



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

December 2019

Happy New Year!

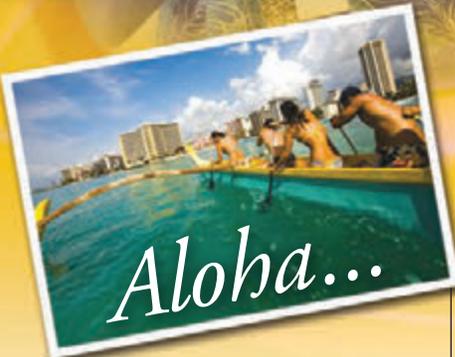
Comments from our Director, Rear Admiral (Ret) Pete Gumataotao:

Aloha and Hafa Adai!

I hope this note finds all of you in good health and spirits. 2019 was an outstanding year of collaboration and cooperation. I will highlight some of these accomplishments shortly. At the same time, I also want to say that 2020 brings as many opportunities to build relationships and shared understanding amongst our alumni network and others associated with DKI APCSS--all with the focus of delivering outcomes to foster a more free and open Indo-Pacific region.

I'll start up front with some "firsts" in 2019:

- We marked a first for all five Regional Centers to collaboratively publish a document titled "China's Global Influence: Perspectives and Recommendations". A PDF of this publication can be downloaded at <https://apcss.org/ChinasGlobalInfluence>;
- We held our inaugural executive course on Comprehensive Maritime Security Course (CMSC). We now offer six resident executive courses where CMSC marks thirteen years since we've last introduced a new course. Moreover, our team innovatively conducted a MSA Workshop course right before CMSC and carried over projects from the workshop into CMSC through Fellows Cohort projects;
- We had a first in hosting a workshop on Cyber, a domain that overlaps all other domains. There are emerging opportunities and challenges that warrant better understanding and dialogue. We learned a lot and are getting a better appreciation of what niche DKI APCSS can offer to *continued on page 2*



from beautiful
Hawaii!

Thank you for your inputs to
the alumni newsletter.

John Gasner



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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 the United States Indo-Pacific
Command Headquarters at Camp H.M. Smith,
Hawai'i.

In November, I attended the Halifax
International Security Forum where its founding
President, Peter Van Praagh, unveiled a new year-long initiative



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- promote collaboration and shared understanding in this domain;
- 2019 also marked the inaugural event of the DKI APCSS Speaker Series which was co-hosted by the DKI APCSS Foundation and the Daniel K. Inouye Institute. Two DKI Speaker events were held in 2019 where we had senior security leaders come to the Center and share their unique perspectives with our island community on the complex security environment;
 - Finally, selected alumni came together at the Center to collaborate amongst alumni associations and alumni core groups on how to better promote and foster cooperation in the region. The first is not that we held an alumni workshop (we did one back in 2008). The first came with the idea of celebrating completed Fellows projects by awarding the *Laulima Kulea lanyard* (i.e. many hands working together / towards success). This lanyard is distinguishable from the typical alumni lanyard and specifically recognizes completed Fellows projects of our alumni.

As we wrap-up our reflections of 2019, I can honestly say the Center has done its part to educate, empower, and connect security practitioners, specifically, over 1500 from 50 countries worldwide through eight executive courses and 11 workshops, conferences, roundtables, and security dialogues. Moreover, 93 alumni engagements were conducted during our courses, workshops, visits, and alumni-centric events, with over 900 alumni engaged, and we hosted 278 official visits welcoming 1,682 visitors. We improved all three stages of our Fellows Project process, including raising awareness of the projects in the pre-course stage; enhancing the capability of faculty mentors and increasing the time allotted to Fellows Projects to 20 percent of the course contact-time during the course; and connecting the U.S. Embassies and the alumni associations in the follow-up process during the post-course phase. We've already seen a 55 percent increase in project implementation reporting for the first two courses of the year.

Lastly, I am very proud to share with you that the Consular Corps of Hawaii has recently honored DKI APCSS and its Foundation with its annual Distinguished Service Award for contributions to improving instrumental relations throughout Asia and the Pacific and for promoting collaborative, resilient capacity, and shared understanding among civilian and military practitioners and institutions to advocate a free and open Indo-Pacific. This recognition goes beyond the Center and our Foundation for it also reflects the tremendous collaborative effort throughout the region by many who promote a more collaborative environment.

As you can see, collectively we've accomplished much in the past year and yet I believe that "the best is yet to come". We have a very robust line-up for FY 20 and beyond. This year DKI APCSS will be celebrating a historic milestone, our 25th anniversary. Much progress has been made after 25 years of promoting transparency, mutual respect, and inclusion through our allies and partners in our own unique way. It has always been a collaborative effort and I thank each and everyone one of you for your continued support. Moreover, this year we will be looking to further develop our niche in important areas such as the Space and Cyber Domains. We will continue to build on the momentum gained from our alumni workshop last year to better link our alumni to outcomes in the region that promote peace and stability. We are looking to innovatively find ways to enhance learning and collaboration amongst our Fellows and alumni through our executive courses, workshops and dialogues. Much to do, but we are fortunate to have a full-up faculty and staff to accomplish this and much more.

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, energy, and courage in promoting shared understanding through a network of relationships to reach common solutions to complex challenges. I look forward to seeing you again sometime this year either here at the Center or out in the region. Aloha and as Tom Patykula would say, "mahalo for your kokua"!



Peter A. Gumataotao
Director



Ahmadi

Ms. Belquuis Ahmadi provided the latest Podcast on “Perspectives on Terrorism: Development, Governance and Gender.” Please review her lecture at this link. <https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/dki-apcss-podcasts/perspectives-on-terrorism-development-governance-and-gender>

Alumni Awards and Recognition:

We are accepting nominations for DKI APCSS alumni awards in the following categories:

Alumni and Alumni Association Achievement Award

Recognizes specific individual or group contributions that advance security, build capacity and/or enhance cooperation

Annual Alumni and Alumni Association Award

Recognizes significant and/or sustained excellence in terms of contributions that advance security, build capacity and/or enhance cooperation throughout the year

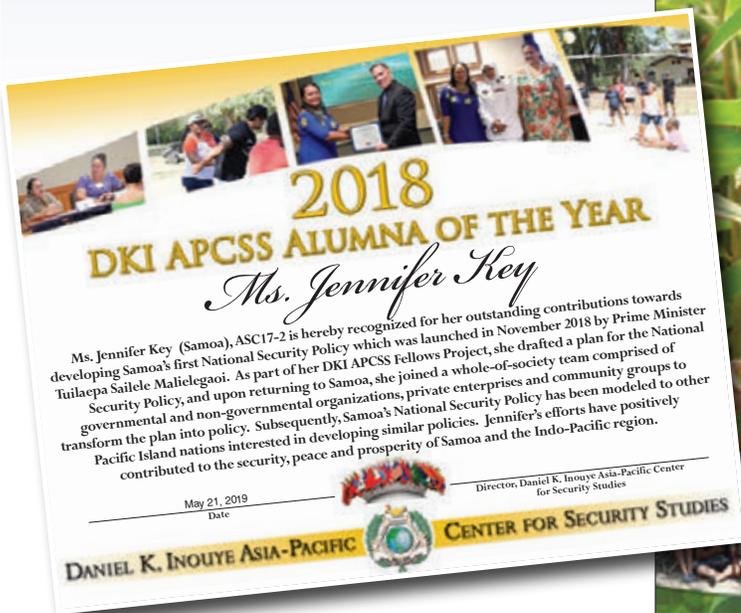
Please submit nominations in body of email or word document by

February 12th

to John Gasner at

gasnerj@apcss.org.

Thank you.



News Stories from Alumni:



Nepal Alumni

U.S. Ambassador to Nepal, Randy Berry hosted an alumni event at his residence, with over 60 APCSS alumni in attendance. Ambassador Berry seeks to strengthen relationships with the alumni and to build personal and professional networks.

Major General Gilbert Toropo (Papua New Guinea), EC03-3; Brigadier General Boon Leon Khong (Singapore), TSC18-1; Mr. Laren Watanabe (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1; Ms. Laura Jean Higgins-Schlagel (U.S.), APOC10-3; Air Marshal Melvin Hupfeld (Australia), TSC09-2; Group Captain Michael Jansen (Australia), APOC18-3; Mr. Brian Woo (U.S.), EC01-1; and Lieutenant Colonel Travis Cox (U.S.), APOC12-2.



Philippines Alumni

The Philippines Alumni Association hosted a meet and greet for the alumni.

Pacific Air forces hosted the Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium in Hawaii. Several of our alumni attended the event including, **Lieutenant General Alexander Meinzinger, (Canada), SEAPOC13-1** and **TSC17-2; Colonel Damit Bakar (Brunei), ASC14-1;**



Humphreys

Ambassador Arunrung Phothong Humphreys (Thailand), EC01-3, presented her credentials as the **Royal Thai Ambassador to Bhutan.**

News Stories from Alumni:



Muniruzzaman

President BIPSS, *Major General (Ret) Muniruzzaman (Bangladesh), SEC06-2*, conducted roundtable discussions on “Bangladesh: Our Maritime Future,” and “South Asia in a Changing World.”



Gombo

Bumtsend Gombo (Mongolia), ASC09-2, moved to the U.S. with his spouse who is studying at Cornell University. He will attend Duke University.



Hendra

Afrizal Hendra (Indonesia), ASC11-1, completed an 18-month course at the National Defense College in Bangkok, Thailand.



Basnyat

Major General (Ret) Binoj Basnyat (Nepal), ASC11-2, wrote an article on BIMSTEC capacity development.

<https://www.spotlightnepal.com/2019/12/19/bimstec-strategic-mechanism-nepal-and-region/>



Bhandari

Chiranjibi Bhandari (Nepal), CCM13-1, was selected as a research Fellow at the Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies.



Manelusi

Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi (Solomon Islands), ASC16-1, held a conference to develop the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands 2020 – 2022 Strategic Plan. He also sponsored a week-long retention course to provide professional development for probationary correctional officers.



Thu

Huong Le Thu (Australia), ASC16-2, wrote an article entitled, “Vietnam Draws Lines in the Sea.”

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/12/06/vietnam-south-china-sea-united-states-draws-lines-in-the-sea/>



Van

Ta Ngoc Van (Vietnam), ASC16-2, was named “Hero and Influencer” by Vnexpress.net – the most read Vietnamese newspaper in Vietnam.



Manelusi

Educating, Connecting and Empowering

News Stories from Alumni:



Khawaja

Asma Shakir Khawaja (Pakistan), CCM17-1, was promoted as Associate Professor and transferred to the Department of Strategic Studies, NDU, Islamabad.



Adhikari

Mr. Narayan Adhikari (Nepal), CSRT19-1, published an article in myRepublica entitled, “Baghdadi’s Death and Growing Terrorist Threat in South Asia.”

<https://myrepublica.nagariknetwork.com/news/baghdadi-s-death-and-lesson-for-south-asia-to-fight-against-terrorism/>



Naing

Phone Myint Naing (Myanmar), ASC18-1, completed his Fellows Project. He published his article on establishing a strategic trade control system in the Pacific Forum.

<https://www.pacforum.org/analysis/issues-insights-vol-19-wp-16-%E2%80%93-myanmar%E2%80%99s-future-stc-system>

Promotions and Position Changes:



Boutilier

Dr. James Boutilier (Canada), SEC99-1, retired from public service.



Rana

Saroj Pratap Rana (Nepal), SSTR06-1, was promoted to *major general*.

Vice Admiral Gojiro Watanabe (Japan), EC01-2, retired from the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force. He stated, “I look back with great satisfaction and happiness not only over my entire service, but in particular wonderful memories and precious opportunity at the APCSS in 2001.”

Susilo Adi Purwantoro (Indonesia), SSTR06-2, was promoted to *brigadier general* and appointed *Deputy Dean of the Defense Technology Faculty*.



Watanabe



Purwantoro

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Hitchings

Colonel (Ret) Rob Hitchings (New Zealand), *SSTR07-1*, is Senior Advisor Business Continuity Planning, Ministry for Primary Industries.



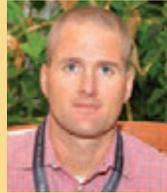
Bazin

Cyril Bazin (France), *APOC12-2*, is a *lieutenant commander* in the French Navy.



Adiniwan

Edward Adiniwin (Marshall Islands), *CCM08-2*, is *Director Maritime Vocational Training Center at the College* of the Marshall Islands.



Quinter

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Quinter (U.S.), *APOC13-1*, was reassigned to the National War College in Washington D.C.



Witthoeft

Brett Witthoeft (Canada), *ASC09-1*, was appointed acting *Special Advisor* to Commander Maritime Forces Pacific.



Sweetow

Scott Sweetow (U.S.), *SEAPOC13-1*, *retired* after 30 years of federal law enforcement service and he formed his own consulting firm, S3 Global Consulting, LLC.



Suwanmoli

Marinee Suwanmoli (Thailand), *ASC10-1*, is *Director, Central Europe Division*, Department of European Affairs.



Durbec

Commander Numa Durbec (France), *APOC14-1*, is *Directorate General* for international relations and strategy.



Tramond

Lieutenant General Olivier Tramond (France), *TSC10-2*, *retired* from the military, and is serving as Co-Chair, 'The First Alliance.'



Matos

Brigadier General Joseph Matos (U.S.), *SEAPOC15-1*, is *Director, J6 U.S. Space Command*.



Radjendra

First Air Marshal Penny Radjendra (Indonesia), *CCM12-1*, was appointed *Chief, Centre of Strategic Defense Board of Defense Strategic Information*.



Roberts

Major General Kenneth Roberts (U.S.), *SEAPOC15-1*, *retired* from military service.



Amin

Mohemmad Amin (Afghanistan), *CCM12-1* and *TSC12-2*, was promoted to *brigadier general*.



Guerrero

Major General Roderick Guerrero (U.S.), *SEAPOC15-1*, *retired* from the military.



Ham

Major Pollard Ham (U.S.), *APOC12-1*, *retired* from the U.S. Marine Corps.



Burks

Brigadier General William Burks (U.S.), *SEAPOC15-1*, *retired* from the military.

Promotions and Position Changes:



Bush

Major General Eric Bush (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1, was appointed **Deputy Combined Rear Area Coordinator, USFK**.



Prasath

Chhorn Prasath (Cambodia), ASC15-2, was promoted to **major general** and appointed **Assistant to the First Deputy General Commissioner of Police**.



Crisostomo

Colonel Robert Crisostomo (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1, retired from the military, and is now principal of Saint Anthony Catholic School in Guam.



Slade

Sergeant Major William Slade (U.S.), APOC15-2, retired from military service.



Heady

Captain Douglas Heady (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1, retired from the military.



Khanal

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



Hedelund

Lieutenant General Robert Hedelund (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1, was appointed **Commander, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic**.



Tandul

Gaurab Tandul (Nepal), ASC16-2, was promoted to **lieutenant general** and appointed **Chief of Staff of the Army**.



Holland

Rear Admiral Michael Holland (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1, is **Director Programming**, Chief of Naval Operations.



Ito

Hiroshi Ito (Japan), TSC17-1, was promoted to **vice admiral** and appointed **Commander Maritime Materiel Command**.



Kelly

Brigadier General Richard Kelly (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1, retired from the National Guard.



Figari

Luis Polar Figari (Peru), TSC17-2, was promoted to **vice admiral** and assigned as **Director of Education of the Peruvian Navy**.



Korka

Rear Admiral John Korka (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1, is **Commander NAVFAC**.



Noshita

Colonel Shigehiro Noshita (Japan), ASC18-1 was assigned as **Defense Attaché** in Australia.



Nagashima

Lieutenant General (Ret) Jun Nagashima (Japan), TSC15-1, is **Security Advisor**, Sumitomo Corporation. He is also a **research advisor** at the Nakasone Peace Institute.

Administration:

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

FOLLOW:



“Russia’s Policy Toward North Korea: Following China’s Lead”

<https://www.38north.org/2019/12/alukin122319/>

“Ending The Targeted Digital Surveillance Of Those Who Defend Our Rights: A Summary of the Impact of the Digital Surveillance Industry on Human Rights Defenders”

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/act30/1385/2019/en/>

“Silk Road Diplomacy: Deconstructing Beijing’s Toolkit to Influence South and Central Asia”

<https://asiasociety.org/policy-institute/silk-road-diplomacy>

“Understanding Assets: Teaching Senior Leaders How to Identify and Engage Stakeholders”

<https://www.ausa.org/publications/understanding-assets-teaching-senior-leaders-how-identify-and-engage-stakeholders>

“An Energy Silk Road in the Mediterranean”

<https://besacenter.org/perspectives-papers/energy-silk-road-mediterranean/>

“A Culture of Violence: Lessons from the Pensacola Attack” <https://besacenter.org/perspectives-papers/wahhabism-violence-pensacola-attack/>

“The Decision to Go to War Is More and More Difficult”

<https://besacenter.org/perspectives-papers/decision-to-go-to-war-is-more-difficult/>

“Fighting Antisemitism: Three Strategic Priorities”

<https://besacenter.org/perspectives-papers/fighting-antisemitism-priorities/>

“Is China Engaging in Debt Trap Diplomacy?”

<https://besacenter.org/perspectives-papers/china-debt-trap-diplomacy/>

“The World in 2020: Ten Issues That Will Shape the Global Agenda”

https://www.cidob.org/en/publications/publication_series/notes_internacionales/n1_220/the_world_in_2020_ten_issues_that_will_shape_the_global_agenda

“Sri Lanka’s Foreign Policy in a New Rajapaksa Era”

<https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2019/12/10/sri-lankas-foreign-policy-in-a-new-rajapaksa-era/>

“Terrorism & Counterterrorism in 2019: The Year in Review”

<https://www.fpri.org/article/2019/12/terrorism-counterterrorism-in-2019-the-year-in-review/>

“U.S. Needs Resolve and Restraint in Response to North Korean Provocations”

<https://www.ifri.org/en/publications/etudes-de-lifri/chinas-smart-cities-new-geopolitical-battleground>

“Separatism in the South Pacific: From Bougainville to West Papua”

<http://isdpeu/publication/separatism-in-the-south-pacific-from-bougainville-to-west-papua/>

“The Evolving Contours of E-commerce in India”

<https://www.isas.nus.edu.sg/papers/the-evolving-contours-of-e-commerce-in-india/>

“India-Nepal Row over the Updated Map of India”

<https://www.isas.nus.edu.sg/papers/india-nepal-row-over-the-updated-map-of-india/>

“Presidential Election 2019: Sri Lanka Under Gotabaya Rajapaksa”

<https://www.isas.nus.edu.sg/papers/south-asia-discussion-papers-presidential-election-2019-sri-lanka-under-gotabaya-rajapaksa/>

“Tough Road Ahead for the New Maharashtra Government”

<https://www.isas.nus.edu.sg/papers/tough-road-ahead-for-the-new-maharashtra-government/>

“China’s Economic Choices”

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/publications/china-s-economic-choices>

“International Public Broadcasting: A Missed Opportunity For Projecting Australia’s Soft Power”

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/publications/international-public-broadcasting-missed-opportunity-projecting-australia-s-soft-power>

“The US-China Trade War: Who Dominates Global Trade?”

<https://charts.lowyinstitute.org/charts/china-us-trade-dominance/us-china-competition/>

“A US View on Australia’s Role in the Indian Ocean”

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/us-view-australia-s-role-indian-ocean>



Byrd

Dr. Miemie Byrd’s latest article titled “Integration of Women and Gender Perspective into the Myanmar Armed Forces to Improve Civil-Military Relations in Myanmar” was published in the *Military Review*,

Nov-Dec 2019. Dr. Byrd also recently visited Myanmar where a core group of alumni has formed a task force to draft Terms of Reference that will eventually become the group’s organizational by-laws and lead to a more formal alumni association.

“Belt and Road Initiative: Why China Pursues It” is a new commentary by DKI APCSS



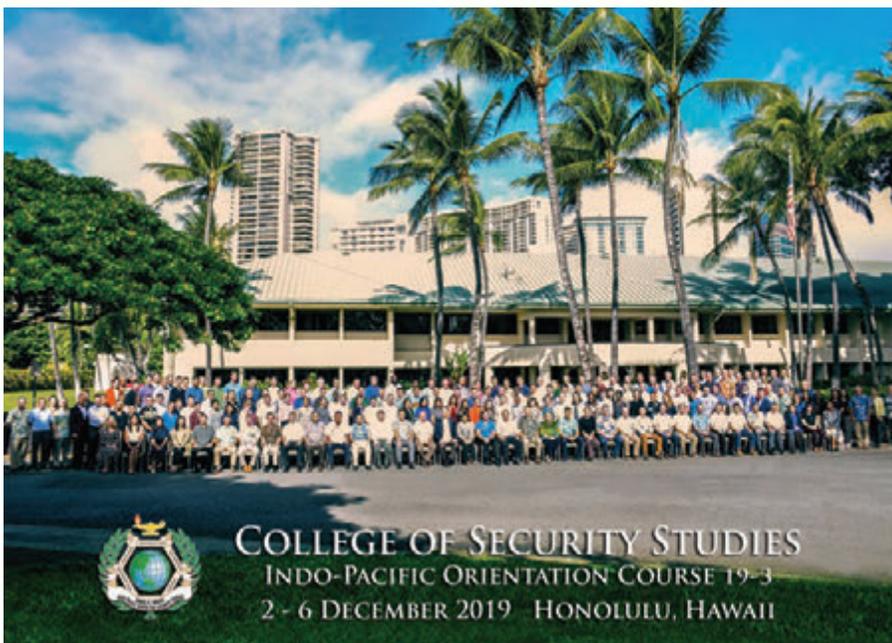
Anwar

Research Fellow Anu Anwar for S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS). Anwar also published an article in *The Interpreter*, for the Lowy Institute entitled “Why the US and its allies should keep ASEAN at the centre.”



DKI APCSS Courses:

We conducted the inaugural Indo-Pacific Orientation Course 19-3, Dec 2-6, 2019. It was our largest class, producing 167 graduates.



DKI APCSS Courses:

The Comprehensive Crisis Management Course will begin on January 23, 2020.



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DKI APCSS Workshops:

At the end of January 2020, we will conduct a workshop entitled, “Space and the Indo-Pacific: Issues, Challenges and Cooperative Priorities.”



DKI APCSS Alumni Visitors:

Ms. Wassana Nanuam (Thailand), ASC15-1, visited DKI APCSS as a columnist and reporter from the Bangkok Post.

Lieutenant Jonathan Clow (Canada), APOC17-2, returned to DKI APCSS to discuss forming an APOC-type course.

Mr. James Caruso (U.S.), TSC19-2, visited DKI APCSS as Foreign Policy Advisor, USINDOPACOM.

Ms. Lillian Allshouse (U.S.), APOC16-2, returned to DKI APCSS as part of the Executive Leadership Development Program.



Nanuam



Caruso



Allshouse

United States Indo-Pacific Command Admiral's Corner

continued from page 1 focused on China and the “risks” and “rewards” of Chinese economic investment.

The China initiative will create and present a comprehensive global strategy for the United States, Canada, and their allies to deal with the China threat to the global security and economic structures that have brought enormous prosperity and relative peace for 70+ years.

During the Forum, it was suggested that today’s strategic competition with China bears striking similarities to that of the Cold War. I would argue that it is not a new Cold War at all. The vision for the Free and Open Indo-Pacific is inclusive of all nations that are willing to abide by the values of the rules-based international order. China is certainly welcome to participate in that vision. Additionally, the United States is not seeking to decouple from, nor have conflict with China. We simply ask that China’s investments in the region respect other nation’s sovereignty, the rule of law, use responsible business practices, and operate with transparency.

Many nations in the region are recognizing the Communist Party of China’s actions and pernicious activities across their levers of power. This is especially true over the past 18 months, as many governments have started to speak out about maintaining the Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

I believe the strategic competition that exists today with the Communist Party of China is a call to action for the U.S. and our allies, partners, and friends. Democratic institutions, rule of law, freedom of speech, protection of intellectual property, free trade, and respect for sovereignty are all under attack, and we must collectively respond. Together we have the winning combination: our values, democratic institutions, capitalism, and transparent security structures are collectively unbeatable.

As we navigate the complexities of the Indo-Pacific, USINDOPACOM’s beliefs remain steadfast - freedom is always worth defending. Please feel free to submit your questions or comments so that we can continue to further our dialogue and relationship.

My best regards,

Phil Davidson
Admiral,
U.S. Navy
Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

National Days in January

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 these special occasions for your countries. We hope the future finds continued peace and security for all your families, your countries and our shared neighborhood in the Asia-Pacific region:

04 January **Burma Independence Day**
09 January **Coming-of-age Day - Japan**
26 January **Australia National Day**
26 January **India Republic Day**
31 January **Nauru Independence Day**