



# DKI APCSS Monthly Activities Report

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Thailand recently hosted their 5th Senior Security Studies program.

## Thai Senior Security Studies Program

The Royal Thai Armed Forces' Strategic Studies Center of the National Defense Studies Institute hosted the fifth Senior Security Studies Program in August. 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. DKI APCSS Dr. Al Oehlers and Dr. Alex Vuving lent their expertise to the course.

Also while in Thailand, the DKI APCSS Thailand Alumni Association hosted a welcome reception which the two professors attended.

## Acting Director Bailey visits Cambodia

Acting DKI APCSS Director Russell Bailey visited Cambodia in early August. While in country he met with a number of senior officials regarding DKI APCSS course offerings and also attended a DKI APCSS -Cambodia Alumni event.

His trip was covered in a story in the Phnom Penh Post. Click on the link to read the full article.

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## White House Factsheet on Upholding Pacific-Centered Peace and Security



DKI APCSS was mentioned a new White House Factsheet in the section on Upholding Pacific-Centered Peace & Security.

According to the Factsheet, "As a Pacific nation, the United States has a clear and abiding interest in partnering with its Pacific neighbors to advance a shared agenda: addressing the climate crisis, maintaining peaceful waterways and upholding freedom of navigation, promoting development and economic growth, and deepening people-to-people ties."

The Factsheet highlights the value of DKI courses and workshops.

[Link to Factsheet](#)

## QUAD Tech Forum

Dr. Virginia B. Watson was part of the U.S. delegation in the "QUAD Critical and Emerging Technology Forum" held at the University of Tokyo in Tokyo, Japan on August 19-21, 2024. This meeting of representatives from the private and public sector of each Quad state (Australia, India, Japan, and the U.S.) is a follow-up to a first one that was held in August 2023 in the U.S. The purpose of the forum was to further narrow recommendations on ways that Quad cooperation in technology can be further advanced. Dr. Watson served both as moderator for one of the forum's sessions, "Opportunities to progress domain awareness" and one of three breakout groups on "Advancing Indo-Pacific Technology-related Infrastructure, Partnerships, and Narratives/Communications." She was also a discussant in a panel that shared the forum's findings to a gathering of University of Tokyo faculty and students, diplomats, and the public at large on the final day of the event. The forum was co-organized by the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA - USA) with the host institution - Research Center



Dr. Watson (4th from the right) will other participants of the "QUAD Critical and Emerging Technology Forum" held at the University of Tokyo in Tokyo, Japan on August 19-21, 2024 program.

for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST - University of Tokyo). Aside from DKI Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, other partner institutions include the Observer Research Center (India) and National Security College (Australian National University).

## Security Nexus Webinars/Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Events / Webinars

#### Security Nexus | Webinars

"Shared Waters, Shared Futures: Cooperative Approaches to Water Security in the Indo-Pacific" featuring Dr. Ethan Allen  
Sept. 9, 2024 - 3 PM (HST).  
[Register here.](#)

"Navigating Tensions in the South China Sea" featuring Dr. Watson and Dr. Vuving  
Sept. 23, 2024 - 3 PM (HST)  
[Register here.](#)

"Law and Rising Seas: Navigating Ocean Change" featuring Dr. Joanna Siekiera.  
Oct. 7, 2024 - 3 PM (HST)  
[Register here](#)

#### Courses

Indo-Pacific Orientation Courses (IPOC 24-2) - Oct. 21-24, 2024



"China's Strategic Culture: Confucianism or Realpolitik?" featuring Dr. Lukas Filler. [LINK](#)



"North Korea-Russia Alliance: Economic and Geopolitical Implications" featuring Rachel Minyoung Lee, Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center. [LINK](#)



"Bangladesh in Turmoil: The Revolution, Its Fallout, and the Road Ahead" featuring Shafqat Munir, a Senior Fellow at the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies [LINK](#)