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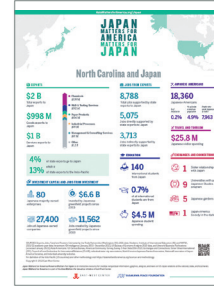
This initiative maps the trade, investment, employment, business, diplomacy, security, education, tourism, and people-to-people connections between the United States and the Indo-Pacific at the national, state, and local levels. This website, publication, and one-page summaries for states and congressional districts are resources for understanding the robust and dynamic US-Indo-Pacific relationship.



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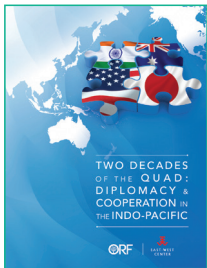
One-Page State Summary



Japan Matters for America Roadshow in North Carolina

EWC Publications

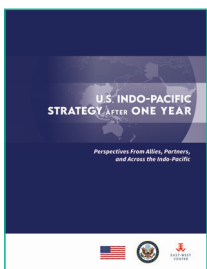
Two Decades of the Quad: Diplomacy & Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific



The East-West Center proudly organized this project in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF). The report was launched at the ORF Headquarters in Delhi, India on June 14th, 2024.

As the Quad marks its 20th anniversary, this report reflects on its journey, assesses its accomplishments, and contemplates its future trajectory amidst the dynamic geopolitical challenges facing the region. This report aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the Quad's evolution, exploring its diplomatic endeavors, collaborative efforts, and the implications of its strategic engagements on regional stability and global order.

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



During 2023, the East-West Center, with support from the US Department of State, held a series of three closed-door conferences in Washington, DC; Honolulu; and Jakarta, at which US allies, partners, friends, and American experts and government officials provided their perspectives on US policy and implementation with respect to US Indo-Pacific Strategy. This report is based on insights shared at all three conferences and presents supplementary materials that provide further insights into how stakeholders perceive and assess Indo-Pacific Strategy.



The EWC Occasional Paper series presents research findings on five broad themes: Indo-Pacific strategic competition and international relations; climate, energy, and environment; emerging technology and related diplomatic efforts; economic statecraft; and international organization and multilateral diplomacy. This series aims to serve as a platform for EWC staff, Visiting Scholars, Visiting Fellows, RICE Fellows, Non-Resident Fellows, and Adjuncts to not only disseminate their ideas but also advance collaboration and exchange.



RECENT ASIA PACIFIC BULLETIN



The Evolution of the Partnership between NATO and Japan

Komei Isozaki, Japan Chair Fellow at the Hudson Institute, explores the significance of Japan-NATO relations in the wake of the Vilnius Summit and new cooperation agreements between Japan and NATO.





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US–ROK–Japan Trilateral Global Leadership Youth Summit



The US–ROK–Japan Trilateral Global Leadership Youth Summit is a leadership initiative implemented by the EWC, with funding and support from the US Embassy Seoul, and Tokyo, as well as the Republic of Korea Ministry of Education. The program is for emerging leaders

from the United States, the Republic of Korea, and Japan, with additional representatives from Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year's 3–day summit was held in Busan, Korea and addressed issues such as climate change, economic innovation, and national security concerns through simulations of Camp David and a competitive pitch competition.

Participant Composition



Young Professionals Program

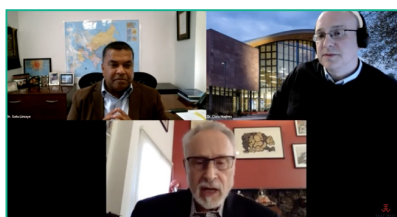
The Young Professionals Program is a leadership development experience for emerging leaders in US–Indo–Pacific affairs, held at the East–West Center in Washington's DC office. Young Professionals Program participants have opportunities to write articles for the Asia Matters for America website, conduct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



Seminars

INDO–PACIFIC FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE SERIES

Enduring and New Frontiers in US–Japan Relation Japan as a Global Military Power: New Capabilities, Alliance Integration, Bilateralism–Plus



Dr. Christopher Hughes, University of Warwick; Dr. Ellis Krauss, University of California San Diego; Dr. Satu Limaye, East–West Center

The Courteous Power: Japan and Southeast Asia in the Indo–Pacific Era



Dr. John Ciorciari, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan; Dr. Shino Watanabe, Sophia University in Tokyo and Visiting Scholar (Fulbright Scholar), George Washington University; Dr. Nobuhiro Aizawa, Kyushu University; Dr. Satu Limaye, East–West Center

US–Japan–Southeast Asia Partnership in a Dynamic Asia Fellowship

In 2018, EWCW, in collaboration with the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) at Osaka University, launched the US–Japan–Southeast Asia Partnership in a Dynamic Asia fellowship.

This program provided analysts and scholars with an opportunity to conduct interviews, research, publish, and present work while in residence at EWCW and OSIPP. In 2020, EWCW collaborated with the Center for Rule–making Strategies (CRS) at Tama University to launch the second class of the fellowship. The East–West Center thanks The Japan Foundation and the US Embassy Tokyo for their generous support for this fellowship.



Ms. Kyoko Suzuki, Special Assistant for Trade Negotiations, Economic Partnership Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Darren Mangado, Teaching Associate, De La Salle University



Congressional Staff Program on Japan

This bipartisan educational certificate program aims to equip congressional staffers with the information and analyses necessary to appreciate the role of Japan and the US–Japan alliance in US foreign policy in the Indo–Pacific, now and in the future. By also focusing on crucial forward–looking issues in US–Japan relations, CPUSJ is designed to provide staffers with a more comprehensive understanding of this relationship and its role in the region.



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.