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The United States and ASEAN PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

The East-West Center in Washington provides US and regional government stakeholders and program partners with innovative training, analytical and dialogue exchange, and public diplomacy products to meet US policy priorities and expressed needs in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Asia Matters for America Initiative

Partnered Projects



NEW PUBLICATION

ASEAN Matters for America/ America Matters for ASEAN

The 7th edition of ASEAN Matters for America/America Matters for ASEAN covers US relations with the 10 countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Topics include: diplomatic and defense ties, trade and investment (with spotlights on the health, agriculture, infrastructure, and digital sectors), job creation, travel and tourism, student exchanges (including YSEALI and Fulbright), ASEAN Americans, and sister relationships.

Vietnam Matters for America/

America Matters for Vietnam

between the United States and Vietnam

at the national, state, and local levels.

resources for understanding the robust

and dynamic US-Vietnam relationship.

The website and publication are

This initiative maps the trade. investment, employment, business, diplomacy, security, education, tourism, and people-to-people connections

Related Publications

MATTERS FOR AMERICA MATTERS FOR

MATTERS FOR THE PHILIPPINES : THE MEKONG

U.S. Congress Events



The Honorable Ann Wagner (MO-2) gives keynote remarks at the launch of ASEAN Matters for America on Capitol Hill.



Southeast Asian Perceptions of the **US & Australia Alliance**







US Indo-Pacific Strategy after One **Year: Perspectives** from Allies, Partners, and across the Indo-Pacific



New Opportunities for the United States-Kinadom of Thailand Alliance in the Indo-Pacific



EWCW Publications

Asia Pacific Bulletin Series

Cybersecurity for ASEAN: Many Opportunities and Challenges for Cyber Cooperation





Navigating Indo-Pacific Waters: Maritime Governance and Strengthening ASEAN-IORA Cooperation Through Port Connectivity





Occasional Papers

Energy Transition Pathways and Partnerships: US-Vietnam Relations in a Changing Indo-Pacific





Observations on the State of Cybersecurity in Southeast Asia







The Indo-Pacific Conference on Strengthening Governance of Transboundary Rivers



United States-ASEAN Partnership Fact Sheets









Seminars and Educational Exchange

US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Global Leadership Youth Summit





The East-West Center in Washington, in coordination with the US Embassies in Seoul and Tokyo, Korean Ministry of Education, the National Institute for International Education, and Busan Metropolitan City, hosted the US-ROK-Japan Trilateral

Global Leadership Youth Summit in Busan, South Korea from July 11 to 13, 2024. Part of the Young Trilateral Leaders Initiative, The Summit brought together emerging leaders from the United States, the Republic of Korea, and Japan, with additional representatives from Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. The summit was held in Busan, Korea and addressed issues such as environmental resiliency, economic innovation, and national security concerns through simulations of Camp David and a competitive pitch competition.

Participant Composition

United States

15Japan

15 South Korea

Pacific Islands

3 Southeast Asia

Young Professionals Program

The Young Professionals Program (YPP) is a leadership development experience for emerging leaders in US-Indo-Pacific affairs, held at the East-West Center in Washington's DC office. Young Professionals have opportunities to write articles for the Asia Matters for America website, conduct research, and take part in unique professional development training. Participants join a unique and diverse network of alumni, with an interest in US-Indo-

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US-Vietnam Relations on the Eve of the 30th Anniversary



Dr. Satu Limaye, Former ambassador Ted Osius, Dr. Bich Tran, and Dr. Nguyen Hong Hai discuss US-Vietnam diplomatic relations at the East-West Center in Washington, DC.

On the eve of the 30th anniversary of normalized US-Vietnam relations, this seminar



covered the evolution of the two countries' bilateral ties, from postwar reconciliation to a growing strategic partnership. The panel of experts explored the future of the partnership in the context of economic exchange, peopleto-people ties, and security cooperation.

Lower Mekong Study Tour

In January 2023, the East-West Center, in partnership with the U.S. Consulate in



Chennai, took seven Indian journalists on a study tour in Cambodia to increase knowledge and information in India on the Lower Mekong Region. The journalists learned about river conservation, economic development, and US foreign policy in the region.





RESEARCH INNOVATION & COLLABORATION EXCHANGE











Research Innovation & Collaboration Exchange

The East-West Center (EWC) provides Research Innovation & Collaboration Exchange (RICE) funding for scholars, policy experts, non-government organization/civil society organization (NGO/CSO) members, researchers, or journalists from the Indo-Pacific Region, including the United States, to undertake projects that feature research, convenings, and publications on topics related to themes relevant to US relations with the Indo-Pacific, resource and supply chain resiliency, political economy issues around trade, technology and integration, and geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific.

FACTS Asia, based out of the Philippines, is part of the RICE cohort at EWC. Florence Queen Principe Gamboa is a Program Manager at FACTS Asia. The project examines cybersecurity in Southeast Asia and has analysis on these issues in a special *Asia Pacific Bulletin* series, an *Occasional Paper*, and a series of online seminars.

The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study research and dialogue. Established by the US Congress in 1960, the Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to exchange views,

build expertise, and develop policy options. The East-West Center in Washington, a program of the East-West Center, advances US-Indo-Pacific relations by creating innovative content, publications, exchanges, and outreach activities.