



DANIEL K. INOUIE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Aloha and Hafa Adai Esteemed DKI APCSS Alumni,

Our Recruiter, Mr. Terry Slattery and I recently returned from a very productive trip to Northeast Asia, meeting with key Japanese and Republic of Korea officials to include distinguished DKI APCSS alumni. I would like to recognize up-front the tremendous support and insights we received from our U.S. Embassies. It was an ambitious schedule in both countries and the success of our trip would not have been fully realized without the gracious support and collaboration of our Embassy professionals. Mahalo nui loa!

Our strategic engagements in both Japan and Korea were intended to involve key U.S. Embassy, Security



Japan Alumni



ROK APCSS Alumni

Cooperation Office and host nation partners to establish and expand strategic relationships and understandings. While listening, learning and discussing

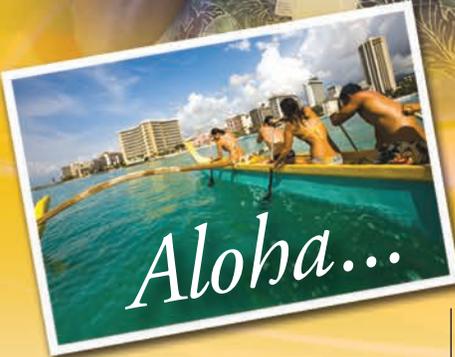
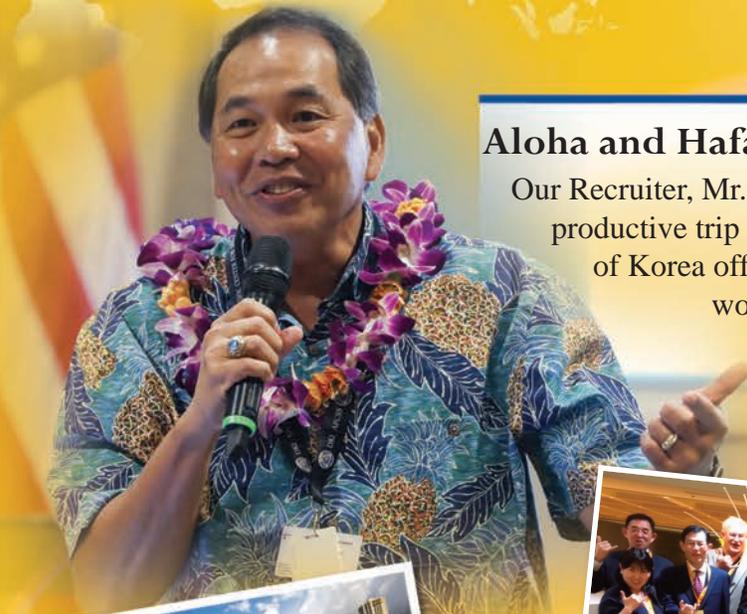
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United States Indo-Pacific Command Admiral's Corner

Dear alumni of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI-APCSS): Aloha from all of us at the United States Indo-Pacific Command Headquarters in Hawai'i. The DKI APCSS alumni newsletter has been an excellent way for us to engage on the region's growing challenges, underscoring that the vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific requires like-minded countries—large and small—to work together. We realize that the existing security structure underpins our region's economies, good governance institutions, and our ability to operate under the rule of law. Our collective vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific will ensure all nations remain independent, strong, prosperous, and satellites to none.



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Aloha...

from beautiful
Hawaii!

Thank you so much for all of your inputs to our Alumni email newsletter.

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our Center's value-added (focusing on our reason for existing), I communicated with our partners about DKI APCSS opportunities as we seek to welcome quality and diverse Fellows from both of our important allied partner nations in the future.

Concurrently, several of our faculty members, (Dr. Oehlers, Dr. Forman and Dr. Vuving) traveled to Vietnam to support preparations of that country's important role of assuming the ASEAN Chairmanship position in 2020. We also dispatched a team of DKI APCSS professionals to include several Alumni from our region to Garmisch Germany, where we collaborated with our sister-center, the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, in a workshop entitled 'Securing Borders against Traveling Terrorists.'

Be it regionally or globally, our Center remains committed to collaborating with Security Practitioners to bring a more comprehensive understanding of the challenges we face today and come away with mutual

solutions to critical security issues affecting security and stability. Complex challenges drive the need to be transparent, respectful, and inclusive in every engagement we have signed up to lead or support. We stay fully committed to remaining at the forefront of the knowledge, information-sharing and practical application it takes to succeed; and we are determined to refresh a dynamic learning experience among our alumni whenever we engage.

Thank you for all you do in partnering with us to make this vision of a free, and open Indo-Pacific a reality. Have an awesome day!

Peter A. Gumataotao
Director



Alumni Awards and Recognition:

Congratulations to the *Nepal DKI APCSS Alumni Association* for hosting an alumni event in Kathmandu in honor of the former Chief of the Indian Army, and fellow APCSS alumnus, **General (Ret) Dalbir Singh Suhag EC05-2**. The alumni highlighted the fact that when the mega earthquake struck Nepal in April, 2015, General Singh personally directed rescue and relief operations. DKI APCSS alumnus, former Minister Prakash Chandra Lohani thanked General Singh for all his efforts in strengthening bilateral relations between India and Nepal. On behalf of all the Nepali alumni, the Nepal Alumni Association Chairman, former Attorney General Sushil Pant

thanked General Singh and wished him well on his next journey as Indian Ambassador to Seychelles. This is a great example of alumni associations taking a more active role in advancing peace and security in our region.



Raheem

Congratulations to **Hawwa Abdul Raheem (Maldives), ASC17-2**, for completing her Fellows Project. She created a curriculum and conducted community awareness programs on the role of women in countering extremism.

News Stories from Alumni:



Muniruzzaman

Major General (Ret), A.N.M. Muniruzzaman (Bangladesh), EC06-2, and the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies hosted a regional conference entitled, ‘New Trends in Terrorism: Regional Cooperation to Meet the Challenges.’



Nagashima

Lieutenant Jun Nagashima (Japan), TSC15-1, attended the Air Chiefs’ Space Conference in Colorado Springs.



Mapili

Colonel Noly Mapili (Philippines), CCM18-1, attended the Pacific Area Special Operations Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Ambassador Pham San Chau (Vietnam), EC04-2, joined **Ambassador Chutintorn Gongsakdi (Thailand), EC05-2**, in New Delhi for an ASEAN Ambassadors’ meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to India.

Nagashima



Promotions and Position Changes:



Bhantoa

Navin Kumar Bhantoa (Mauritius), EC00-3, retired as a Superintendent of the Mauritius Police. He is currently working as an independent consultant.



Watanabe

Mariko Watanabe (Japan), CSRT10-1 and CCM11-1, was promoted to the Status of U.S. Forces Agreement Division.



Suppiah

Waitchalla Suppiah (Malaysia), EC00-3, was promoted as **Secretary General, Ministry of Youth and Sports**, the first time a female has led that ministry.



Fink

Bruce Fink (U.S.), CCM11-1, retired from government service.



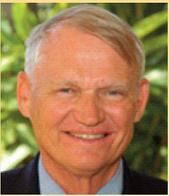
Butt

Lieutenant General Nazir Ahmad Butt (Pakistan), EC02-2, retired from military service.



Tung

Ngo Thanh Tung (Vietnam), ASC11-1, was promoted to **colonel** and appointed **Head of Asia Africa Division**, Institute for Defense International Relations, Ministry of Defense.



Wesley

William Wesley (U.S.), SEC06-1, retired from government service.



Davis

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Davis (U.S.), APOC12-2, retired from the military after 22 years of service.



Afzal

Muhammad Afzal (Pakistan), SEC08-2, was promoted to **lieutenant general** and appointed **Chairman National Disaster Management Authority**.



Abbas

Azhar Abbas (Pakistan), TSC13-1, was promoted to **lieutenant general** and appointed **Director General Joint Staff**.



Khan

Sohail Khan (Pakistan), ASC10-1, was promoted as **Deputy Secretary**, Ministry of Defense.



Joyce

Major General Derek Joyce (Canada), SEAPOC13-1, was appointed **Deputy Commander** Continental U.S. NORAD.



Manj

Nadeem Zaki Manj (Pakistan), ASC10-2, was promoted to **lieutenant general** and appointed **Commander Central Command and 1st Corps**.



Muilenburg

Rear Admiral Bret Muilenburg (U.S.), SEAPOC13-1, retired from the Navy.

Promotions and Position Changes:



Gillette

Mark Gillette (U.S.), SEAPOC13-1 and TSC16-1, was promoted to *major general* and appointed *Chief of Staff, United Nations Command*, U.S. Forces, Republic of Korea.



Hameed

Mohamed Hameed (Maldives), ASC17-1, was promoted as *Commissioner of Police*.



Faulkner

Rear Admiral (Ret) Tim Faulkner (U.S.), SEAPOC13-1, is the *Senior Advisor* to the G2, U.S. Army Pacific.



Ismail

Lieutenant Colonel Ismail Naseer (Maldives), ASC17-1, was appointed *Defense Attaché* of Maldives to Sri Lanka.



Austin

Rear Admiral Meredith Austin (U.S.), SEAPOC13-1, was appointed *Coast Guard Deputy for Operations, Policy and Capabilities*.



Mapili

Colonel Noly Mapili (Philippines), CCM18-1, was appointed *Commander, Joint Special Operations Group*.



Smith

Rear Admiral Keith Smith (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1, was appointed *Commander, Fifth District*, U.S. Coast Guard.



Rosario

Jonattan Del Rosario (Panama), TSC18-1, was promoted as *Minister of Public Security*.



Suhaily

Othman Suhaily (Brunei), TSC15-1, was promoted to *first admiral* and appointed *Commander, Royal Brunei Navy*.



Hoshi

Naoya Hoshi (Japan), ASC15-2, was promoted to *rear admiral* and appointed *Deputy Director General, Department of Project Management, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency*.



Khanal

Sarbendra Khanal (Nepal), ASC16-2, was promoted as *Inspector General* and appointed *Chief of Nepal Police*.



Shanahan

DKI APCSS Professor Dave Shanahan (U.S.), EC04-3, retired after more than 40 years of government service.

Promotions and Position Changes:



DKI APCSS News & Publications

DKI APCSS Associate Professor Lt. Col. J. “*Lumpy*” *Lumbaca* recently published an article in Small Wars Journal, entitled “Indo-Pacific Terrorism: What to expect for the foreseeable future.” The article addresses the influence of the Islamic State on terrorists, the effective use of technologies to increase the sophistication in terror attacks and a multitude of other factors that have changed the terrorist landscape in the past two decades. To view the article, please use the following link: <https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/indo-pacific-terrorism-what-expect-foreseeable-future?fbclid=IwAR3RQVohP6KLxDnCPV6oI1IUvON3enIv2toH6bLWmDmLTRHaIjuoVgyFdOU>

“Where the Belt Meets the Road: Security in a Contested South Asia”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/where-the-belt-meets-the-road-security-in-a-contested-south-asia/>

“Reconsidering U.S.-China Relations: From Improbable Normalization to Precipitous Deterioration”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/reconsidering-u-s-china-relations-from-improbable-normalization-to-precipitous-deterioration/>

“Should Japan Adopt Conventional Missile Strike Capabilities?”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/should-japan-adopt-conventional-missile-strike-capabilities/>

“The Code of Putinism”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/brian-d-taylors-the-code-of-putinism/>

“China and Russia in the Western Pacific: Implications for Japan and the United States.”
<http://maritimeawarenessproject.org/2019/4/18/china-and-russia-in-the-western-pacific-implications-for-japan-and-the-united-states/>

The following links may provide you some useful information: [APCSS Public Website](#)

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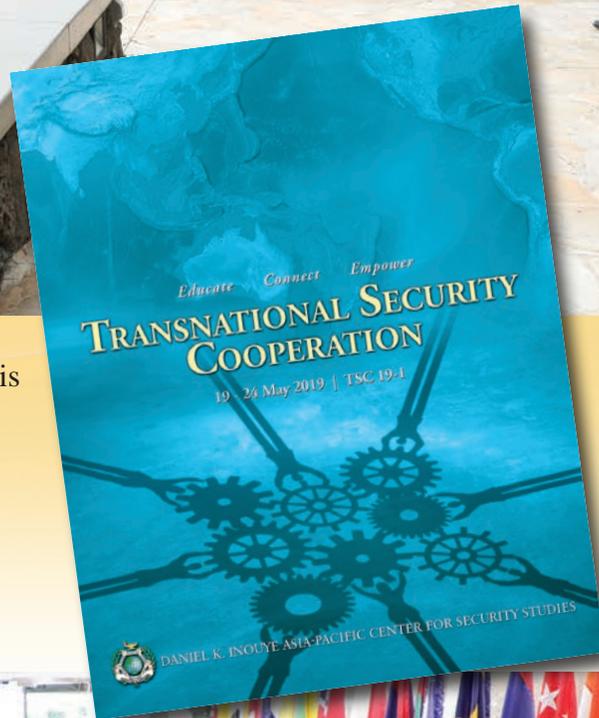


DKI APCSS Courses:



The Transnational Security Cooperation course is underway, May 19-24, 2019.

For an updated course calendar please use the following link: <http://apcss.org/calendar/>



Educating, Connecting and Empowering

DKI APCSS Workshops:



From May 13-17, 2019, DKI APCSS co-hosted a workshop with the GCMC in Germany entitled “Securing Borders Against Traveling Terrorists.” Over 10 DKI APCSS alumni participated in this workshop.

The fifth in a series of *Maritime Security Awareness* workshops is scheduled for July 29-31 2019 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

DKI APCSS is hosting an “Alumni Association Workshop in Honolulu, Hawaii, Sep 10-12, 2019. We are encouraging alumni associations to help prepare Fellows for their DKI APCSS experience and to mentor returning alumni concerning their Fellows Projects.



Educating, Connecting and Empowering

DKI APCSS Alumni Visitors:



General Koji Yamazaki (Japan), TSC11-11, returned to DKI APCSS as the Chief, Joint Staff Japan Self Defense Forces. While General Yamazaki was visiting, he provided the following comment about his DKI APCSS experience.

"APCSS is the center of gravity for strategy in the Indo-Pacific region. The APCSS alumni are the human network that is so important for security in this region. I want to serve APCSS as an alumnus by improving security in the region."



Turner

Commander David Turner (New Zealand), APOC18-3 and CCM19-1, visited DKI APCSS.

Rear Admiral Darin Via (U.S.), SEAPOC13-1, returned to DKI APCSS as part of the Capstone group of new flag officers.



National Days in March:

On behalf of all the APCSS 'Ohana', both here in Hawaii and throughout our region, we would like to extend our warmest wishes and congratulations on this special occasion for your country. We hope the future finds continued peace and security for all your families, your country and our shared neighborhood in the Asia-Pacific region:

- 1 May..... Independence and Constitution Day - Marshall Islands
- 3 May Constitution Day - Japan
- 9 May Victory Day - Russia
- 10 May Constitution Day - Federated States of Micronesia
- 20 May..... Restoration of Independence Day –Timor-Leste
- 25 May Jordan Independence Day

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This month, I had the opportunity to travel to Vietnam, joining a distinguished list of U.S. leaders who have visited this beautiful country and its people. Vietnam is an increasingly responsible member of the global community of nations that demand the final, fully verified denuclearization of

North Korea and actively support the United Nations by blocking the illicit ship-to-ship transfers of North Korean coal in the Gulf of Tonkin. Regionally, Vietnam has taken an active and vocal stance against any country that seeks to impede access to the South China Sea (SCS). Vietnam, and other like-minded countries in ASEAN, support Freedom of Navigation (FON) operations that assert the right of every nation to fly, sail, and operate in the South China Sea and the global commons, consistent with international law.

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command seeks to strengthen Vietnam's ability via training, resilience, and capacity building. In 2017, we transferred a U.S. Coast Guard cutter to Vietnam, and last year our first aircraft carrier paid a port call to Vietnam in Da Nang.

Another way we are working together with Vietnam is through USINDOPACOM's Civil Affairs team, Pacific Partnership Program, and Pacific Angel Programs. Here, we work to build and assist local communities in advancing their medical capacity and improving their resilience in response to man-made and natural disasters. Last May, the U.S. Navy's medical ship, the USNS Mercy, worked alongside Vietnamese medical professionals to exchange knowledge and build relationships. Pacific Angel, an annual joint engagement with Vietnam, focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief via subject-matter expert exchanges. Next month, a Pacific Partnership mission will conduct a fly-in medical engagement to Tuy Hoa. On my visit to Vietnam, I was honored to participate in the Khanh Hoa Hospital ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by USINDOPACOM's Civil Affairs team and Pacific Partnership program. Our relationship with Vietnam, however, transcends security. In 2018 alone, the U.S.-Vietnam trade in goods and services was \$58.9B USD, including a four-fold increase in U.S. exports from the prior decade.

This growing relationship is an example of what can occur when two nations, or a community of nations, find common ground to support regional and global goals of prosperity, security, reciprocal trade, respect for human rights, sovereign choices, and support for the rule of law.

This newsletter remains one of many ways for us to connect. One DKI APCSS alumnus hoped that all countries would work to resolve regional issues without confrontation or war. I could not agree more. We recognize that the region has prospered and remained largely peaceful for more than 70 years. This is due to the commitment of like-minded nations to support a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, respect for sovereignty of all nations, and the rule of law, underwritten by the credible combat power of the U.S. and its friends, allies, and partners. Working together, we can ensure another 70 years of peace and prosperity without military confrontation. Another alumnus asked how the U.S. government engages with countries of less economic and military power. This is perhaps the difference between the U.S. and other powers in the region. The United States seeks equitable relations and free and reciprocal trade with all partners, regardless of size or power, and seeks out partnerships with countries who have similar values. The Indo-Pacific currently contains more than one-third of global GDP and 60% of global GDP growth. This number is only progressing upwards, and by 2050, the Indo-Pacific is projected to account for more than 55% of global GDP. This robust economic growth fuels a rising middle class—a rising economic tide underpinned by the rule of law—and it will improve the lives of all people.

All nations in the Indo-Pacific have a great role to play in the evolving political, economic, and security architectures of the 21st Century, particularly ASEAN. All Indo-Pacific nations should prosper—not just one. I look forward to developing my relationship with you, your governments, and the institutions that span this diverse and expansive region that we all call home.

My best regards,
Phil Davidson
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Commander, US Indo-Pacific Command