



DKI APCSS Monthly Activities Report

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DKI APCSS kicks off 30th Anniversary Celebrations

Join us as we mark a momentous milestone—the 30th Anniversary of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies!

For three decades, DKI APCSS has been at the forefront of fostering connections, enhancing security cooperation, and promoting peace and stability across the Indo-Pacific region. With over 15,000 alumni from 122 countries, our mission to build resilient networks and foster shared understanding has left a lasting legacy.

Looking Back, Moving Forward

This anniversary is not just a celebration of our history but also a tribute to the partnerships and collaborations that have fueled our journey. From groundbreaking research to transformative courses and workshops, DKI APCSS remains a beacon of innovation and engagement in a rapidly evolving world.

Upcoming Anniversary Events

Throughout the year, we'll commemorate this milestone with a series of events, including:

Alumni Spotlights: Showcasing the achievements of our global alumni network.

Special Seminars: Exploring key security issues shaping the region's future. *(continued on page 3)*



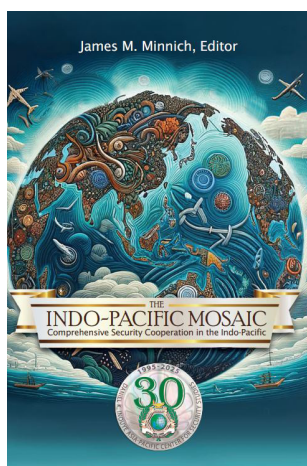
Retired US Army Major General Suzy Vares-Lum begins her tenure at DKI APCSS.

DKI APCSS welcomes Vares-Lum as new Director

Retired US Army Maj. Gen. Suzanne (Suzy) Puanani Vares-Lum joined the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) this month as the Center's new Director.

The transition occurred during an Assumption of Responsibilities ceremony held on January 13, which was attended by close family and friends and DKI APCSS staff.

During the ceremony, Vares-Lum, an alumna of the Center, remarked that it felt like coming home. Not only is she an alumna of two DKI APCSS courses, but she also started her Army career in this building when it used to be a reserve center. [Read more...](#)

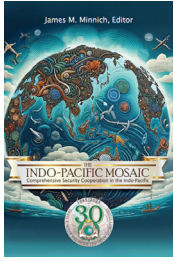


New Book Release - The Indo-Pacific Mosaic: Comprehensive Security Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

DKI APCSS proudly announces the release of its latest publication, *The Indo-Pacific Mosaic: Comprehensive Security Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific*. This landmark book celebrates the Center's 30th anniversary and reflects three decades of fostering peace, collaboration, and understanding across the Indo-Pacific region.

Bringing together insights from 27 leading experts, this comprehensive volume examines the complexities of security in the Indo-Pacific. From geopolitical rivalries to societal resilience, *The Indo-Pacific Mosaic* offers actionable strategies for promoting peace, stability, and resilience across the region. *(continued on next page)*

New Book *(continued)*



Then acting Director Russell Bailey emphasized that this book honors Senator Daniel K. Inouye's legacy and underscores the Center's unwavering commitment to advancing security cooperation throughout the region.

What's Inside the Book

Disruption and Uncertainty in the Indo-Pacific: Explore the region's evolving challenges, including globalization's shifting dynamics, China's ascent, advancements in reusable rocket technology, cooperative approaches to water security, and the resurgence of jihadist terrorism.

Great Power Competition: Gain insights into geopolitical tensions, such as Chinese expansionism in the South China Sea, South Korea's Indo-Pacific strategy, India's strategic autonomy, the Compacts of Free Association, and the often-overlooked influence of Myanmar and smaller South Asian nations.

The Imperative for Cooperation: Discover opportunities for collaboration, from Sino-American environmental security efforts and ASEAN's regional leadership to lessons from New Zealand's pandemic response and U.S.-Lao health cooperation.

Building Resilience and Security: Learn strategies for combating hybrid warfare, addressing sea slavery, shaping U.S. policy on China's nuclear expansion, promoting leadership for positive peace, safeguarding critical submarine cables, and integrating gendered security analysis into policy.

Editor Dr. James M. Minnich remarked, "This book is more than a collection of insights; it is a call to action for policymakers, scholars, and practitioners to embrace the power of collaboration and the agency of all regional actors." Collaborating with such distinguished experts, he asserted, has been a privilege.

As DKI APCSS marks 30 years of fostering dialogue and cooperation, The Indo-Pacific Mosaic stands as a testament to the Center's enduring impact on regional security and its vision for a more collaborative future.

Read the book online at: <https://doi.org/10.71236/BNMC9228>

Global Strategic Trends: Out to 2055



DKI APCSS recently partnered with the UK's Ministry of Defence for a presentation on Global Strategic Trends: Looking out to 2025.

According to Dr. James Minnich, "the world is navigating a period of unprecedented complexity. Rapid geopolitical shifts, accelerating technological advancements, and escalating environmental challenges demand a new approach to strategic thinking. [Global Strategic Trends 7](#) (GST 7), the latest report from the UK Ministry of Defence, provides a crucial framework for understanding these interconnected forces and their implications for the future. This report goes beyond previous editions by introducing a novel framework of five fictitious "worlds" to explore potential future scenarios and their implications for defense and security." [Read more...](#)

Alumni Spotlight



U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's Fleet Master Chief Isom sat down to speak with us about the unique relationship between INDOPACOM and DKI APCSS, and the great benefits of joining our alumni network, almost 16,000 strong! Watch the video on [YouTube at this link](#).

Upcoming Events

Courses/Workshops/Other

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) - Oct. 20-24, 2025

*Indo-Pacific Senior Enlisted Leader
 Subject Matter Expert Exchange*
 (IPSEL SMEE 25-1) Apr. 21-25, 2025

Webinars

Dialogue #37 | The Indo-Pacific
 Mosaic - Feb. 3 at 3 PM HST
[Register here](#)

Dialogue #38 | Frontlines of
 Economic Warfare- Feb. 14, 2025 at
 8 AM in Hawaii
[Register here](#)

Dialog #39 | Myanmar's Four-Year
 Struggle - Feb. 24, 2025 at 3 PM in
 in Hawaii
[Register here](#)

Watch online



[Dialogue #35 | Indo-Pacific
 Humanity & Geopolitics](#)



[Dialogue #36 | Korea's Martial Law
 Fallout - with Lami Kim](#)



[Dialogue # 34 | Sri Lanka's Tide
 Turns with Shyam Tekwani](#)



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

30th Anniversary Celebrations *(continued)*

Anniversary Celebration: A flagship event honoring three decades of collaboration and progress.

Stay tuned for announcements and details on how you can participate in this year of reflection, celebration, and forward-looking initiatives.

A Shared Vision for the Future

As we celebrate this landmark year, we remain committed to our mission of connecting people, building trust, and creating a safer and more prosperous future. Thank you to all our partners, alumni, and stakeholders who have contributed to this journey.

Let's celebrate 30 years of impact and connection together!

- Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Suzy Vares-Lum, Director DKI APCSS