongissares, Deputy Commanding General of the National Defence Studies Institute

PHILIPPINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION OCTOBER 2023

By Doug Carroll

In late October 2023, a diverse team from the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies landed in Manila to reconnect with their vast alumni network across the Philippine government. Having been carefully organized by college professor Dr. Virginia Bacay Watson, this highly successful tour brought leadership, faculty, and staff members from DKI APCSS directly to the halls of power of several critical government agencies and military headquarters.

One of the highlights of the visit was when DKI APCSS Director Pete Gumataotao met with the Philippine Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Mr. Gilbert Teodoro. Gumataotao had two points to make to the SecDef. The first was to build awareness of the number and quality of course and workshop participants we've had from the Philippines.

"The other thing I wanted to do," said Gumataotao, "was just to listen to him and see, as a Regional Center focused on the Indo-Pacific, how we can help foster the relationship with one of our key allies here in the region and, specifically, the Philippines."

These formal proceedings allowed for strengthening relations with the country's prevailing leadership and a renewed understanding of the far-reaching benefits of building our alumni network. During an

impromptu yet energetic alumni round-table discussion at the National Security Department, several senior staff spoke freely of their shared challenges in promoting better cooperation throughout their government and beyond. Of great significance were the completed Fellow Project among these young leaders.



Kristina Camille Cablayan

Kristina Camille Cablayan, Chief, Multilateral Cooperation Division and alumna of CSC 22-3, shared information on her project with the group.

"So my project is about improving the process flow of our military deployment to UN Peacekeeping Operations," she said. The project eventually produced strong cooperation among different offices within the United Nations to coordinate these deployments into conflict zones.

Emielynn Francisco, planning officer at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs and a CSC 22-1 alumna, explained the impact of her initiative.

"My Fellows Project is a Strategic Defense review of our pioneering National Defense Strategy. The defense key recommendations included in the set review were also used in the crafting and finalizing of our new National Defense Strategy."

Cablayan made the observation that "all of the things that we've learned from your courses, offered by APCSS, actually have great impact on what we are currently doing right now."

During a visit to the naval headquarters, Rear Admiral Caesar Bernard Nieves Valencia, an alumnus of TSC 18-2 and ASC 17 - 2, brought together DKI APCSS alumni from across the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Among the shared experiences and warm hugs, he stated, "APCSS gave us a lot of networks. I think that is what is important. The Philippine government is a large organization, and it [APCSS] brought a lot of new people I wouldn't have known if not for APCSS. It gave me a different lot of perspective, a different perspective, of how to deal with things."



Gilbert Teodoro, Secretary of National Defense of the Philippines.



Primarily attended by DKI APCSS alumni, Philippine Coast Guard Officers enthusiastically shared numerous valuable insights they gained from DKI APCSS that have been beneficial in their professional roles

At the Philippine Coast Guard Headquarters, Vice Admiral Rolando Lizaro Narag Punzalan Jr., an alumnus of CSRT 10-1, reflected on his time at the Center. “It has been 13 years now. Because of the visit of the good Director and the team, it brought back so much memories... what I learned which became very, very useful with my work... (it) opened my eyes and it has been part of my fiber.” His APCSS pin proudly displayed upon his chest caught the light as much

as his broad smile. That coveted pin is the only decoration of any kind allowed on any uniform outside of the Armed Forces of the Philippines’ own insignia.

Later that evening, at the Philippine Alumni Association Reunion, these same bright smiles, friendly embraces, and echoes of laughter permeated the ballroom full of golden lanyards. With over 500 members to date and growing, this network is the largest group of DKI APCSS alumni through-

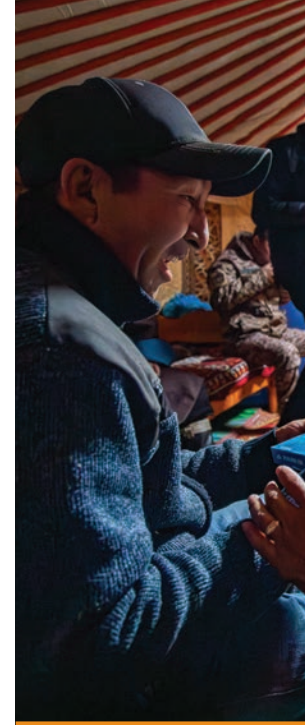


Gen. Romeo S. Brawner Jr., Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.



Orlando S. Mercado, Former senator and Secretary of national defense, Philippines

out the Indo-Pacific. Director Gumataotao took the opportunity to address this ohana, stating, “If you look around this room, you actually can move the needle... in terms of our relationship with the United States and the Philippinesin terms of being leaders in the Southeast Asia regionin terms of being innovative and for learning to lead this region of consequence in the 21st century. It’s in this room, and you are the ones that can define that path for all of us.”



MONGOLIA

DKI APCSS PARTNERSHIP

In the fall of 2023, a Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies team visited Mongolia. The team included Center leadership, faculty, alumni relations, and public affairs offices. The primary objective was to conduct the inaugural dialogue between the Mongolian Institute for Strategic Studies (ISS) and DKI APCSS on regional security concerns and to produce a roadmap for future engagements. This dialogue was established by Mendee Jargalsaikhan's Fellows Project and was realized less than a year after its inception.

"We tried to set up a platform for both Mongolian and U.S. researchers and scholars to come over and talk about their shared security interests. Also, at the same time, it will bring the APCSS faculty to nurture the network of the alumni and also bring some of their training methodology to Mongolia," said Mendee Jargalsaikhan, the newly appointed Director of the Mongolian Institute for Strategic Studies (ISS) and alumnus of CSC 23-1.

These dialogues took place over several days at ISS headquarters, nuzzled in the

snow-covered hills that surround the capital city of Ulaan Baatar. "We took turns presenting on the different issues in the region specifically as they relate to Russia and China," said U. S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Yvonne Yang, a military professor at DKI APCSS.

"Their efforts to maintain their sovereignty and diplomacy, by nature, forces them to think in a very holistic and global approach that brings a great perspective that I think a lot of our Fellows appreciate, and I know I appreciated it as well as a seminar leader," she added.

Dr. Lukas Filler, another DKI APCSS professor who contributed to the dialogues, was very pleased with the resulting outcomes. "It opened their minds to looking at a different problem and then seeing how they could take some of the lessons learned from there and apply it to their situation," he said. "As a young democracy, it has a very good ability to be idealistic but at the same time very pragmatic." These engagements also provided the host country with an update on DKI APCSS activities and offerings while also providing the DKI APCSS



team with an update on security issues from Mongolia's perspective.

At the Mongolia DKI APCSS Alumni Association reunion, graciously hosted at the residence of the U. S. Embassy's Deputy-Chief of Mission, the creativity and determination of these alumni were easy to discern. Alumni Association President, Col. (Ret.) Dorjjugder Munkh-Ochir, who has held the position since 2005, was eager to share a few of the outstanding accomplishments this impressive group of leaders achieved.

"The Alumni Association formed the team of experts across various sections of government to draft and propose the three utmost important documents related to the National Security of Mongolia, which are: the National Security concept and the Foreign Policy concept, which were adopted in 2010; then the National Military Concept, which was adopted by parliament in 2015," he said beaming with pride.

With almost 300 alumni, the association is one of our most active and was awarded DKI APCSS Alumni Association of the Year in 2015.



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01. Mongolia Alumni Association Event
02. Director Gumataotao gift exchange with local herder
03. The DKI APCSS team take a photo with Mongolian cowboys
04. Mongolian APCSS Alumni
05. Naymadorj Ankhbayar, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mongolia
06. Mendee Jargalsaikhan and Ambassador Richard Buangan
07. Mongolian Border Patrol Authority in a traditional Mongolian Custom Gur following official engagement...cultural immersion traditional dignitary reception ceremony
08. DKI APCSS Dialogue with the Institute for Strategic Studies in Mongolia

CLIMATE ADAPTATION: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR RESILIENCE IN SOUTH ASIA

Climate adaptation and building climate literacy were the focus of a workshop hosted by the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. The workshop titled “Climate Adaptation: Building Partnerships for Resilience in South Asia” was held August 21-24, 2023 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

It was attended by 25 participants and subject matter experts from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and the United States.

The Climate Adaptation workshop supported objectives outlined in the United States Indo-Pacific Strategy (2022). Specifically, it involved working with partners to develop targets, strategies, plans, and policies consistent with limiting the global temperature increase; seeking to serve as the preferred partner as the region transitions to a net-zero future; and working with partners to reduce their vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation, support critical-infrastructure resilience and address energy security.

One participant stated: “If you have no climate security, we have no economic security; and if we have no economic security, we have no national security.”

Some takeaways from the workshop were:

- Existing regional institutions, vice “new” architectures, are seen as the best possible platforms for advancing climate security in the region. Workshop polling clearly indicated an increased confidence in regional institutions, including BIMSTEC and SAARC.
- “Water” was seen as the most pressing challenge presented by climate change.
- Participants identified a need for data sharing, joint action, and mechanisms/



(Left to right) Taryn Ino from CFE-DM, Ms. Ruhee Neog Director, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Dr. Monisa Qadiri from the Islamic University of Technology



Dr. Ethan Allen (right) leads a seminar discussion



Ambassador Dean R. Thompson, United States Ambassador to Nepal

processes to facilitate such interactions. A platform, process, or mechanism must be collaboratively developed and implemented for sharing knowledge and capacity building.

- Regional militaries need to take a much more proactive approach toward climate adaptation, rather than the more common reactive approach narrowly focused on natural disaster reaction and remediation.

- Militaries should not be tasked with the leadership role in climate adaptation but rather should be engaged as a uniquely powerful support tool and partner, especially at the regional level.

As a follow-up to the workshop, DKI APCSS is hosting a climate cohort during an upcoming Comprehensive Security Cooperation course. The Center is also planning a follow-up Climate Adaptation workshop for South Asia later this year.



The session was a hybrid event with participants both in person and virtual.



Ms. Sasha Baker, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, US Dept. of Defense



Vice Adm. Narate Wongtrakoon, director general, Naval Operations Department, Royal Thai Navy, and Ms. Lori Abele

ADMM-PLUS EWG ON MARITIME SECURITY MEETING

In September 2023, the Center was host to the 19th ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus Experts' Working Group on Maritime Security and their Future Leaders' Programme and Maritime Security Conference. Thailand served as the co-chair lead for the meeting, represented by General Paiboon Vorravanprecha, Director General of the Office of Policy and Planning, Ministry of Defense. The United States was represented by Ms. Lori Abele, Principal Director for

South and Southeast Asia, Department of Defense. Then, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Ms. Sasha Baker, provided keynote remarks for the meeting. During her remarks, Ms. Baker discussed shared challenges in the maritime domain, DoD's commitment to ASEAN centrality, and the United States' efforts to collaborate with allies and partners to ensure regional peace and stability.

Fourteen nations took part in the event, with 44 participants attending the EWG Maritime Security Conference and 26 attending the Future Leaders Programme. This was the third meeting of the working group, which was hosted by the United States. The final meeting will take place in Thailand in March 2024, where the co-chairmanship will be transferred to the Philippines and Japan.



PROF. SHYAM TEKWANI PARTICIPATES IN COUNTERINSURGENCY COMMUNICATION STRATEGY MASTERCLASS



A workshop participant shares his feedback with Prof. Shyam Tekwani.



He reminded the attendees of their crucial role in establishing credible and impactful messaging for their target audiences

Prof. Tekwani emphasized the importance of maintaining a focus on creativity amidst evolving global changes

DKI APCSS Prof. Shyam Tekwani shared his expertise in the Communication Strategy Masterclass on Counterinsurgency held by the Philippines' Department of National Defense (DND) National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) Management Office (DNEMO) from July 17-19, 2023. The workshop aimed to enhance the strategic communication capabilities within the defense and security sector by focusing on key aspects such as media literacy, stakeholder engagement, and crisis communication planning.

Throughout the course, Prof. Tekwani emphasized the importance of critical thinking, creativity, and adaptability in the face of evolving global changes. He underscored the critical role communication practitioners

play in crafting credible and impactful messaging tailored to their target audiences. His insights were invaluable in guiding participants toward effective communication strategies.

During the feedback session facilitated by Prof. Tekwani, participants expressed their appreciation for the masterclass' focus on media literacy, the need for effective spokespersons, and communication plan development and implementation. They recognized the need for continued investments in communication practices, including training and equipment, to empower practitioners in their roles.

Prof. Tekwani's involvement in the Communication Strategy Masterclass highlights the importance of global perspec-

tives and expertise in addressing insurgency concerns. His contributions, along with those of other subject matter experts, have paved the way for enhanced collaboration between communication practitioners and the DND, fostering a deeper understanding of the efforts of the NTF-ELCAC in the context of national security. It also serves as a reminder of the ongoing need for innovative and effective communication strategies in countering insurgency and ensuring national security.

This article is based on an article by Katherine B. Lingnan and June Sane C. Quabo for Defense Chronicle (August 2023 – Vol. 7, issue 4). The photos are courtesy of the Defense Chronicle.

DR. BYRD BRIEFS MEMBERS OF JAPAN'S UPPER HOUSE

DKI APCSS' Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd briefed the Members of Japan's Upper House on the current situation in Myanmar in December 2023. The meeting was convened and hosted by MP Mr. Masaharu Nakagawa, the Chair of the Parliamentary Committee to Support Myanmar Democracy; Chair of the General Meeting of Democratic Party Diet Members; a former Minister of Finance; and Minister of Education, Culture, Sport, Science & Technology.

She also briefed the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau/ Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Byrd provided an update on the status of the Myanmar conflict and her assessment of the military junta and the opposition coalition forces. She also provided a summary of the U.S. Burma Act of 2023.

According to Dr. Byrd, "We discussed some of the possible policies and programs the Japanese government can implement to assist the pro-democracy movement to quickly progress from the current tipping point to the endpoint. We also discussed the role of China in the current conflict and its possible responses to recent developments in Myanmar."



Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd briefs members of Japan's Upper House on the current situation in Myanmar

Also, while in Japan, Dr. Byrd gave a public lecture on "Myanmar Turmoil in the Context of Strategic Competition" at the Tokyo University Komaba Campus.

The trip also included a visit to Thailand, where she spoke at the Chiang Mai University School of Public Policy and visited several other civil society organizations working on issues relating to the Myanmar conflict.



Dr. Byrd in Thailand



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- **Looking for Direction: Germany in the Indo-Pacific** by Sandra Meerwein



Dr. Ethan Allen



Maj. Afua Boahema-Lee



Dr. Lami Kim



Dr. Sungmin Cho



Dr. Alexander Vuving



Captain J.P. Taylor



Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd

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Dr. Jeremiah "Lumpy" Lumbaca delivering opening remarks for TSC 23-2 Commencement ceremony.



WEBINAR EXPLORES OPPORTUNITIES TO BOOST SPACE COLLABORATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

In partnership with U.S. Space Command, the Center for Indo-Pacific Affairs (UH-Manoa), Pacific Forum, and the Aerospace Corporation, the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies convened a webinar as part of the 29th Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-29), on September 5, 2023.

The webinar, titled “Accelerating Asia-Pacific Space Economies Through Partnerships: Challenges, Opportunities and Best Practices,” promoted discussion on why, despite the growth of space economies across a broader range of Asia-Pacific nations, intra-regional space collaboration still lags across the region. Various guest speakers represented the military, civil, and commercial space sectors. The speakers included representatives from the U.S. Space Command, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, the Aerospace Corporation,



Lockheed Martin, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the Pacific Forum.

“There appears to be opportunities to harness complementary [nations] to grow partnerships that will synergize the space sector in the Asia-Pacific,” said DKI APCSS professor Dr. Alfred Oehlers. “It appears we haven’t yet fully seized these opportunities to realize our potential.”

The discussions facilitated an exchange of perspectives on:

1. The principal challenges inhibiting regional partnerships from playing a catalyzing role in accelerating space economies.
2. Comparative regional partnership experiences and models that may helpfully inform future efforts guiding space policy.
3. The most promising regional partnership opportunities for the future in the Asia-Pacific across different space sectors.

The webinar was the third iteration in a series aligned with APRSAF Annual Meetings. It’s available to view online at: youtube.com/watch?v=ukEBO1ak-5A



Ke Kumu Podcast:

The name “Ke Kumu” is Hawaiian for “the teacher” or “why.” Produced by the public affairs office, this podcast explores the reasons behind Indo-Pacific security dynamics. It aims to foster cooperation among security professionals in the region. The episodes feature DKI APCSS faculty, experts, and a variety of fellows and alumni from the Center.



TAKE20 PODCAST: What we are Thinking About AI

In October 2023, DKI APCSS faculty hosted a Take20 Podcast on the risks and opportunities surrounding the application of artificial intelligence in warfare, peace, and everything in between. The podcast was moderated by Dr. Srini Sitaraman and included U.S. Army Maj. Tony Smith who served as a military fellow at DKI APCSS and Dr. Elizabeth Kunce.

You can listen online at:

<https://dkiapcss.edu/take20-podcast-what-we-are-thinking-about-ai/>

GLOBAL SECURITY TAKES CENTER STAGE: NEW WEBINAR SERIES TACKLES VITAL ISSUES

Understanding the key challenges is crucial in a world of complex and evolving security threats. The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) has launched the Security Nexus Webinar (SNW) series to provide essential insights into the most pressing issues shaping the Indo-Pacific region and the world.

WHAT YOU'LL GET:

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EPISODE 11: North Korea Beyond the Headlines - Look past the sensationalized news and better understand North Korea.

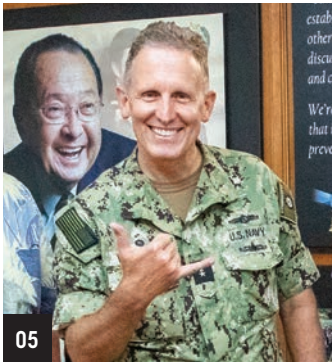


MEET YOUR HOST: DR. JAMES M. MINNICH

These insightful discussions are led by Dr. James M. Minnich, a retired U.S. Army Colonel and distinguished DKI APCSS professor. His extensive military experience and academic expertise add unparalleled depth to the analysis. Dr. Minnich holds advanced degrees from the University of South California and Harvard University, and his scholarly works on regional security are widely recognized.

In a world of escalating security challenges, SNW is your essential resource for understanding and navigating the future. Visit our website for more information and the recording of past webinars at dkiapcss.edu/the-security-nexus-webinar





KEY LEADER ENGAGEMENTS

DKI APCSS hosted over 30 Key Leader engagements from July to December 2023 to discuss relevant national security topics and enhance DKI APCSS collaboration, networks, and outreach in the region. Key leader engagements supported several U.S. mission partners and various leaders from each of the four Indo-Pacific sub-regions.

- 01. **Ms. Sasha Baker**
Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy,
US Dept. of Defense
- 02. **His Excellency Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.**
President of the Republic of the Philippines
- 03. **Ms. Bridgette Walker**
Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Phnom
Penh

- 04. **Mr. Emil Fernandez**
Consul General of the Philippines in Honolulu
- 05. **Rear Adm. Michael Vernazza**
Fleet Information Warfare Command - Pacific
- 06. **Ms. Lori Abele**
Principal Director for South and Southeast
Asia, US Dept. of Defense
- 07. **Mr. Seo Young Lee**
Consul General, Republic of Korea

- 08. **Mr. Joel Ehrendreich**
U.S. Amb. to Palau
- 09. **Gen. Paiboon Vorravanprecha**
Director, Office of Policy and Planning,
Thailand Ministry of Defense
- 10. **Maj. Gen. Yoshio Hamazaki**
Japan Ground Self-Defense Force
- 11. **Navy Foreign Attaché Affairs
Office**

- 12. **New Zealand Defence Force
Command and Staff College**
- 13. **Vice Adm. Andrew Tionson**
Chief, U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area
- 14. **Amb. Hugo Yun**
US Ambassador to the Maldives
- 15. **Amb. Muhammad Imran**
Bangladesh Ambassador to the U.S.
- 16. **Fellows, National Defense
University Capstone
class 23-4**



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OTHER KEY LEADER ENGAGEMENTS INCLUDED:

William John Emmott
Chair of Trustees, International
Institute for Strategic Studies

Mr. Min Chang
Political Minister Counselor,
U.S. Embassy Seoul

Mrs. Laura Rauch
Senior Advisor for Strategic Engagement to
the Secretary of the U.S. Air Force

Air Vice- Marshall Paul Godfrey
UK Space Force

**Lt Gen(Ret.) BJ Shwedo and Maj.
Gen. (Ret) David J. Scott**
U.S. Air Force Institute for Future Conflict

Dr. Carol Evans
Director of the Strategic Studies Institute,
US. Army War College

Ms. Ghonti Mariam
Deputy Director, Department of
Internal and External Security Affairs

**Ms. Mary Brazier Director of
Mission Assurance**
Office of the Secretary of Defense

Mr. Walter Russel Mead
Hudson Institute and Wall Street Journal
Columnist

Fleet Master Chief David Isom
US Indo-Pacific Command

Rear Adm. Jo-Ann Burdian
US Coast Guard Assistant Commandant for
Response Policy

Richard Schmidt
Deputy Secretary for Policy and Planning
New Zealand Ministry of Defence

**Mr. Erv Koehler, Assistant
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General Supplies & Services,
US General Services Administration

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US Navy

Ms. Michele Kimpel Guzman
Diplomat, China Team Deputy Director,
US Dept. of State

Ms. Laura Rosenberger
Chair, American Institute in Taiwan

Mr. Dave Ferrari
Assistant Director, Strategy, Plans and
Policy, US Defense Security Cooperation
Agency

Andrew Swartzter
Associate Dean, US Air Command
and Staff College

Ft. Master Chief David Isom
US Indo-Pacific Command

Col. Chris Hobgood, Chief
Joint U.S. Military Affairs Group - Korea

Vice Adm. Rene Tas
Chief Naval Officer, Netherlands Navy

Hail & Farewells



Lt. Col. Robert Gramling, Maj. Eric J. Dahlmann, Maj. Jennifer Matthews, Cmdr. Yvonne C. Yang, Lt. Col. Alexander S. Park, Lt. Col. Luke Crouch, and Lt. Col. Ryan Agee were introduced at the recent Hail and Farewell ceremony.



Johannes Fraunholz and Rachelle Rodriguez



Amb. Peter Haymond



Melanie Lagasse Valle

HAIL

JULY

Lt. Col. Ryan Agee, AWC fellow, CSS
 Maj. Rommel Camange, EOG
 Col. Joseph Coughlin, DABO
 Lt. Col. Luke Crouch (US), CSS
 Niel Kaneshiro, CSS
 Col. Matthew Leclair, AWC fellow, CSS
 Maj. Alex Park, AR BOP fellow, CSS

Jordan Spencer, ADM
 Capt. Erin Williams, CSS

AUGUST

Lt. Col. Tamara Fischer, REO/EOG
 Johannes Fraunholz, research fellow, CSS
 Lt. Col. Robert Gramling, CSS
 Melanie Lagasse Valle, LIB
 Nick Nugent, ISD

SEPTEMBER

William Britt III, intern, CSS
 Martijn Cornelissen, intern, CSS
 Amb. Peter Haymond, CSS
 Cmdr. Chang-Hyun Lee (ROK), visiting practitioner, CSS
 Rachelle Rodriguez, contractor, CSS
 Cmdr. Hayley Sims, Navy fellow, PAO

NOVEMBER

Maxwell Lee, contractor, ISD
 Randal Nagaishi, ISD

DECEMBER

Russell Bailey, deputy director, EOG

BO: Business Operations
 CSS: College of Security Studies
 DABO: Department of Admissions and Business Operations

EOG: Executive Operations Group
 HR: Human Resources
 ISD: Information Services Dept.

PAO: Public Affairs Office
 REO: Regional Engagement Ops.
 RM: Resource Management
 S & A: Strategy & Assessment

FAREWELL

JULY

Doris Dyogi, REO
Maj. Esther Kim, AF fellow, CSS
Capt. Christopher Marshall, JAG/EOG
LS2 Dajah White, RM

AUGUST

Peter Bennett, intern, CSS
Jun Nagashima, visiting scholar, CSS
Quan Nguyen, intern, CSS
Richa Parikh, intern, CSS
Rachelle Rodriguez, intern, CSS
Caleb Rothmeyer, intern, CSS

SEPTEMBER

Maj. Rommel Camange, EOG
Lt. Col. Howard Eyth, CSS, retired
Logan Kutzman, intern, CSS
Saumya Sampath, research fellow, CSS
Maj. Anthony Smith, BOP fellow, CSS

OCTOBER

Nick Nugent, ISD
NeKayla Biggs, RM
Gillian Carvalho, ISD
Col. Jonathan Warr, AWC fellow, CSS

NOVEMBER

Johannes Fraunholz, research fellow, CSS

DECEMBER

Eric (EJ) Bartolome, PAO
Maj. Afua Boahema-Lee, AR BOP fellow, CSS
William Britt II, intern, CSS
Martijn Cornelissen, intern, CSS
Cmdr. Chang-Hyun Lee, visiting practitioner, CSS
Cmdr. Hayley Sims, Navy fellow, PAO



Doris Dyogi



Capt. Christopher Marshall and EJ Batolome



Maj. Rommel Camange

Value of the INTERN PROGRAM



By William Britt III

The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies was founded on the vision of its namesake, Senator Daniel K. Inouye, to establish a center where leaders from military, diplomatic, and other fields could collaborate, debate, and find solutions to shared concerns. These principles of collaboration, understanding, and respect are central to the Center's mission and are actively embodied in its courses and culture. Maintaining this environment requires the concerted efforts of not only the faculty and staff but also the vital contributions of interns, whose work, though less visible, is equally crucial.

DKI APCSS features internship positions in four departments: College of Security Studies, Information Services, the Library, and Public Affairs. Although each section has its own set of requirements and tasks to be carried out, as one former intern, Rachele Rodriguez, expresses, DKI APCSS is unique in that there is little structure within the structure. Rather than forcing them to focus on tasks and projects that may have little or no relevance to their interests, interns are given a great deal of agency to pursue their own goals. While this freedom allows interns to directly pursue research areas relevant to them, it requires drive and proactivity. DKI APCSS can provide all of the means and opportunities for those interns willing to take a leap of faith and dive into those opportunities.

A perfect representation of such an opportunity comes from Volunteer Program Manager Toni DiFante's "What's Next?" program. Here, interns must engage with the Program Manager and Center leadership to figure out long-term and short-term professional development goals. By incorporating research, community mentoring, and networking, past interns have successfully pursued a diverse range of dream opportunities. From graduate-level research at the best universities worldwide to careers at places like the Defense Intelligence Agency, Pacific Forum, East-West Center, and the White House, success is not just heard about in the spoken word but achieved through tangible actions here at DKI APCSS.

Such a structure helps interns to better their communication skills and leadership attributes. These experiences inspired Ms. Rodriguez to pursue a job with DKI APCSS staff. Their story is not unique, as another former-intern-turned-staff member attests. Their time at DKI APCSS several years ago bore many of the same themes, with much of the onus being put on interns to pursue knowledge and opportunities to develop themselves better personally and professionally.

They also note that interactions with both faculty and fellows helped to diversify and expand their knowledge base. Coming from a university environment with a background in humanities, DKI APCSS enabled this intern to work with people across defense and military sectors, which enlightened them to gaps in their perspec-

tives that were previously unknown. These conversations even led to the intern participating in a conference on STEM-related topics, inspiring them to further pursue the topic as a research thesis. Despite being decades away from the Center's founding in 1995, the late Senator Inouye's words and spirit live on as strong as ever.

The intern experience moves in distinct flows, with the time in-between courses providing a sort of liminal quiet that enables self-paced self-discovery. Courses shift this quiet into a tumult, with Fellows and faculty, and staff all working in tandem to fulfill timelines and requirements to ensure the Center's mission is being met. Here, the interns are just as important, performing a myriad of small but meaningful tasks that are vital to each course's success. As it is described: "We [interns] were the oil that made the machinery of the Center run smooth, and everyone knew it."

Everyone knows it. Even if it is not often spoken about. In the day-to-day operations of the courses, this becomes more evident, and it is something that Dean of Admissions and Business Operations Wade Turvold and faculty member Richard Vuylsteke confirm. However, they also express that there are many things that DKI APCSS gains from having interns other than being 'oil for the machine.' In Mr. Turvold's words, the intern program "brings us youth." From energy to vocabulary, interns can bridge the generational gap and help faculty and staff maintain a level of temporal perspective. These perspectives can come in many forms, from cultural backgrounds to professional interests. Dr. Vuylsteke also believes in this, giving it a unique label in five key areas of development focus: Cross-national, cross-cultural, cross-sector, cross-gender, and finally cross-generational. Since 2019, the program has grown immensely, doubling its average intern count from 15 to 35 participants a year, and great efforts have been made to ensure that diversity is achieved across these areas.

In these ways, the internship program exists in a symbiotic relationship with DKI APCSS. Regardless of whether you are civilian or military, old or young, professional or an intern, everyone and anyone are welcome to sit and chat and argue here in the Center. Director Pete Gumataotao describes this process as "opening their [interns] aperture." Exposing the youth to new ideas and ways of thinking. There is a phrase that circulates through the halls, "Be comfortable with being uncomfortable." Constantly challenging and always questioning, with respect, are ideas that govern all levels of interaction at DKI APCSS. By having interns embrace these systems and engage the resources provided by the internship program, DKI APCSS is not only setting them up for success but ensuring Senator Inouye's founding principles are being carried into posterity.

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