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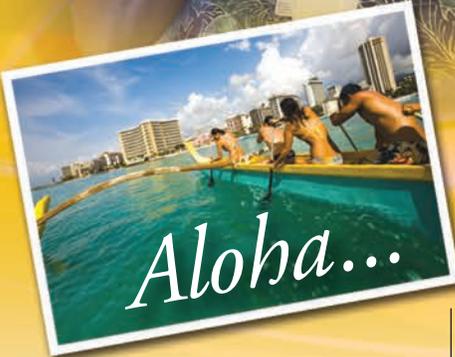
February 2019

Aloha and Hafa Adai Esteemed DKI APCSS Alumni,

In my last update to you via our newsletter, I summarized the incredible work accomplished by your DKI APCSS team in 2018. Since then we continue to move out sharply in 2019 with a milestone workshop event at the end of January followed by an inaugural DKI Speaker Series in early February followed by the opening of our first In-Resident Executive Course (CCM 19-1) in mid-February.

The workshop in January was a milestone event since it was a “first” to bring together the expertise of all 5 Regional Centers together at Maluhia Hall to share perspectives on “China’s Global Reach: A Security Assessment.” Specifically, the workshop focused on China’s activities across various regions and domains, identified where and how China’s influence is growing, and how this growing influence affects U.S. national security interests.

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**from beautiful
Hawaii!**

Thank you so much for all of your inputs to our Alumni email 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 all of us at the United States Indo-Pacific Command. In recent Admiral’s Corners, I discussed US Indo-Pacific Command’s name change, reflecting the importance of the interconnected economies, security agreements, and political organizations that make up this region. I also addressed a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, a vision shared by many of our friends, allies and partners. I believe that by working together, under a shared vision through a common set of values, we can preserve the global commons, rule of law, and respect the sovereignty of all nations big and small.



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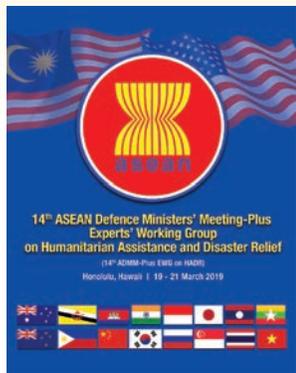
Yamin



Dr. Saira Yamin provided the latest Podcast on Multi-party negotiations. Please review her lecture at the following link: <https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/dki-apcss-podcasts/multi-party-negotiations>

continued from page 1 Along with the APCSS Foundation and the DKI Institute, the Center hosted the inaugural DKI Speaker series where we invited local leadership in Hawaii to hear from Ambassador Harry Harris and his perspective of the historical events occurring in the Peninsula. These Speaker Series are designed to share security perspectives around the region through the lens of regional leaders with the local community in Hawaii who do so much to support our Center. Our speakers in the future will also include international leaders who can provide their unique perspective of our region’s challenges and opportunities.

We kicked off our first In-Resident Executive course of the year looking at Comprehensive Crisis Management (CCM 19-1). The course is set to graduate on 13 March where we will add 101 Alumni from 36 countries/locations to our security partner network!



Looking ahead, we’re excited to hosts two workshops this month. The first is “ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting (ADMM)+ Expert Working Group on HADR” (18-22 Mar). This will be the 14th meeting of this EWG. Attending will be the 10 ASEAN nations + 8 (US, Australia, Japan, India,

Russia, China, NZ, ROK). We’re expecting 70-80 participants from 18 countries.

The second workshop is “Pacific Islands National Security Policy (NSP) Development” Workshop (26-28 Mar). In cooperation with the Pacific Islands Forum, this 3-day workshop will provide a venue for Pacific island nations that have successfully enacted their NSPs to reflect upon and share their experiences of the process with other nations seeking to initiate such NSP development processes. Through such interaction, the workshop will assist nations just commencing the process to identify enhancements to practices now underway, draft an indicative roadmap guiding future NSP development, and highlight the crucial next steps needed to catalyze movement forward.

More to come for 2019 but I’ll leave that for future updates. I appreciate the feedback via comments you provide via the Alumni network. Please continue to use the incredible DKI APCSS network to foster the dialogue we need to build a more shared understanding of the security environment in order to identify common areas for cooperation and collaboration. I wish you well and hope to see many of you in future Alumni Association gatherings.

Peter A. Gumataotao
Director



CCM 19-1



Alumni Awards and Recognition:



Maw

Congratulations to **Ms. San San Maw (Myanmar), ASC16-1** for establishing Civil-Military coordination mechanisms for emergency disaster response operations to improve communication with Myanmar's armed forces. She conducted a Civil-Military Coordination Workshop for HADR, and she introduced a Civil-Military

Coordination Course into Myanmar National Defense College's and Command and General Staff College's curriculum. She is the first NGO Representative to give lectures at a Myanmar Military Professional Educational School. These courses have since become institutionalized and graduates have received a better concept of Civ-Mil Cooperation.

News Stories from Alumni:



Muniruzzaman

Major General (Ret), A.N.M. Muniruzzaman (Bangladesh), EC06-2, hosted a roundtable on "Indo-Pacific Strategy: Implications for the Region."



Schnabel

Albrecht Schnabel (Switzerland), CA13-6, conducted training workshops in Myanmar for the military, police and other representatives from defense and home ministries, focusing on security sector development and the peace process.



Hansen

DKI APCSS Professor, **Commander Jonathan Odom**, discussed international law as a guest lecturer at an



Anua

Mohd Anuar (Malaysia), CSRT14-1, is enrolled in a Master's Degree program in Strategic Defense Studies.

International Relations course led by **John Hansen (U.S.), SSD10-2** and **CA13-6**.



Odom



Swan

Judith Swann (Australia), SEAPOC16-1, earned a Secretary for Defence Fellowship 2019 to research Pacific Islands security.



Basnyat

Major General (Ret) Binoj Basnyat (Nepal), ASC11-2, wrote an article in the *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist* entitled, "Global Body and the Global Power: Differences Despite Partners." He also wrote an article entitled, "The Geopolitical Realities and Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Co-operation (BIMSTEC)." Please see page 43 in the following link.

<https://view.joomag.com/diplomatist-magazine-diplomatist-september-2018/0944456001539061992?short>



Thu

Huong Le Thu (Australia), ASC16-2, published an article entitled "Vietnam Can be a Template for a US Deal with North Korea."



Aziz



Abbott

First Admiral (Ret) Azhari Abdul Aziz (Malaysia), CSRT17-1 and **Colonel (Ret) Donald Kirby Abbott (Canada), ASC17-2**, collaborated on a project to establish the first Regional Center of Military and International Humanitarian Law.



Moromoke

Yetunde Moromoke (Nigeria), CSRT18-1, is working on a presidential committee to de-radicalize, rehabilitate and reintegrate former Boko Haram terrorists in Nigeria.



Rajbhandari

Gahendra Rajbhandari (Nepal), ASC18-2, completed his Fellows Project by launching the Nepal Consular Mobile Application. It aims to bring efficiency, effectiveness and transparency in consular work; it will also reduce lengthy hurdles in the process.



Gunaratna

Special Note:
Mr. Mudiyanselage Ranjith Gunaratna (Sri Lanka) EC02-2, died while working as Consular General for Sri Lanka in Frankfurt, Germany. We offer our sincere condolences to his friends and family. May he rest in peace.



Promotions and Position Changes:



Navaratnam

Ganesh Navaratnam (Malaysia), EC06-2, was promoted to *vice admiral* and appointed *Chief Executive of Malaysian Defence and Security Institute*.



Sapkota

Krishna Sapkota (Nepal), CSRT09-1, was promoted to *brigadier general*. He is studying at the National Defense Course in the International College of Defense Studies in China.



Arevalo

Edgard Arevalo (Philippines), CA12-1, was promoted to *brigadier general* and designated as the *Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil Military Operations*.



Mitchell

Louis Mitchell (U.S.), CSRT12-1, retired from the FBI after nearly 23 years of service.



Lyons

Stephen Lyons (U.S.), SEAPOC13-1, was promoted to *general* and appointed *Commander, U.S. Transportation Command*.



Rojas

Claudio Rojas (Chile), ASC15-1, was appointed *Director, Asia-Pacific Political Division* at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



De la Cerda

Eugenio De la Cerda (Chile), CSRT15-1, was selected by the President as *Health Service Director* for Valparaiso and San Antonio provinces.



Mpanga

Dan Mpanga (Uganda), CSRT15-1, was promoted to *lieutenant colonel* and appointed *Head, Operations of Joint Anti-Terrorism Uganda*. He is currently attending a regional seminar in Nairobi, Kenya.



Thu

Major General Aung Thu (Myanmar), CSRT17-1, was appointed *Minister of Home Affairs*.



Khan

Marryam Khan (Pakistan), ASC17-2, was appointed *Deputy Commissioner Okara*. She manages and administer an entire district in Pakistan.

DKI APCSS Courses:



CCM 19-1 Diamond Head

There are 101 Fellows participating in the Comprehensive Crisis Management 19-1 course. The course will conclude on March 13, 2019.

The Fellows from Sri Lanka celebrated their Independence Day at the Sand Island Coast Guard Station with Tom Patykula and Honorary Consul General for Sri Lanka, Bede Cooray.



Sri Lankan Fellows



CCM 19-1 Polynesian Cultural Center

Educating, Connecting and Empowering

DKI APCSS Workshops:



China's Global Reach: A Security Assessment

DANIEL K. INOUE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES HONOLULU, HAWAII JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 1, 2019

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We will host the “ASEAN Defense Ministers Plus, Expert Working Group on Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Management.” The event will convene March 18-22, 2019 at DKI APCSS.

From March 26-28, 2019, we will host the Pacific Islands National Security Policy Development Workshop.” In cooperation with Pacific Islands Forum, we will provide a venue for Pacific-island nations to share experiences about national security policy development processes.



Educating, Connecting and Empowering



Army War College Alumni

DK1 APCSS Alumni Visitors:

Members of the U.S. Army War College visited DK1 APCSS. Within the group, there were three alumni, **Lieutenant Colonel Hoja Ngweshemi (Tanzania), ASC09-2; Colonel Molorbold**

Jambal (Mongolia), CSRT16-1; and Brigadier General Dzulkafli Mustafa (Malaysia), EC08-2.



Marines

A group of U.S. Marine Corps Pacific senior enlisted personnel visited DK1 APCSS. Among the group were several alumni, including **Command Master Chief Frank Dominguez, APOC16-2** and **Command Master Chief Christopher Moore, APOC15-3.**

General Robert Brown (U.S.), EC06-1 and **TSC12-2,** returned to DK1 APCSS to speak to the CCM19-1 course about leadership during a crisis.



Vares-Lu

Major General Susan Vares-Lum (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1 and **TSC16-2,** visited DK1 APCSS.



Kent

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Kent (U.S.), APOC15-2, returned to DK1 APCSS to brief the class on the Army Corps of Engineers' Response to Disasters.



Gen Brown



Gen Brown

National Days in March:

On behalf of all the DK1 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 Indo-Pacific region:

- 12 March Mauritius National Day
- 23 March Pakistan Day
- 26 March Bangladesh's National and Independence Day

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In February, I testified to the United States Senate Armed Services Committee. It was important that I relay to our elected leaders and the American people the five key challenges that the national leadership and I believe threaten our common interests and the rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific.

As I testified, North Korea has been and continues to be the most immediate challenge facing this region. However, I remain optimistic that there is a path to final, fully verifiable denuclearization.

Second, we seek to cooperate with China where our interests align, such as achieving the final, fully verified denuclearization of North Korea. In other areas, we will compete vigorously. We will defend American interests and values consistently and forthrightly, including in the areas of trade and economics, human rights, including the freedom of religion and belief, the South China Sea, and Taiwan. We remain committed to this strategy as first articulated in the President's 2017 National Security Strategy.

Third, Russia's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific region is of great concern, and like-minded countries must continue to safeguard our alliances and partnerships through close communication and coordination.

Fourth, terrorism and non-state actors seek to impose their views, create areas of political and economic instability, and radicalize people across the region. This is something we witnessed in 2017 when ISIS captured the city of Marawi in the Southern Philippines. The U.S. responded immediately with military support as well as with relief and rehabilitation programs.

Finally, we all know that we live in the ring of fire — 75 percent of the earth's volcanoes, 90 percent of earthquakes, tsunamis and typhoons all occur in areas surrounding the Pacific Basin. Natural disasters know no prejudice, from California, Hawaii, and Alaska through Japan, Southeast Asia, and Australia. Natural disasters leave behind devastated communities that require strong existing relationships, multi-sectoral partnerships, and tremendous resources to re-build. Indo-Pacific Command is committed to working with all countries in the region to

build resiliency in disaster prone areas and Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response capabilities in response to a national disaster. In July 2018, we sent special operations forces to help the international effort to rescue twelve Thai boys and their coach from a flooded cave. In 2018, we assisted in Sulawesi, Indonesia after an earthquake and tsunami hit the country; and responded quickly by providing joint forces, equipment, and fresh drinking water, and by building temporary shelters and assisting with clearing debris from roads and homes after Super Typhoon Yutu hit Tinian and Saipan.

Despite these challenges, like-minded, free nations have ensured a safe, secure, and prosperous region for more than 70 years. Our commitment to this region has deep and broad roots. Five of the United States seven major security agreements are anchored in this region. In fact, our oldest security arrangement was signed with Thailand in 1833.

This past February marked the 38th year of the region's largest multinational exercise, COBRA GOLD, co-hosted by the U.S. and Thailand, and incorporated 28 nations from across the region. Each year, this exercise focuses on building interoperability between the participating nations' armed forces to address shared regional and global security challenges, including joint and combined operations from the air, ground, and sea, and humanitarian assistance/disaster relief exercises. I was honored to attend the close of COBRA GOLD 2019, and witness the long-standing alliance between the Kingdom of Thailand and the United States, as well as the shared commitment of all the nations who participated in advancing prosperity and security in a free and open Asia-Pacific. Thailand and the United States welcome the important contribution of our global partners in making COBRA GOLD 2019 a success!

Exercising capabilities and common procedures, and exchanging views, in exercises such as Cobra Gold, venues such as Singapore's Fullerton Forum and Shangri La Dialogue, and in alumni newsletters such as this one help us advance interests and achieve our mutual goals of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. I enjoy writing this short article every month and, even more, I enjoy reading and learning from your feedback. I look forward to having a reception, breakfast, or even coffee with the alumni of APCSS when I travel into the region.

My best regards,

Phil Davidson
Admiral, US Navy
Commander, US Indo-Pacific Command