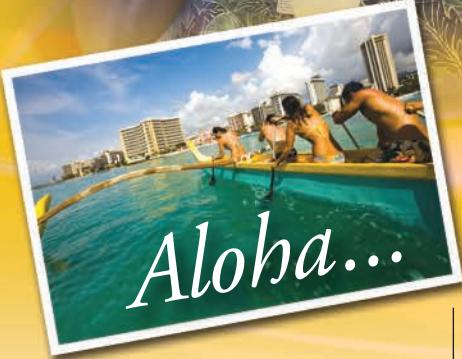
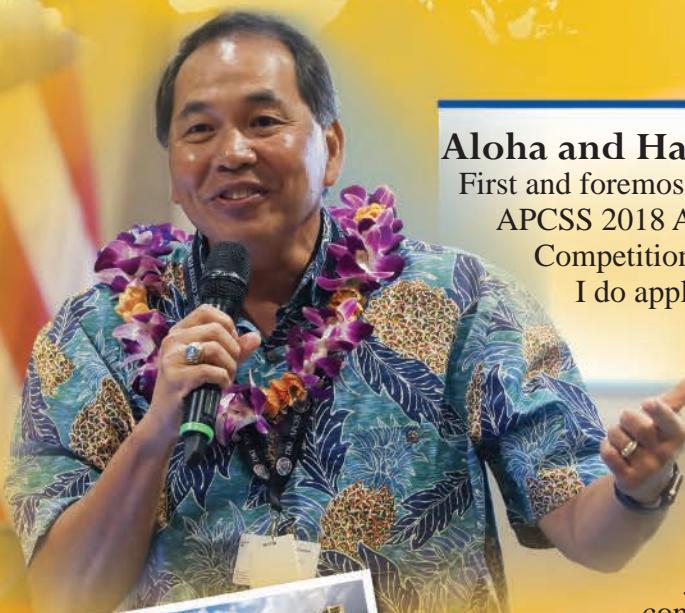




DANIEL K. INOUE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Thank you so much for all of
your inputs to our Alumni
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Aloha and Hafa Adai Esteemed DKI APCSS Alumni,

First and foremost, it gives me great pleasure to publicly announce the DKI APCSS 2018 Alumni of the Year and the Alumni Association of the Year.

Competition was very keen this year, as we've seen in previous years so I do applaud all Alumni and Associations in your continued and collaborative effort to help build a free and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

Please
join me in
congratulating

Ms. Jennifer Key
(Samoa), ASC17-2,

Assistant CEO of the Policy Division at the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, for earning the DKI APCSS Alumna of the Year Award 2018! She helped draft Samoa's first National Security Policy. The Center receives many nominations each year. Jennifer was chosen for this award based on the significance of her achievement and for the impact of this project, not only for Samoa, but also for the positive influence it had on other Oceania countries intent on creating their own national security policy. Jennifer attended the five-week Advanced Security Cooperation Course at APCSS in 2017.



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United States Indo-Pacific Command Admiral's Corner

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Dear alumni of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI-APCSS):

Our challenges range from illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, coastal environmental degradation, drug trafficking, dislocated people, and violent extremism. We must stand firm against those who do not support our shared vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific and who seek to shape the world order to benefit themselves at the expense of the many. U.S. Indo-Pacific Command is committed to building purposeful engagements with the whole of US government, civil society and the private sector, and when possible with the



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Admiral Phil Davidson Enjoy the latest Podcast on Comprehensive Crisis Management
<https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/dki-apcss-podcasts/admiral-davidson-talks-to-crisis-management-course>

General Robert Brown Please also enjoy the Podcast on Leadership during Crises
<https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/dki-apcss-podcasts/general-brown-discusses-crisis-management>

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Fellows attending the course are required to identify a project that they can advance while at APCSS, a project that builds individual, institutional or national/regional capacity and/or advances security cooperation. During the course, with the help of her classmates and with the advice of faculty members, she developed a plan for drafting Samoa's National Security Policy. While Jennifer initiated this project, she confirmed that its implementation was a team effort. We are so very grateful and proud of Jennifer for putting into practice that which she learned at DKI APCSS, and for taking action to help build Samoa's security capacity with this significant national policy document. Her achievement serves as a model, not only for other countries striving to develop similar policies, but it also stands as an outstanding example for all of our alumni.

Congratulations are also in order to the Tonga DKI APCSS Alumni Association for earning the DKI APCSS Alumni Association of the Year Award 2018! The Tongan alumni, led by Chief of Defense Staff, Brigadier General Lord Fielakepa, worked with the U.S. National Guard, the U.S. Embassy and DKI APCSS in hosting a Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Symposium. Additionally, the alumni significantly contributed to the development of a WPS National Action Plan, and hosted a major alumni event in Tonga. The Tongan alumni contribution toward developing a WPS National Action Plan helped demonstrate Tonga's commitment to an inclusive, whole-of-society approach to security, and it has a positive impact on Tonga's national security capacity. We applaud the Tongan alumni for their contributions to advance security, peace and prosperity, not only in Tonga, but in the entire region.



Once again, allow me to give special thanks and well done to all our alumni who were nominated for these awards, and even to those of you who were not nominated but still contributed to a more stable, resilient and

prosperous region. We are proud of you for using your APCSS experience and your network of security practitioners to make our world a better place to live. We look forward to celebrating your future accomplishments in our comprehensive security realm.



Peter A. Gumataotao
Director

News Stories from Alumni:



Roy Ecraela (*Philippines*), EC04-2, attended the “Advanced Diplomacy Leadership Program” at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston, Massachusetts, and the “Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Counter-Terrorism Working Group Plenary Sessions/Related Meetings” in Santiago, Chile.



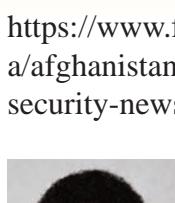
Lieutenant General Chea Vanna (*Cambodia*), EC06-2, attended a United Nations meeting in New York.



Major General (Ret) Muniruzzman (*Bangladesh*), SEC06-2, joined a panel with Bob Rae, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Canada, to discuss the ongoing Rohingya crisis. He also delivered a Keynote address at the Harvard International Affairs Conference 2019. For more details, please check www.bipss.org.bd



Shanthie D'Souza (*India*), ORA10-1, wrote an article entitled, “The Limits of India’s Soft Power in Afghanistan.”



Unaisi Bolatolu-Vuniwaqa (*Fiji*), ASC11-1, is the first female Police Commissioner to serve with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan



Major General (Ret) Binoj Basnyat (*Nepal*), ASC11-2, wrote an article entitled, “Trends of Instability: Clarity Needed to Move Ahead.”



Tanka Upreti (*Nepal*), ASC13-1, earned Nepal Vidyabhushan Medal from the President of Nepal, the highest decoration for academic achievement.



Huong Le Thu (*Australia*), ASC16-2, published an article entitled, “‘Short of War’: No Peace in the South China Sea.”
<https://rusi.org/publication/rusi-newsbrief/%E2%80%98short-war%E2%80%99-no-peace-south-china-sea>



Saira Ali (*Pakistan*), ASC17-1, continued her work in the village of Rimsha, conducting community meetings regarding Honour killings and protection and equality of women. (Photos D1 - D2)



Asanga Abeyagoonasekera (*Sri Lanka*), TSC17-1, wrote a book entitled “Sri Lanka at Crossroads.”



Kristen Carter (*U.S.*), ASC18-1, traveled to Mongolia where she met with some of her course mates.



Rear Admiral Jon Kreitz (*U.S.*), TSC18-2, met with his Malaysian course mate, Lieutenant General Mohd Asghar Khan in Malaysia.

News Stories from Alumni:



Forman

Dr. Lori Forman (U.S. DKI APCSS), met with several alumni in Suva, during her recent trip to Fiji.



Promotions and Position Changes:



Wiri

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Geoffrey Wiri (Papua New Guinea), EC98-2, is Consul General to Indonesia.



Sugondhabhirom

Apirat Sugondhabhirom (Thailand), EC00-2, is Consul General of Thailand to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



Battungalag

Gankhuurai Battungalag (Mongolia), EC00-3, was appointed Ambassador to Austria.



Tini

Tearoa Tini (Cook Islands), EC01-2, retired as Ombudsman.



Nizamuddin Ahmed

Admiral Mohammad Nizamuddin Ahmed (Bangladesh), EC01-3, retired as Chief of Navy



Henderson

Garth Henderson (Cook Islands), EC02-2, is now Financial Secretary.



Chiang

Sen Chiang (Taiwan), EC02-2, was promoted to Director General of European Affairs, MOFA.



Hosking

John Hosking (Cook Islands), EC02-3, is now Head of Ministry Transport.



Kuentsyl

Rinchen Kuentsyl (Bhutan), EC02-3, was selected as Director, Department of SAARC and Regional Organization.



Toropo

Gilbert Toropo (Papua New Guinea), EC03-3, was promoted to major general.



Numa

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Numa (Papua New Guinea), EC04-1, retired from military service.



Thapa

Purna Chandra Thapa (Nepal), EC04-2, was promoted to general and appointed Chief of Army Staff.



Dashjamts

Batsaikhan Dashjamts (Mongolia), EC05-1, was appointed Ambassador to Bulgaria.



Chupaitoon

Chusak Chupaitoon (Thailand), EC05-1, was promoted to vice admiral and appointed Advisor, Royal Thai Navy.



Kommasith

Saichay Kommasith (Laos), EC05-2 and TSC10-2, was promoted to brigadier general and appointed Military Chief Commander of Division 1.



Dash

Bilegdorj Dash (Mongolia), EC05-2, was appointed Ambassador to Vietnam.

Promotions and Position Changes:



Vanna

Chea Vanna (Cambodia), EC06-2, was promoted to lieutenant general and appointed **Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of MoD**, and he holds a second position as Deputy Secretary General of MoD.



Pamonag

Lieutenant General Danilo Pamonag (Philippines), CSRT06-2, retired from military service.



Seed

Christopher Seed (New Zealand), SEC07-2, was promoted as **Chief Executive and Secretary** of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



Pandum

Colonel Otto Pandum (Papua New Guinea), EC08-1, is the **Director General** of the National Intelligence Organization.



Chuluun

Bayarmunkh Chuluun (Mongolia), EC08-1, was appointed **Ambassador to Egypt.**



Quraishi

Malik Quraishi (Afghanistan), SEC08-2, was appointed **Director General Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**



Rithy

Lieutenant General Kim Rithy (Cambodia), CSRT09-2 is Vice Governor of Kandal.



Fan

Kuo-Su Fan (Taiwan), APOC10-1, was promoted as **Director General**, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle, Washington.



Baasanjav

Ganbold Baasanjav (Mongolia), TSC10-2, is **Director, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, East and Northeast Asia Office.**



Leather

David Leather (U.S.), APOC11-1, retired from the Navy and is now working for the U.S. Department of State in the Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism.



Reed

Frankie Annette Reed (U.S.), TSC11-2, is **Senior Advisor, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.**



Tyhas

Tea Tyhas (Cambodia), ASC12-1, was appointed **Provincial Governor** of Siem Reap.



Padilla

Major General Restituto Padilla (Philippines), APOC12-1 and TSC18-1, retired from the military.



Age

Barbara Age (Papua New Guinea), ASC13-1, was appointed **Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**

Promotions and Position Changes:



Adriatico

Agane Adriatico (Philippines), CCM13-1, was promoted to brigadier general.



Lanthier

Jean-Marc Lanthier (Canada), SEAPOC13-1, was promoted to lieutenant general and appointed Commander of the Royal Canadian Army.



Bakar

Damit Bakar (Brunei), ASC14-1, was promoted to colonel and appointed Deputy Commander of Land Force.



Nijenhuis

Mr. Rene Nijenhuis (United Nations), CCM14-1, is Head of Office, United Nations OCHA in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



Brawner

Colonel Romeo Brawner (Philippines), ASC14-2, is Commander 103rd Infantry Brigade, Marawi.



Yao

Chin-Hsiang Yao (Taiwan), SEAPOC14-2, is Director General, Department of North American Affairs.



Jazag

Amarsanaa Jazag (Mongolia), CCM15-1, was selected as Adjunct Advisor to the President of Mongolia in health related issues.



Perera

Rear Admiral Ruwan Perera (Sri Lanka), ASC15-1, was appointed Area Commander of Northwestern Naval Command.



Jha

Sushil Kumar Jha (India), ASC15-1, was promoted as Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, in the Ministry of Home Affairs.



Sabiu

Omobolanle Falilat Sabiu (Nigeria), CSRT15-1, was promoted as Chief Defense Intelligence Officer.



Dela Pena

Brigadier General Augusto Dela Pena (Philippines), ASC16-1, was designated as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Education and Training, J-8 of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.



McDonald

Warren McDonald (Australia), TSC15-2, was promoted to air marshal and appointed Chief, Joint Capabilities Group.



Hamstra

Jacob Hamstra (New Zealand), APOC15-2, joined the East West Center as Special Advisor, Office of the President.



de Lima

Carlos Alexandre de Lima (Brazil), CSRT16-1, was appointed Commander of a Unit in Joao Pessoa, Paraiba Brazil.



Silva

Group Captain S.D.G.M. Silva (Sri Lanka), CSRT16-1, was selected as Commanding Officer of the Junior Command and Staff College.



Peebles

Commander Michael Peebles (New Zealand), ASC17-1, took command of the frigate HMNZS Te Mana from Commander Lisa Hunn ASC16-2.

Promotions and Position Changes:



Pathirana

Sudarshana Pathirana (Sri Lanka), CA17-1, was promoted to **air vice marshal.**



Rai

Thule Rai (Nepal), CCM17-1, was promoted as **Additional Inspector General of Police.**



Grenstad

Rear Admiral Anders Grenstad (Sweden), MAPOC17-1, is the Swedish Senior Member of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission.



Wasiewska

Joanna Wasiewska (Poland), MAPOC17-1, is **Deputy Head of Mission**, Embassy Republic of Poland in Manila.



Ward

Rodger Ward (New Zealand), APOC17-2, was promoted to **captain** and appointed **Defense Advisor** for Brunei, Thailand and Malaysia.



Meinzinger

Alexander Meinzinger (Canada), TSC17-2, was promoted to **lieutenant general** and appointed **Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force.**



Schuster

Alfred Schuster (New Zealand), TSC17-2, is **Development Effectiveness Advisor** at Australia Pacific Training Coalition.



Rodrigo

Satyajit Rodrigo (Sri Lanka), TSC17-2, is **Deputy Permanent Representative** to the United Nations.



Yoo

Major General Daniel Yoo (U.S.), TSC17-2, was appointed **Commander, Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command.**



Hsu

Sin Yun Hsu (Singapore), TSC17-2, was appointed **Deputy Commissioner (Operations)**, Immigration and Checkpoints Authority, Singapore Police Force.



Figari

Luis Figari (Peru), TSC17-2, is **Chief of Staff**, General Command of Pacific Operations.



Logavatu

Jone Kalouniwai Logavatu (Fiji), TSC17-2, was promoted to **brigadier general** and appointed **Chief of Staff**, Fiji Military Forces.



Silk

Isabela Silk (Marshall Islands), TSC17-2, is **Consul General**, Republic of Marshall Islands Consulate-Honolulu.



Tagamolila Jr.

Captain Francisco Tagamolila Jr. (Philippines), ASC18-2, is **Chief of Staff**, Naval Forces West.



Thu

Correction: Major General Aung Thu (Myanmar), TSC15-2, is **Deputy Minister of Home Affairs.**

DKI APCSS News:

Information you may find useful:

The Combating Terrorism Exchange is now available online.

<https://globalecco.org/table-of-contents91;jsessionid=343FA494A26C43CCA36C14D30BFAE0EB>

“Taiwan’s Potential Role in the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy: Convergence in the South Pacific
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/taiwans-potential-role-in-the-free-and-open-indo-pacific-strategy/>

“China-Russia Naval Cooperation in East Asia: Implications for Japan”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/china-russia-naval-cooperation-in-east-asia-implications-for-japan/>

“China’s Eurasian Century” Political and Strategic Implications of the Belt and Road Initiative”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/chinas-eurasian-century-political-and-strategic-implications-of-the-belt-and-road-initiative/>

“Pursuing Global Reach: China’s Not So Long March toward Preeminence”

<https://www.nbr.org/publication/pursuing-global-reach-chinas-not-so-long-march-toward-preeminence/>

“The Hanoi Summit: A Point on a Long North Korean Foreign Policy Line”

<https://www.nbr.org/publication/the-hanoi-summit-a-point-on-a-long-north-korean-policy-line/>

“Securing the China Dream: The PLA’s Role in a Time of Reform and Change”

<https://www.nbr.org/event/2017-annual-peoples-liberation-army-conference/>

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

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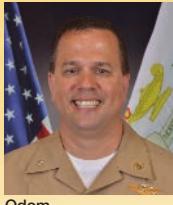
“The Critical Role of Crisis Resilience in Building and Sustaining Political, Economic and Social Stability” is a new article co-authored by **Dr. Benjamin J. Ryan, Dr. Deon V. Canyon, Dr. James Campbell, Frederick M. Burkle, and Wie-Sen Li**. It was recently published in the Defense Security Brief, volume 7, issue 2



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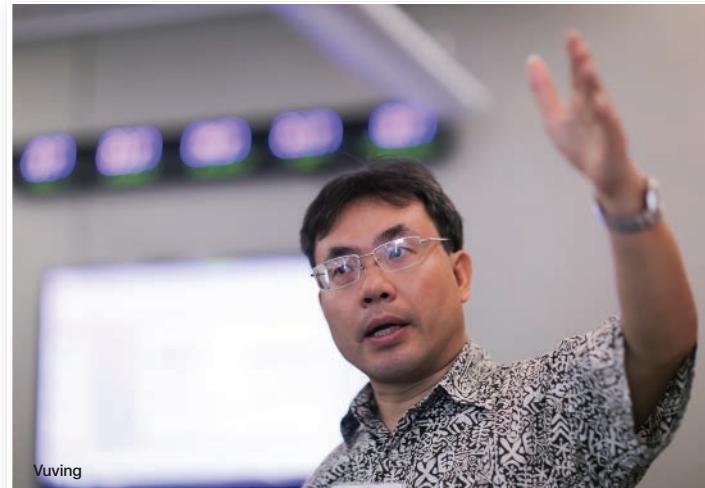
Dr Alexander L. Vuving has a new article in The National Interest profiling N. Korean leader Kim Jong Un and providing his opinion on how the U.S. should respond. The OpEd entitled “What Kim Jong Un Really Wants, and How America Should Respond” provides a background on Kim Jong Un’s first six years as leader and the programs he pursued in order to establish credibility within N. Korea as well as the world. Dr. Vuving also has a new article in The Diplomat on the second North Korea-U.S. Summit and the options for the two countries going forward. The OpEd entitled “The Future of the Trump-Kim Summit” explains why the Summit was ended without an agreement as well as what’s next for the countries.



Cmdr. Jonathan G. Odom has an article featured in the March issue of Proceedings magazine, highlighting the growing tactical risk arising in the geopolitical competition between the United States and China. The article, entitled “China’s ‘Riskfare’,” calls for the United States to spotlight China’s risky operational behavior in and over the waters of the Asia-Pacific region and take deliberate actions to counter these dangerous tactics.



Prof. Elina Noor was invited to speak on the topic of “New Technologies, IHL and the Future of Warfare,” at the 13th Southeast and Northeast Asian Session on International Humanitarian Law in Bangkok Aug. 20-24, 2018. She focused on regional and international developments within the cyber domain as well as their implications for IHL. Noor also attended the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC)’s final full meeting of the year in September 2018, in her capacity as commissioner. The meeting deliberated a package of six critical norms for release to help promote the peaceful use and stability of cyberspace.



DKI APCSS Courses:



On March 13, 2019, 101 Fellows graduated from the Comprehensive Crisis Management 19-1 course.



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DKI APCSS Workshops:



We conducted a multilateral workshop in Honolulu, entitled “National Security Policy Development in the Pacific Islands: Shared Experiences, Lessons Learned and Best Practices.” Among the 34 participants from 15 nations, 11 were DKI APCSS alumni.

The Center hosted the “14th ASEAN Defense Minister’s Meeting Expert’s Working Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.” Among the 70 participants, five were DKI APCSS alumni.



DKI APCSS Alumni Visitors:

International Fellows from the U.S. Army War College visited DKI APCSS. Within the group were three DKI APCSS alumni: **Brigadier General Dzulkafli Mustafa (Malaysia), EC08-2, Lieutenant Colonel Hoja Ng'weshemi (Tanzania), ASC09-2, and Colonel Molorbold Jambal (Mongolia), CSRT16-1.**



Minihan

The Chief of Staff, Indo-PACOM, **Major General Michael Minihan (U.S.), SEAPOC14-1**, visited DKI APCSS and spoke to the members of the Pacific Islands workshop.



Grice

Jean Grice (U.S.), APOC13-2, visited DKI APCSS with Ms. Louise Rapp, the Director, DoD Education Activity.



St. Pierre

Captain Greg St. Pierre (U.S.), APOC08-1, visited DKI APCSS from the U.S. Pacific Fleet to discuss the Comprehensive Maritime Security Course.



A group from the International Intelligence Fellows Program toured DKI APCSS. Within the group were four DKI APCSS alumni: **Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Krick (U.S.), APOC18-3, Colonel Abdulla Ibrahim (Maldives), ASC12-1, Commander Sione Lino (Tonga), EC05-2, CSRT13-1 and CCM16-1, and Colonel Batjargal Purevdorj (Mongolia), CSRT06-3.**



Browning

The Australian Deputy Counsel General to Honolulu, **Dr. Teena Browning (Australia), APOC18-3**, returned to DKI APCSS for a visit.



Silk

Isabela Silk (Marshall Islands), TSC17-2, returned to DKI APCSS as the Marshall Islands' Counsel General to Honolulu.



Furlo

James Furlo (U.S.), APOC15-2, visited DKI APCSS as an assistant to Joseph McMenamin, Deputy Assistant Secretary Defense for Counter Narcotics.



Ahern and Straube

Colonel (Ret) Daniel Ahern (U.S.), and Ms. Kimmie Straube (U.S.), APOC15-3, visited DKI APCSS with a group from the U.S. Army's G9 office.

United States Indo-Pacific Command Admiral's Corner

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complementary whole of society of our allies and partners, to sustain and build upon 70 years of relative peace and prosperity through our security and economic architectures.

I spoke of this comprehensive approach and the United States commitment to this region at the Fullerton Lecture

Series in Singapore in early March. I articulated our commitment to a region where the United States has not declined in power but maintained the most potent fighting force in the history of mankind. U.S. Indo-Pacific Command places 60% of our U.S. Navy ships, 55% of our Army forces, and 2/3 of our Marine forces ready to deter aggression and fight and win if called upon to do so. We have tremendous capability forward of the international dateline and deployed in the Indo-Pacific day in and day out. The United States holds over 90 military exercises in the Indo-Pacific each year, building common tactics, techniques and procedures and advancing all of our military capabilities and capacities to work together. The vast majority of these exercises are in conjunction with allies and partners.

But I believe the security aspect of the U.S. architecture in the Indo-Pacific is not the most important element of our whole of government efforts. The United States is committed to economic growth and investments in this region and we believe trade and investments are the real driver for overall peace and prosperity -- but under a firm security umbrella. In 2017, U.S. foreign direct investment in the Indo-Pacific reached \$940 billion – more than doubling since 2007. The United States is committed to be an enduring power, partner, and ally across diplomatic, economic, informational and security elements.

This newsletter is just one of the many ways that we can continue to purposefully engage one another. I look forward to writing this article and am honored to receive your feedback from previous editions. As such, I wanted to take some time to answer a couple of the questions that I have received from you.

First, one of you took stock of my Halifax speech and asked what benefits ASEAN countries might see due to rapid economic growth in this region. In that specific speech I described the Indo-Pacific as home to 10 of the 20 fastest growing economies and over a third of the

global GDP. In my Fullerton remarks in early March, I noted that the U.S. has been a constant driver for economic growth for more than three quarters of a century. Specifically, the United States is the largest foreign direct investor in the ASEAN region, with roughly \$306 billion in cumulative investment, and the United States is ASEAN's third largest trading partner. Moreover, taken together, the ten countries of ASEAN are our 4th largest trading partner for goods. In fact, bilateral trade with ASEAN and the United States has increased 78% since 2004, from \$153 billion to \$273 billion. Japan and the EU are also huge investors to the region. The current global security and economic system, coupled with the strong commitment of like-minded allies and partners, will sustain economic growth for the benefit of all of the Indo-Pacific --- and not one belt one road to one country.

Another DKI-APCSS graduate asked, "What is the international role of the United States?" I will answer this in terms of the Indo-Pacific. A Free and Open Indo-Pacific ensures sovereign choice, unfettered access to the global commons of the sea, air, space, and cyberspace through a rules based international order, good governance, and an economic structure that assures free and open trade and investment. Thus, the role of the United States, and those who believe in a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, is for all of us to do whatever we can to help ensure a safe, secure, and prosperous region that benefits all nations, large and small. This new world we are creating every day, where global knowledge is doubling in terms of years not millennia, is not about great power competition. Rather, it is about all of us doing our part to ensure and assure that all nations have the capability and resolve to make independent decisions that allow them the best possible future in a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command is your committed partner.

As always, I look forward to continuing my dialogue with you at my Command, across our region, or through platforms such as this.

My best regards,

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