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TSC 24-2 brings senior leaders together to exchanges insights

The Transnational Security Cooperation course is an in-depth executive education program that prepares senior security practitioners and military leaders to

engage in cooperative security efforts advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific.. Recently 38 senior leaders from 25 countries and three regional organizations participated in the TSC24-2 course hosted by DKI APCSS from Dec. 8-13, 2024, in Honolulu.

“Aided by a challenging curriculum, TSC 24-2 participants seized the opportunity to frankly discuss some of the most pressing strategic issues in the Indo-Pacific,” said course manager Dr. Al Oehlers. “Vitality, by exchanging invaluable insights and creatively crafting collaborative approaches to shared priorities, bonds of understanding and friendship were fostered that will last for years to come.”

Discussion topics included Indo-Pacific Security, geopolitical landscape, maritime security, environmental security, health security, and the security implications of artificial intelligence



TSC24-2 Fellows with ADM Paparo.. Photo courtesy of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

A key event of the course was an interaction with Admiral Samuel J. Paparo, Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command at Camp Smith who shared his insights on the region.

One of the course's benefits is its ability to foster a common understanding of regional security dynamics through non-attribution discussions that build trust and encourage respectful dialogue. [Read more...](#)

New fence project at DKI APCSS

In March 2025, DKI APCSS will be installing new fencing in areas around the Center. New fencing will be added to the front of the building as well as areas by the emergency exits and between wings A and B. Additionally, the side gate exits will be upgraded as will the security badging system.

The installation will take 6-8 weeks with work being done during normal working hours (8 am to 4 pm) with exceptions as necessary.

The \$1.2 million project improved safety and security at the Center.

According to Deputy Director Russell Baily “the fence is in response to security-related incidents we have experienced over the past year and are aimed to ensure we fulfill our responsibility for the safety of Center staff, Fellows, and guests.”



The project extends a fence around the area between wings A & B. All other areas are adjacent to existing entrances and emergency exits.

Fijian Charm and National Security Policy Under the Palms

SUVA, Fiji – Sixty-four participants from 18 Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) member countries gathered in Suva for a three-day workshop on National Security Policy Development in the Pacific Islands: Sustaining Progress in an Evolving Security Context. Hosted by the PIF at its historic conference center in the hills overlooking the city and Walu Bay, the event was conducted in collaboration with the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs.

The workshop focused on how the Pacific's security landscape has evolved, enabling participants to exchange perspectives on issues ranging from climate-induced migration to transnational crime. There was earnest and honest interaction from all corners of an audience that are usually quite reserved, professionally.

"What helped considerably in bringing about conversation was our non-attribution policy, which assured them that nothing they would say would be quoted in public without their express approval," said DKI APCSS professor Dr. Alfred Oehlers, who coordinated the workshop.



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Participants highlighted challenges like climate change, which threatens infrastructure, economies, and entire populations as well as international crime, which was identified as an immediate danger. Ayanna Ramarui, a policy analyst from Palau, emphasized the urgency of addressing transnational crime and cybersecurity threats.

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[Watch the video here...](#)

Alumni gather in Fiji



Acting Director Russ Bailey greets MG Jone Kalouniwai, Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces and DKI APCSS alum.

Following the workshop (*see above*), DKI APCSS and the Republic of Fiji Military Forces co-hosted a reception at the Queen Elizabeth Barracks. The event featured traditional Fijian music and dance, highlighted by the Meke, and brought together alumni and dignitaries, including U.S. Ambassador to Fiji Marie Damour, Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and Immigration, Mr. Mason Smith and Major General Jone Kalouniwai, Commander, Republic of Fiji Military Forces.

[Watch the alumni event video here...](#)

"As alumni of APCSS, we all have fond memories of Hawai'i and the discussions that we have had there. Making those networks is something that is very important, and I believe it is something that has brought us together again," reflected the Commander.

These alumni events, while great fun, are also very important to the mission of the Center and the success of its efforts. Acting Director Russ Bailey, who attended the workshop and visited several high government offices while in Fiji, spoke of their value and significance.

"We consider our alumni base, all 15,000 plus across the world, as one the most important outcomes and output from DKI APCSS programs. We need to hear from our alumni so that we can integrate it into everything we do at APCSS", he said.

The bula and kava flowed in abundance as the day drew to a close. Dr. Oehlers took a moment to appreciate both the event and the view.

"Through your collective efforts, we've successfully made new friends, strengthened ongoing relationships, and demonstrated U.S. commitment and resolve in a vitally significant part of the Indo-Pacific," he said.

Upcoming



Dialogue #33 | Sustainability and Responsibility in Space.

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Dialogue #36 | Korea's Martial Law Fallout - 13 Jan 2025. [Register here.](#)



Dialogue # 34 | Sri Lanka's Tide Turns with Shyam Tekwani



Dialogue #33 | [Sustainability and Responsibility in Space](#)



Dialogue #32 | [Seoul Between Moscow and Pyongyang](#)



Dialogue # 31| [Indo-Pacific Underwater Competition](#)

Upcoming Events

Courses

Comprehensive Security Cooperation
(CSC 25-1)- Feb. 5 – Mar. 12, 2025
(CSC 25-2) - May 7 – Jun. 11, 2025
(CSC 25-3) - Aug. 13 – Sep. 17, 2025

Transnational Security Cooperation
(TSC 25-1) - Jul. 13 – 18, 2025
(TSC 25-2) - Dec. 7 – 12, 2025

Mobile Indo-Pacific Orientation Course
(MIPOC 25-1) - National Capital Region (NCR) - Mar. 24-28, 2025

Indo-Pacific Orientation Course
(IPOC 25-1) - 20 – 24 October 2025

New Publications

Click on the links to learn more about recent faculty publications:

[From Damascus to Naypyidaw: The Perils of Backing Failing Regimes – The Diplomat](#) by Dr. Miemie Byrd

["This is Not the Status Quo You're Looking For"](#) by Lauren Dickey and DKI APCSS' Col. Matthew Kent was recently published by War on the Rocks.

["Yoon's Coup Attempt Shows Sad State of Civil-Military Relations,"](#) by Dr. Lami Kim published by Foreign Policy.

["How Seoul Should Respond to North Korea's Soldiers in Russia"](#) is an OpEd by Dr. Lami Kim for USIP

[Dr. Sam Mullins has a new article published by the Irregular Warfare Center-](#)
["The Role of Non-State Actors as Proxies in Irregular Warfare and Malign State Influence."](#)

[Currents Magazine: Celebrating Partnerships and Resilience](#)