



Forty-two Young Leaders met in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from Nov. 6 - Nov 8, 2012. The sessions included recent developments in countering the proliferation of WMDs, the Korean Peninsula and denuclearization, and biosecurity in the Asia Pacific. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP).

Young Leaders meet with North Korean representative in Vietnam

By Ryo Hinata-Yamaguchi and
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HO CHI MINH CITY - At the 16th Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Countering the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Asia Pacific in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, the Young Leaders met for lunch with Kim Yong-guk, Vice President of the DPRK Institute for Disarmament and Peace (Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

Kim responded to the YLs' questions about the DPRK's

regional role, security perspectives, as well as the present and future of inter-Korea relations. The YLs asked about the upcoming presidential elections in the ROK and its implication for the DPRK, issues surrounding the Northern Limit Line, and the DPRK's relations with China. As expected, many of Kim's responses strictly adhered to the DPRK party line.

The lunch session with Kim gave the YLs a rare opportunity to interact with an official from the "world's most

secretive state," allowing them a live glimpse of the DPRK's viewpoints concerning national security.

While there is speculation of modest reforms in the DPRK under the third-generation leadership, Kim gave no indication that the DPRK is diverting from its traditional ways.

The next YL conference will be held at the end of January in Beijing, and will focus on US-China relations regarding nuclear nonproliferation.

Director's Message



Nicole Forrester

Leading is a complex, difficult and often thankless task. Becoming a leader can prove challenging as the opportunities to practice your leadership skills, essential to developing them, can be few and far between for the "young". Our YL program is designed not only to build your knowledge about international security issues and expand your network but also support your leadership development as your career progresses.

Much has been written about what makes a good leader, recent research suggests that those who lead by example, admit their mistakes and recognize their followers' strengths are most likely to inspire. I'll say you know a good leader when you see them, as well as when you work for them. This applies to YLs also, where natural leaders become apparent at every event.

For those of us who aren't natural born leaders, there are many ways that YLs can practice their leadership skills by simply taking some initiative. If you have a topic you're interested in researching but need help, then look to start your own team on the YL Facebook page, or put a notice in this newsletter. If you see areas of the program that need improvement, offer not only the problem but suggest a solution. If you are on conference, let your actions speak for you. It's the little things like lending a helping hand without being asked; showing your appreciation of the discussion by asking insightful questions; being sure that you're noticed for exemplary behavior rather than the alternative and finally, by committing fully to whatever it is that you're doing - from listening intently, to researching diligently to networking sincerely.

Leadership is not just about what you do, but how you do it.

Young Leader Publications

WWF drones raise serious questions for international security

by Eddie Walsh for Al Jazeera

The World Wildlife Federation's proposed plans to utilise drones in anti-poaching efforts raise serious concerns.

[http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/](http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2012/12/2012129145310214614.html)

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The Interview: Congressman J. Randy Forbes

by Harry Kazianis for The Diplomat

Will the "fiscal cliff" impact the rebalance to Asia? Are aircraft carriers obsolete? Can the U.S. build strong partnerships in the Indo-Pacific?

<http://thediplomat.com/2012/12/10/the-interview-congressman-j-randy-forbes/>

US-Cambodia Relations: Human Rights Is One Variable

by Vannarith Chheang for PacNet Newsletter

Although human rights are an impediment to strengthening US-Cambodia relations, it is important to look at the broader implications of Obama's visit.

<http://csis.org/publication/pacnet-80-us-cambodia-relations-human-rights-one-variable>

Because Countries Don't Have Therapists: Trust Issues an the US, Japan, ROK Trilateral Relationship

by A. Greer Meisels for PacNet Newsletter

Ernest Hemingway wrote, "The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them." Straightforward advice to be sure, but in Northeast Asia -- where trust is a rare commodity -- this adage falls on deaf ears.

<http://csis.org/publication/pacnet-79-because-countries-dont-have-therapists-trust-issues-and-us-japan-rok-trilatera>

War and Peace in the East Sea: Reducing Tension along the Northern Limit Line

by Jason Kim and Luke Herman for Issues & Insights

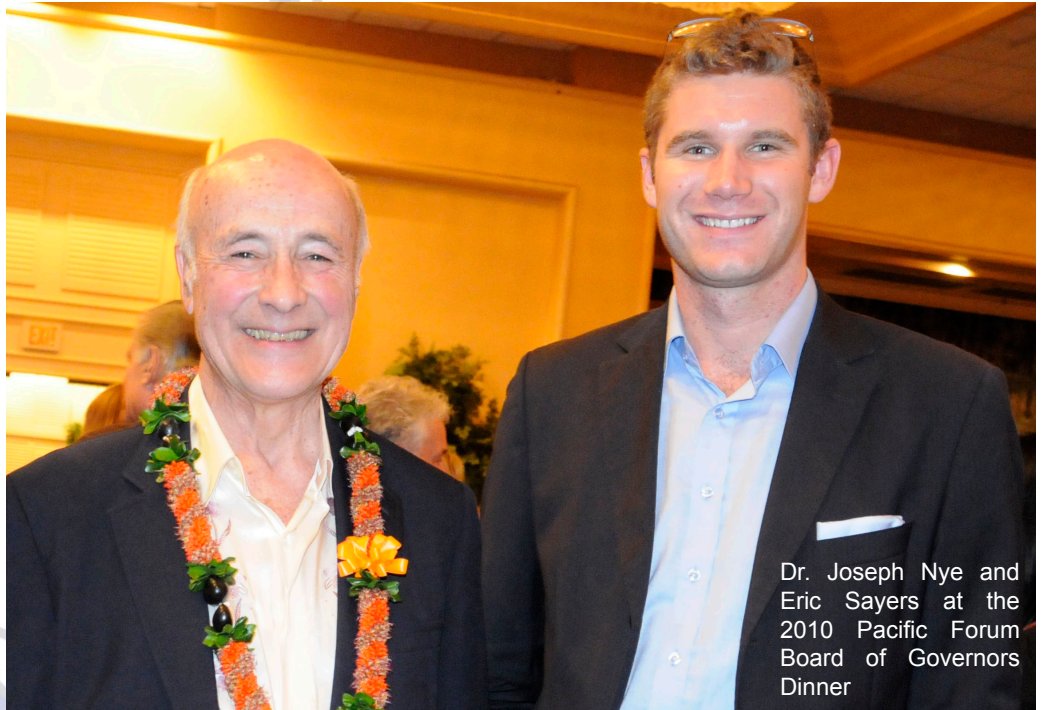
The Northern Limit Line, though only one of many problems on the Korean Peninsula, is the cause of nearly all of the bloodshed in the past decade between the two sides.

<http://csis.org/publication/issues-insights-vol-12-no-13>

Young Leader Profile: Eric Sayers

Eric Sayers began laying the foundations for an impressive international relations career while pursuing his bachelor's degree at The University of Western Ontario.

"In undergrad I studied international relations and specifically great power politics. While most of my colleagues were studying the Middle East and terrorism in the years after 9/11, I found the relationship between state-led economic and military power to be much more engaging. By my junior year I was taking history, IR, and strategic studies courses and interning at think tanks in the summer," he stated in an email.



Dr. Joseph Nye and
Eric Sayers at the
2010 Pacific Forum
Board of Governors
Dinner

Currently, Sayers serves as the Defense Policy Advisor to Congressman J. Randy Forbes, who is the Chairman of the Congressional China Caucus, among other posts.

"In my position, I support Rep. Forbes work on the House Armed Services Committee, compose speeches and talking points for media engagement, and draft OpEds and commentary articles," he said.

"Over the past year I have worked to both ensure my boss is informed on and to help build him into a leading voice on the Department of Defense's AirSea Battle concept. To accomplish this, I have organized classified briefings between my boss and the AirSea Battle office, wrote draft letters to Secretary of Defense Panetta for my boss, and drafted a series of essays on the topic that he has published. Going forward, I would like to continue to support my boss in his effort to ensure the material elements of this concept are fully supported by the Congress."

As the inaugural American selected for the resident Sasakawa Peace Foundation fellowship in 2010, Eric Sayers has had the opportunity to actively participate in the Young Leaders Program, which he credits for assisting his professional development.

"The YL program was pivotal for my professional development the last two years. For aspiring foreign policy practitioners in their 20s who do not have the means to travel internationally, the YL program 'made the world smaller.' It gave me the ability to travel to new places, engage in discussions with my peers and senior participants who worked on the same issues that I found interesting, and build a network across the region. In terms of what is available to individuals on the career path I have chosen, the program is second to none."

Opportunities for Young Leaders

MIKE MANSFIELD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is now recruiting for the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program. The Fellowship Program was established by the U.S. Congress in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. federal government employees with proficiency in the Japanese language and practical, firsthand knowledge about Japan and its government.

The restructured Mansfield Fellowship Program includes a seven week homestay and language training program in Ishikawa Prefecture and ten months of placements in the Japanese government. During the one-year program, Fellows will develop an in-depth understanding of Japan's government and policymaking process and establish relationships with their counterparts in the government of Japan and the business, professional and academic communities.

Program Structure

- *Seven week homestay and language training program in Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan

- *Ten months of placements in the Government of Japan and private organizations

Eligibility

- *Fellows must have two consecutive years of federal government service by July 1, 2013

- *Fellows must obtain agency approval before applying

- *Fellows must be detailed to the Foundation from July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

- *After completing the program, Fellows are required to serve at least two additional years in the federal government, where it is anticipated they will continue to work on projects involving Japan issues.

<http://mansfieldfdn.org/program/exchanges/fellowships/applicants/>

KOREAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA

The Program Committee for the 2013 Biennial Conference of the Korean Studies Association of Australasia invites PhD students, early career researchers and academic colleagues to the Australian National University to present their research and enhance our understanding of Korea in the world today. Proposals from all disciplines on any topic are welcome. With a mind to our location in Australasia, we extend a particular invitation to research that addresses Korea's engagement with the southern hemisphere. Potential topics might include but are not limited to:

- Influence of religions in forming modern Korea
- The legacy of the Korean War and ANZAC
- Minority communities and multiculturalism
- South Korea and Australia as "Middle Powers"
- History of and prospects for North Korea
- Human rights and NGO activities
- Gender politics in North and South Korea
- Korean creative industries and global markets

Deadline for submissions is Feb. 15, 2013. For more information visit <http://koreanstudiesaa.wordpress.com/>

GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Georgetown Journal of International Affairs (GJIA) is currently seeking submissions for its blog from academics, students, and professionals. Blog submissions can be in the form of reporting, commentary, or analysis on any policy related topic in international affairs and should be approximately 500-800 words in length. GJIA is particularly interested in regular contributions from Young Leaders on current issues in the Asia-Pacific region.

Please contact Lucas Chan at Ichau.work@gmail.com and Matt Sullivan at mksull06@gmail.com if you are interested in submitting a piece or discussing a submission to the blog.

CARNEGIE COUNCIL TRANS-PACIFIC STUDENT CONTEST

Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs announces its first Trans-Pacific Student Contest, a unique experiment in U.S.-Asia collaboration. Winners will receive a trip to New York City.

ESSAY OR VIDEO TOPIC: What is the greatest ethical challenge facing U.S.-Asia relations or the U.S. and one of the Asian countries listed below? Please use specific examples or stories to illustrate your points.

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS:

Each entry must be a collaboration between an American student and a student from one of the following: Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, North Korea, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam. The entry can be either an essay or a video.

COMPETITION DEADLINE: April 30, 2013

Please contact Evan O'Neil at [eoneil@ccea.org](mailto:honeil@ccea.org) for more information.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY NETWORK

ISN is seeking papers on the following topics:

Climate Change, identity politics, demography-migration, WMD/CBRN, small arms trafficking, food security, energy security, water security, the privatization of violence, organized crime and/or drugs, terrorism and counterterrorism, intelligence-privacy, commerce and security, sanctions and other coercive measures.

To learn more about this opportunity, email ellise@pacforum.org

FREEDOM HOUSE SOUTHEAST ASIA PROGRAM

Senior Program Officer

The Senior Program Officer will assist in designing and managing all program aspects for the Southeast Asia regional portfolio to include strategic program design, oversight of program activities, fundraising, backstopping field offices, staff supervision, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, advocacy, and outreach. This position is based in Washington, DC and reports to the Director for Southeast Asia Programs.

Minimum Qualifications

- *Master's degree in political science, international relations, human rights, international development, or related field
- *Minimum 6-8 years of directly related experience with 2 years of experience as a lead or supervisor

More details and requirements at <http://www.freedomhouse.org/content/senior-program-officer-sea>

Program Officer

The Program Officer will assist with managing program aspects for Southeast Asia (SEA) programs to include program design through implementation, monitoring and evaluation, financial management, fundraising, advocacy, outreach, administration, and backstopping field projects. This position is based in Washington DC and reports to the Director for SEA programs.

Minimum qualifications

- *Bachelor's degree in political science, international relations, human rights, or related field; Master's degree preferred
- *Minimum 4 – 6 years of directly related program management experience

More details and requirements at <http://www.freedomhouse.org/content/program-officer-sea>