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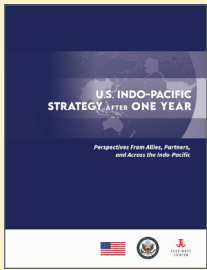
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Recent Special Publications

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.



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



The East-West Center in Washington (EWCW) in collaboration with the Royal Thai Embassy, Washington, DC convened a two-day seminar in which experts from Thailand and

the United States discussed issues and opportunities for the US-Thailand alliance. The workshop included a diverse array of discussants hailing from government, military, academic, think tank, and private sector backgrounds.



Main Publications

ASIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA



The *Asia Matters for America (AMA)* initiative maps the trade, investment, employment, business, diplomacy, security, and people-to-people connections between the United States and the Indo-Pacific at the national, state, and local levels. The publications, one-page connection summaries for states and congressional districts, and the website are resources for understanding the robust and dynamic US-Indo-Pacific relationship.



ASEAN Matters for America



The *Asia Pacific Bulletin (APB)* is produced by the East-West Center in Washington. APB analyses focus on policy-relevant Asia Pacific developments and US-Asia relations and are 1000 words in length. APBs are designed to provide insights, information, and perspective for the busy professional or policymaker. APB considers any article that provides cogent, timely, and rigorous analysis of contemporary issues in the Asia Pacific region and encourages contributors to write on subjects that impact both US and Asian policy. The publication welcomes a diversity of opinion and is particularly keen to publish voices from the Asia Pacific region.

Recent Asia Pacific Bulletin

Sustaining Congressional Engagement with Southeast Asia



Erik Ashida, a former staffer for the US House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Social Impact,

explains that Congress plays a vital role in sustaining long-term US foreign policy commitments to Southeast Asia via supporting executive initiatives, making symbolic gestures, and advancing its own policy agenda.



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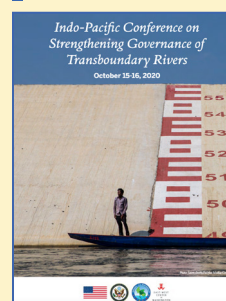
The Philippines Matters for America



The Mekong Matters for America



APEC Matters for America



The Indo-Pacific Conference on Strengthening Governance of Transboundary Rivers

The *Indo-Pacific Conference on Strengthening Governance of Transboundary Rivers* was a virtual conference organized by the East-West Center and hosted by the U.S. Department of State. The conference convened partners and stakeholders from across the Indo-Pacific region and beyond to address rising environmental, economic, development, and political challenges in the Mekong River Basin.





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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



Educational Exchange



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.



US Indo-Pacific Statecraft Matters for South and Southeast Asia (UMSS)

From June 13-15, 2022 in Kolkata, India, 20 undergrad students from India, Nepal, and Indonesia convened to brainstorm about an Indo-Pacific that is open, connected, prosperous, resilient, and secure. The two-day in-person program marked the final leg of the US Indo-Pacific Statecraft Matters for South and Southeast Asia (UMSS) project, a project to impart college and university students from India/South Asia, Southeast Asia and the United States with knowledge of the principles of US Indo-Pacific policy through an online virtual training toolkit created by the East-West Center in Washington (EWCW) in partnership with the U.S. Consulate Kolkata. The exchange program included panel discussions, diplomatic simulation by students, speakers from U.S. Embassy New Delhi, USAID, and Observer Research Foundation think tank.

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R.I.C.E. Recipient

Greg Brown

Senior Analyst, Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)

Awarded \$48,812 to convene a workshop in the Philippines on the US-Australia alliance and Southeast Asia and produce a series of Asia-Pacific Bulletins.

The East-West Center (EWC) 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 or other projects on topics related to the domestic/international governance, environmental issues, political economy issues around trade, technology and integration, and geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific.



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.



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.