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United States and the Pacific Islands 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



The Pacific Islands Matter for America/ America Matters for The Pacific Islands

This project maps the trade, investment, employment, business, diplomacy, security, education, tourism, and people-to-people connections between the United States and the Pacific Island countries including American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Freely Associated States of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau at the national, state, and local levels.

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Rep. Ed Case addresses the audience at the Pacific Islands Matter for America Launch on Capitol Hill

EWCW Publications

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



The East-West Center, with support from the U.S. 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.

ASIA PACIFIC BULLETIN Series

Partner & Regional Perspectives on Pacific Maritime Governance

The East-West Center in Washington, in coordination with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS), published this *Asia Pacific Bulletin* series on maritime governance in the Indo-Pacific. While maritime governance encompasses a wide range of security and structural concerns, stability and prosperity in the region depend on effective rules, norms, and institutions—reinforced by strong naval and coast guard forces.



Related Publications



Asia Matters for America
Public & Elite Opinion Poll



Asia Matters for America

Congressional Staff Program on the Pacific



This bipartisan educational certificate program equips congressional staffers with the information and analyses necessary to appreciate significance of the Pacific Islands and the US role in the region. By focusing on crucial forward-looking issues, CSPP is designed to provide staffers with a more comprehensive understanding of the region and its significance to US Indo-Pacific policy.





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



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-Pacific relations.



256
Alumni

23
Nationalities
Represented



Forging Stronger Connections: Leveraging Military Diplomacy and Cultural Exchange in the Indo-Pacific



Lt. Col. Matthew House (Adjunct Fellow, EWCW), Dr. Roger Kangas, Nicholas Hamisevicz, PhD (EWCW), and Andre Rivier

Military diplomacy is not merely a tool of defense but a cornerstone of proactive engagement and strategic influence. By investing in its capabilities and empowering its practitioners, the United States can navigate the complexities of the Asia Pacific region effectively, fostering stability and prosperity for future generations.



The Future of the Pacific Regional Order



For this online event, our panelists will present on the topic of 'The Future of the Pacific Regional Order'. With rising geopolitical competition, the deteriorating climate crisis, and ever-pressing development needs, the question of how Pacific Islands states should cooperate internally and with external partners is of paramount importance.

Research Innovation & Collaboration Exchange



RICE Recipient

Samatha Kies-Ryan

Director, Earth Water People
Awarded \$9,000 to explore water concerns and water security in the Pacific.

The East-West Center welcomes 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 research projects and produce outcomes on topics related to domestic / international governance, environment, political economy around trade, technology and integration, and geopolitics. All projects should be relevant to US-Indo-Pacific relations.



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.