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PACIFIC FORUM



# OUR VISION

The Pacific Forum envisions an Indo-Pacific region where all states contribute to peace and stability and all people enjoy security, prosperity, and human dignity while governed by the rule of law.

# OUR MISSION

To find a better way to enhance mutual understanding and trust, promote sustainable cooperative solutions to common challenges, mitigate conflicts, and contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific.

The Pacific Forum conducts policy-relevant research and promotes dialogue through a network of bilateral and multilateral relationships on a comprehensive set of economic, security, and foreign policy issues. Pacific Forum's analysis and policy recommendations help create positive change within and among the nations of the Indo-Pacific and beyond.



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#### ALOHA!

As we publish this report describing our 2019 efforts, the world is in the midst of confronting the COVID-19 pandemic. It's a stark reminder of how close we're globally connected and how real the international challenges we face. It also highlights the relevance of our vision and mission, and the imperative to prepare the next generation to effectively address global security issues together.

2019 has been a terrific year for Pacific Forum – our 44th since first established in 1975. As Hawaii's own private, non-profit and non-partisan foreign policy research institute we've been hard at work with our many programs contributing to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. This year our activities spanned over 60 dialogues, conferences, and meetings across 21 cities and 12 countries. Our publishing included 71 PacNet commentary and analysis pieces, 22 Issues & Insights monograph series, and three issues of our Comparative Connections: A Triannual E-Journal of Bilateral Relations in the Indo-Pacific.

Among our many pursuits, perhaps the most impactful are the array of next generation programs we offer in an effort to cultivate future leaders' understanding of security-related issues, foreign policy development, and diplomacy. Our flagship Young Leaders Program, boasting an active network of over 1,000 members across 56 countries, brought 128 aspiring foreign policy leaders to 18 conferences in 12 cities to learn from seasoned experts. Our five fellowship programs – Vasey, James A. Kelly Korean Studies, WSD-Handa, Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security, and Korea Foundation – continued to provide in-depth research opportunities for those focusing on regional and international affairs. The Pacific Forum's Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program (APAL) continued its local community-centered engagement with students and young professionals underscoring the interconnectivity between Hawaii and the Indo-Pacific region with its 7th Cohort since 2012. Lastly, our intern program continues to offer opportunities to select undergraduate and graduate students to gain practical experience working in a think tank. Across these next generation initiatives lies the Pacific Forum's commitment to help shape a more cohesive and stable future in the Indo-Pacific.

The pages that follow outline the Pacific Forum's efforts in 2019 addressing emerging political, security, economic, and business issues to help stimulate cooperative policies in the Indo-Pacific. What's especially exciting is our growth into technology and development, as these areas are increasingly linked directly to security and stability. 2020 will see the Pacific Forum's deepening work in these areas to include broadening connections with industry. We'll also be contributing to women, peace, and security initiatives with our experienced staff.

I'm inspired to work these important issues alongside dynamic young professionals with the deepest stake in building future prosperity. Together we're researching, connecting, and informing in the spirit of our founder, Admiral Joe Vasey, to deliver on his charge "to find a better way."

To your health and resilience in 2020, and with thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Girrier



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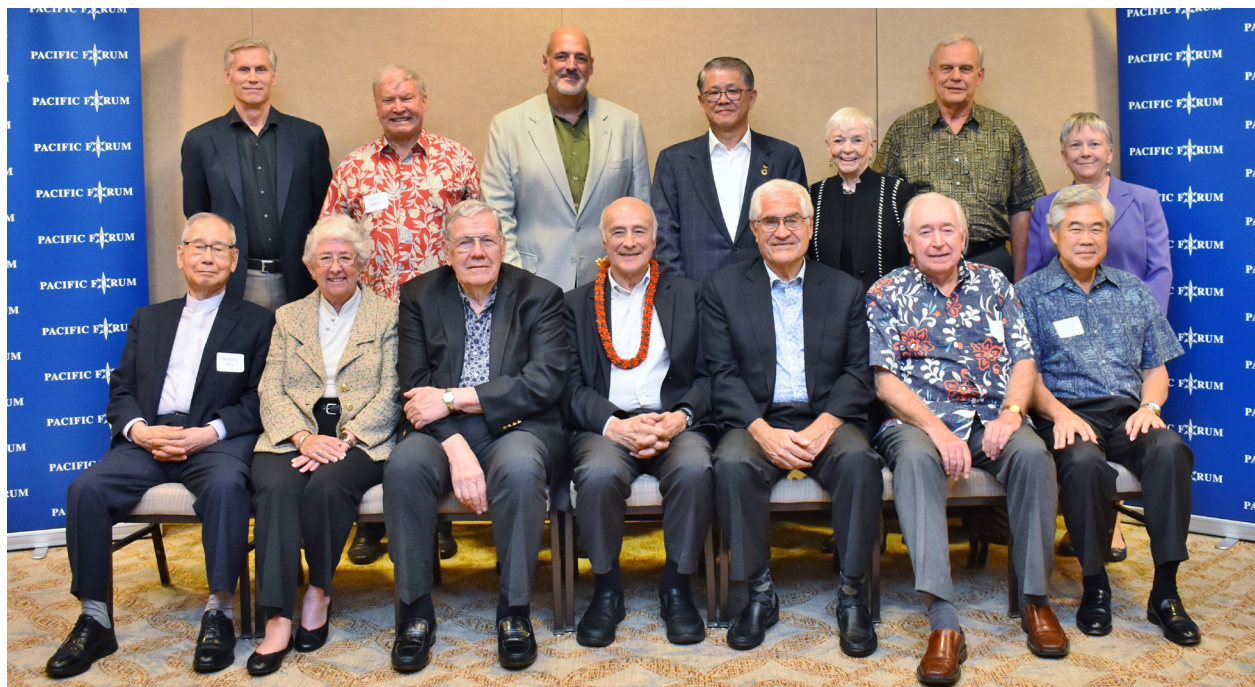
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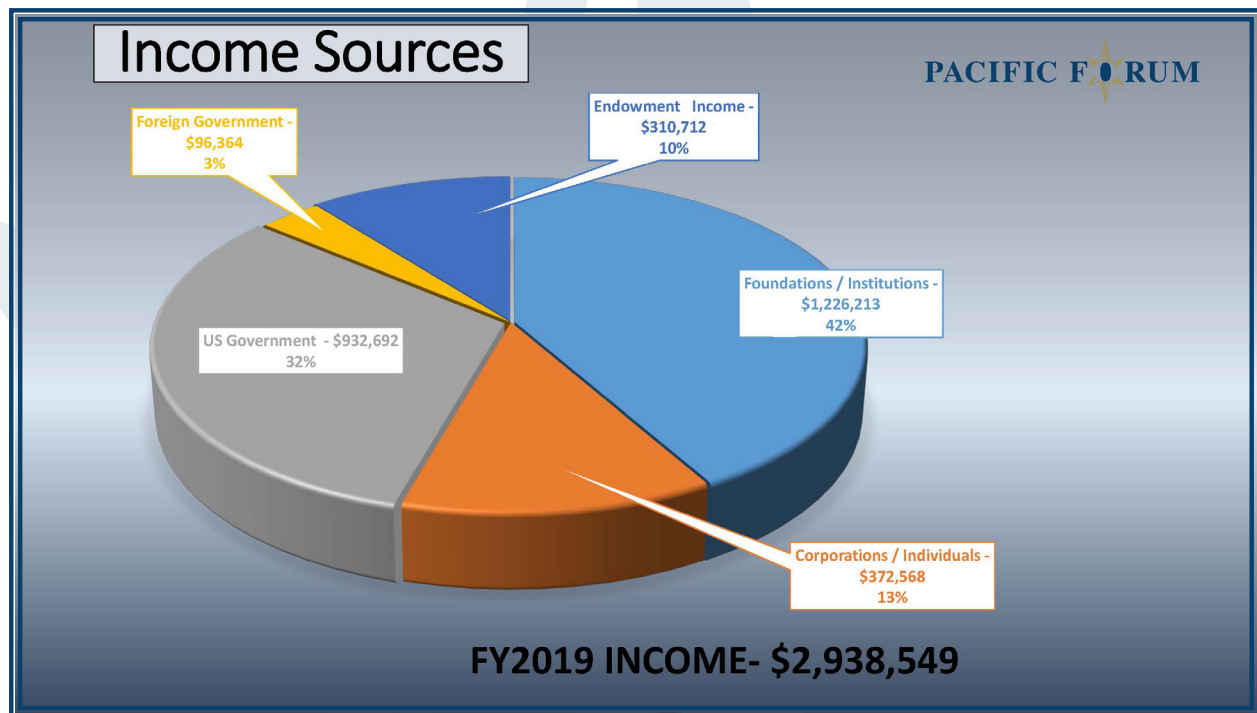
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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	PROJECTIONS		SHORT YEAR
	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018
Balances brought forward	462,012	355,480	-
From Prior Year Adjustment			
Fiscal Year Income	2,836,470	2,583,069	365,691
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,298,482</b>	<b>2,938,549</b>	365,691
Balances carried forward to subsequent year		-	-
Funds Available	3,298,482	2,938,549	365,691
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,205,135</b>	<b>2,876,261</b>	61,339
Transfer to Endowment			-
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>93,347</b>	<b>62,288</b>	304,352
Expenses	3,205,135	2,876,261	61,339
Salaries	942,115	877,053	-
Fringes	227,178	320,116	-
Rent	81,809	80,314	-
Travel/Conferences	1,324,228	1,097,933	28,353
Other	629,805	500,845	32,986
Foundations/Institutions	33%	<b>42%</b>	42%
Corporations/Individuals	18%	<b>13%</b>	30%
US Gov't Contracts	41%	<b>32%</b>	0%
Foreign Gov't	3%	<b>3%</b>	18%
Endowment Income	5%	<b>10%</b>	10%

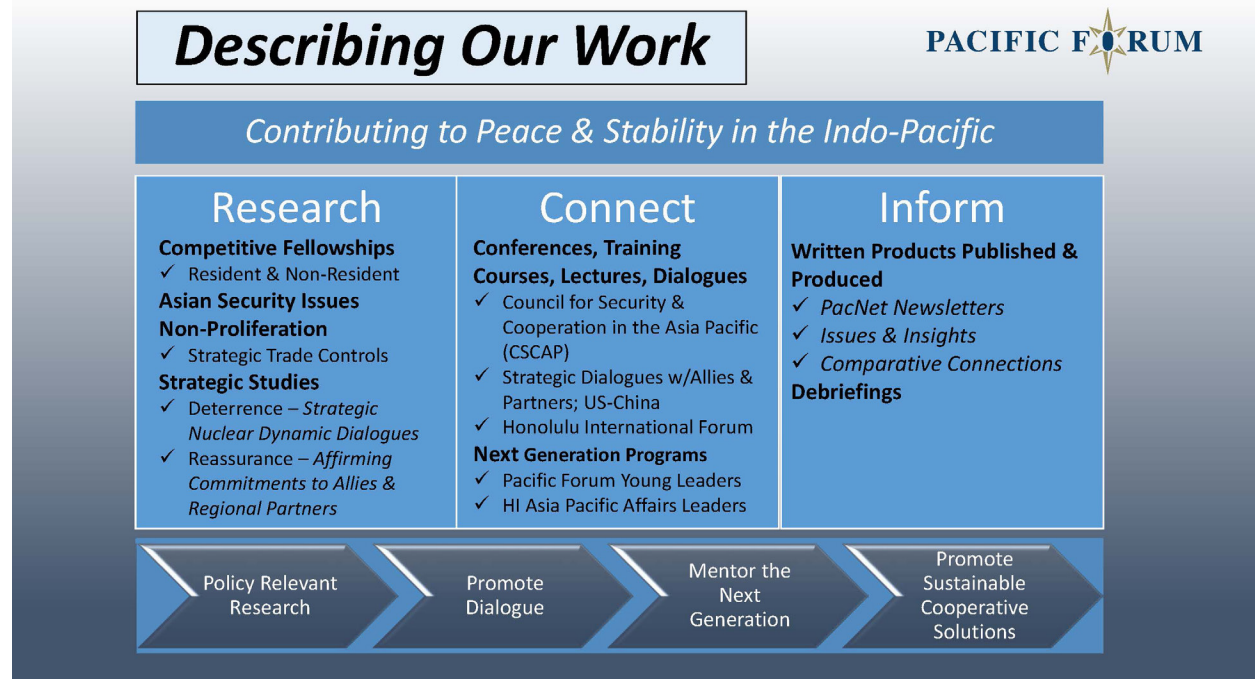


## ENDOWMENT

<b>30 SEP 2019 Mkt Value:</b>	<b><u>\$4,167,676</u></b>
Kelly Fellows	\$2,083,838
Vasey Fellows	\$1,562,879
Young Leaders/Scowcroft Chair	\$520,959
<b>30 SEP 2018 Deposit:</b>	<b><u>\$4,000,000</u></b>
Kelly Fellows	\$2,000,000
Vasey Fellows	\$1,500,000
Young Leaders/Scowcroft Chair	\$500,000

## PACIFIC FORUM PROGRAMS

Pacific Forum is a private, non-profit, non-partisan foreign policy research institute. Our organization, now concluding its 44th year, conducts policy-relevant research while connecting and informing Indo-Pacific stakeholders and specialists in an effort to contribute to peace and stability in the region. We meet these objectives by offering resident and non-resident fellowships; hosting conferences, lectures, and dialogues; mentoring next-generation leaders; and publishing opinion, analysis, and reports addressing current and emerging issues affecting regional security.



The Pacific Forum is guided by the belief that bilateral and multilateral solutions to regional problems are the most effective ways to promote enduring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. To this end, we bring together current and former government officials, retired military leaders, influential businesspeople, next-generation experts, and other thought leaders to off-the-record dialogues and security cooperation meetings. At these gatherings, held throughout the United States and the Indo-Pacific, we:

- Identify trends
- Build greater understanding of national policies
- Prioritize action to reduce tensions
- Promote peaceful solutions
- Accelerate development of cooperative policies to address common security concerns
- Develop norms and standards for cooperative interaction
- Promote compliance with international treaties and conventions
- Emphasize the enduring principles of good governance, transparency, and accountability.

Informed by our face-to-face interactions, we pursue policy-relevant research and share our insights and analysis through community events, briefings to government leaders, and publications.

We also recognize that it is vital to have the next generation in the room and at the table. Our suite of next-generation initiatives distinguishes Pacific Forum from other organizations by providing opportunities for young experts and foreign policy leaders to engage in policy-relevant exchanges. Our programs provide unparalleled, ongoing access to decision-makers and peers, ensuring that fresh voices and perspectives contribute to the regional security discourse.

Our objective in each endeavor is to enhance trust and understanding by promoting sustainable, cooperative solutions to common security challenges as a means to prevent or mitigate conflict. Although much of our work centers on promoting peaceful relations between and among states, we recognize that other factors, including the well-being of all segments of society within individual states and the sustainability of natural resources, play important roles in the maintenance of a safe, peaceful, and secure Indo-Pacific. Plainly, while traditional security concerns dominate our work, we remain attuned and ever ready to engage new and emerging non-traditional security challenges.

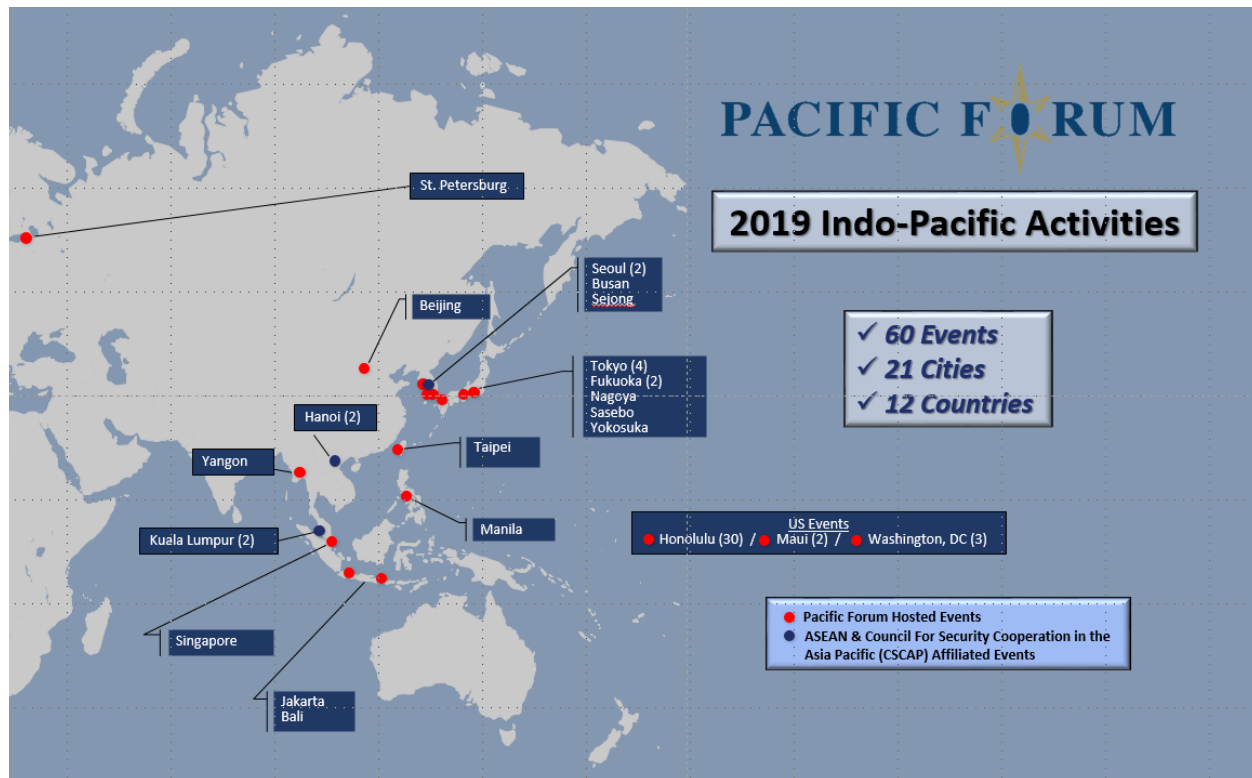


Figure 1 Map of Pacific Forum 2019 activities in the Indo-Pacific.

## REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

In 2019, Pacific Forum deepened existing dialogues and established new ones across the region. This year we carried out two dialogues in Japan in partnership with Tama University Center for Rule-making Strategies and with support from the US Embassy Tokyo. We also partnered with the Yokosuka Council for Asia-Pacific Affairs (YCAPS) for the first time for our fall program. YCAPS has helped us compile a special volume of Issues & Insights around the fall dialogue theme of “Maritime Issues in the Indo-Pacific: Building a Shared Vision of ‘Free and Open.’” The Japan events bring together experts and officials to discuss issues surrounding foreign and security policy and further engage the Japanese public in forums across the country. The unique format of these events contributes to our efforts to engage not only leaders and decision-makers but broader communities as well.

The first of these programs, “A ‘Free and Open Indo-Pacific’: Approaches to Investment and Infrastructure,” took place in Tokyo in mid-April. We convened 50 experts and officials for a dynamic discussion of approaches to investment and infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific. The meeting began with a general discussion of the meaning of a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific,” followed by a deeper dive into finance, investment, and specific initiatives in physical infrastructure, energy security, and digital connectivity. A recap and key findings from this conference were presented in subsequent public panels in the US Embassy auditorium, Fukuoka University, and Nanzan University in Nagoya.

In November, Pacific Forum returned to Japan to build on the “Free and Open” theme, this time discussing “Maritime Issues in the Indo-Pacific: Building a Shared Vision of ‘Free and Open.’” It focused on what “Free and Open” means in the context of the full range of maritime issues, ranging from rule of law to maritime domain awareness and information sharing to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to managing the environment and ocean resources. It addressed ways in which

the United States and Japan can collaborate on maritime issues and opportunities to articulate a Free and Open Indo-Pacific and how Coast Guards in these two countries and in Southeast Asia can support this vision for the region. The closed-door Tokyo conference was preceded by public panels in the base-hosting community of Sasebo and with students at Fukuoka University, and followed by a public panel in the base-hosting community of Yokosuka. The public panels covered topics including territorial conflicts, rule of law, international involvement, and unsustainable environmental destruction.



*Figure 2 Former Pacific Forum Fellow Nay Yan Oo speaks at the US-Myanmar Dialogue in Naypyidaw.*

Pacific Forum maintains a steadfast commitment to working with Myanmar to facilitate its integration into the international community. The seventh US-Myanmar Nonproliferation Dialogue in February 3-4, 2020 in Naypyidaw, sponsored by the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, focused on the Myanmar-US relationship; nonproliferation implementation; nuclear, biological, and chemical safety and security implementation; Myanmar and ASEAN networks on the three S's (safety, security, and safeguards); the challenge of emerging technologies for export-control implementation; as well as the implementation of United Nations sanctions resolutions. Some 50 Myanmar and US experts, officials, military officers, and observers attended this off-the-record meeting. With the assistance of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS), the Pacific Forum also identified Myanmar Nonproliferation Fellows. One fellow has since begun her fellowship at the Pacific Forum, while two others do theirs in a non-resident capacity.

## STRATEGIC STABILITY

Our efforts to promote Strategic Stability in the region rest on two key pillars: Deterrence and Reassurance.

Our Deterrence work is centered on the US-China Strategic Dialogue, a track-2 meeting that provides an important backdrop for US efforts to promote a better understanding of intentions to ensure a strategic balance with China is maintained. Its 11th iteration took place on Maui on June 17-18 and was co-hosted by the Naval Post-Graduate School and the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, and sponsored by the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (DTRA/PASCC). This year's dialogue focused on strategic issues in an era of great-power relations and competition, US nuclear strategy, and the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review, Chinese nuclear policy and posture, the Missile Defense Review and Chinese missile defense responses, the implications of the collapse of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, and possible solutions to regional nuclear situations. In addition, the Pacific Forum, in cooperation with the China Foundation for International and Strategic Studies, and with support from Alion-INDOPACOM, conducted an academic workshop in Beijing on Oct. 29-30. The workshop brought together US and Chinese scholars and focused on the nuclear issue in the US-China relationship, US and Chinese nuclear strategies, Korean Peninsula nuclear challenges, and the erosion of arms control.

Our Reassurance efforts focus on affirming US commitments to our alliance partners Japan and South Korea. In early September, we hosted our sixth US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue on Maui, which brought our Northeast Asian

alliance partners together to exchange views on regional security and to examine opportunities for and obstacles to strengthened trilateral security cooperation. This DTRA/PASCC-sponsored track-1.5 dialogue explored the three countries' thinking about changes in relations with North Korea, extended deterrence, regional power dynamics, and their collective impact on trilateral security. A two-move tabletop exercise was conducted focusing on a scenario characterizing concerted efforts to revise the status quo in Northeast Asia.



*Figure 3 Panel speaking at the US-Australia Dialogue in Washington, DC.*

In 2019, Pacific Forum also continued two processes initiated in 2018 that bridge our deterrence and reassurance efforts.

One was the US-Australia Indo-Pacific Deterrence Dialogue, held in partnership with the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney in Australia. Co-sponsored by the DTRA/PASCC and the Australian Department of Defence, this track-1.5 US-Australia dialogue took place in November 4-5 and explored China's strategic aims and conduct in the Indo-Pacific, deterring and defending against gray-zone coercion, rebuilding conventional deterrence and defense, the requirements of nuclear and strategic deterrence, the implications of the US Marine Corps' new planning guidance for Australia, and ways to optimize the alliance to bolster collective deterrence and defense.

We also partnered with the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies and the Beijing-based China Arms Control and Disarmament Association to co-host the Russia-US-China Trilateral Dialogue, titled "Regional Strategic Stability and Nuclear Risk Reduction in Northeast Asia," on August 26-27. Sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this two-day dialogue brought together non-government experts and officials from the three countries for a focused discussion on lessons from the Hanoi Summit; the next steps for the United States, China, Russia, as well as North and South Korea; defining denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, defining peace on the Korean Peninsula, identifying critical elements to make further progress toward denuclearization and peace; the phased approach and security guarantees; and the state of ideas on nuclear risk reduction.

## SECURITY COOPERATION

The Pacific Forum assesses and promotes security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on many fronts: nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, nuclear security, maritime security, counter-terrorism and transnational crime, cyber security, and preventive diplomacy. The cornerstone of many of these efforts is our involvement in the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP). The network of officials, foreign policy specialists, media, military, and academic representatives that comprise the membership of CSCAP provides Pacific Forum with an opportunity to influence attitudes and debates in the region on a range of foreign policy issues.



Figure 4 Panel session at the CSCAP General Conference in Hanoi.

Recapping activities in 2019, the annual USCSCAP Meeting was held in Washington, DC on February 25, 2020. Pacific Forum provided an opportunity for Department of State and Defense officials to update ARF and ADMM+ activities over the past year. Zack Cooper (American Enterprise Institute) and Satu Limaye (East-West Center in Washington) provided remarks on “The Future of the Indo-Pacific Strategy” in a panel chaired by Pacific Forum President Bob Girrier.

Study Groups and supporting expert groups serve as the primary forums for CSCAP’s research efforts that focus on providing policy recommendations to promote regional security cooperation. Representatives from CSCAP member committees meet semi-annually for a Steering Committee Meeting to review study group activity and consider recommendations for new study group initiatives. USCSCAP representatives participated in several CSCAP Study Groups and related ASEAN Regional Forum Workshops related to peacekeeping, preventive diplomacy, maritime security, countering transnational crime and terrorism, and nonproliferation and disarmament. In addition, USCSCAP, under Pacific Forum leadership, co-hosted the first CSCAP Study Group on Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation in Seoul, Korea on November 7-9, 2019. Participants examined the Northeast Asia strategic environment, bilateral tensions and their impact on regional security, new thinking regarding regional security architecture, and the best ways to address current and future Northeast Asia security challenges. Pacific Forum scholars also played a leading role by providing substantive presentations at the CSCAP General Conference in Hanoi in December.

## PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY

The Pacific Forum continues to be one of the primary thought-leaders in the Indo-Pacific on the subject of preventive diplomacy and efforts of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) to transition to this task. The ARF’s Experts and Eminent Persons Group, with Pacific Forum representation, continues to examine recommendations from the seminal study on PD developed by the Pacific Forum and RSIS.

## NONPROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT

Held on the front-end of the 11th ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting (ARF-ISM) on Nonproliferation and Disarmament, and sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the sixth CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament was co-chaired by USCSCAP and CSCAP Vietnam in Bali, Indonesia April 7, 2019. Approximately 45 senior scholars, officials, and Pacific Forum Young Leaders met for off-the-record discussions focused on recent developments in nonproliferation and disarmament. Topics included the impact of the termination of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty; Korean Peninsula denuclearization in the wake of the US-DPRK Hanoi Summit; nuclear governance

in Southeast Asia; and nuclear disarmament collaboration between nuclear-armed and non-nuclear states on nuclear risk reduction. A summary of key findings from the meeting was presented by the Pacific Forum President during the opening session of the 11th ARF ISM on NPD on April 8, 2019.

## NUCLEAR SECURITY

Pacific Forum and the S. Rajaratnam School for International Studies (RSIS) are the primary organizers of the CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG), which met in Singapore for its eighth meeting in January. This meeting, sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, brought together approximately 40 specialists from 18 countries in the Indo-Pacific and beyond, all attending in their private capacities. The participants joined for a day and a half of not-for-attribution discussions on next steps for nuclear governance, the status of nuclear governance in the Indo-Pacific, new nuclear power users in the Indo-Pacific, the nuclear export regime, nuclear exporters in the Indo-Pacific, and nuclear governance and the impact of new technologies.

## STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS

A key component of Pacific Forum's nonproliferation efforts continues to be hosting workshops on strategic trade controls, bringing together representatives from government agencies, the private sector, academia, and think tanks. In September, Pacific Forum and the Strategic Trade Management Office (STMO) at the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Philippines, with support from the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program, co-hosted the fourth Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia in Manila. Over 40 experts and officials attended in their private capacity. Topics addressed included UN Security Council Resolution 1540, the economic benefits of strategic trade control (STC) measures, risk management in implementing an STC program, and assistance programs. Updates were also provided on national STC systems in Southeast Asia.

In November, the Pacific Forum and the Institute of International Relations at National Chengchi University, with support from Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prospect Foundation, and the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program held their ninth annual STC Workshop in the Indo-Pacific. Over 50 participants from relevant government agencies and nongovernmental organizations attended in their private capacities. Discussions focused on intangible and emerging technology controls, the future of UN Security Council Resolution 1540, proliferation financing controls, developments in the Asia-Pacific region, the economic benefits of strategic trade control implementation, and coordinating assistance efforts.



*Figure 5 Workshop on Strategic Trade Controls in the Asia-Pacific*

Pacific Forum staff also traveled to Hanoi in mid-October with the support of the US Department Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to meet with the Agency of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Industry and Trade; Americas Department, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam; and Department of International Cooperation and Customs School, General Department of Vietnam Customs to discuss how to better engage the government of Vietnam on Strategic Trade Controls. A follow-on workshop is planned for 2020. Pacific Forum also continues to support NNSA outreach efforts in Indonesia.

## NEXT GENERATION PROGRAMS

The Pacific Forum is committed to developing and engaging the next generation of leaders in Hawaii, the US mainland, and throughout the region and beyond. For nearly 20 years, we have enriched the careers of young security specialists by engaging them in the practical aspects of policy-making: from attendance at senior-level dialogues, to publishing opportunities, to in-residence research fellowships that provide these scholars with the opportunity to research a specific area in depth.



Figure 6 Map of 2019 Young Leader activities in the Indo-Pacific.

## YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM



Established in 2004, the Young Leaders Program is a global community of emerging experts and is widely recognized as one of the preeminent career development programs in the world. The program has helped more than 1,000 Young Leaders from 60 countries realize their full potential through mentorship, network building, academic opportunities, and the opportunity to apply for seats made available at Pacific Forum conferences and dialogues. In 2017, Pacific Forum offered 200 seats to Young Leaders at 20 Track 1.5 and Track 2 dialogues, seminars, and conferences in 16 cities.

Of those selected, 76 were female (38 percent) and 124 were male (62 percent). These percentages reflect the ratio of females to males who applied for conferences (36 percent female, 64 percent male). Participants represented 20 countries around the world.

Highlights included the fourth iteration of our Northeast Asia Regional Young Leaders Security Seminar, made possible through the generous support of the SK Networks Co. Ltd. Participants from the US, ROK, Japan, and China engaged in a tabletop exercise that presented a hypothetical crisis on the Korean Peninsula. During the seminar, Marc Knapper, Chargé d’Affaires at the US Embassy in Seoul, gave off-the-record remarks and engaged in a Q&A with the Young Leaders to sharpen their understanding of the current security situation and provide a current perspective on policy challenges.



Young Leaders also participated in the CSCAP Nonproliferation and Disarmament Study Group in Auckland, where 19 Young Leaders met with two junior researchers and one senior official from the North Korean delegation for lunch and an off-the-record discussion. Young Leaders had the opportunity to engage in a candid Q&A with their DPRK counterparts. Young Leaders also interacted with the DPRK delegation between sessions and during meals, where they discussed reunification, careers, their favorite basketball stars, and many other topics.

Twenty Young Leaders attended the Asia-Pacific Roundtable sponsored by the Institute for Strategic and International Studies Malaysia and the ASEAN Institutes for Strategic and International Studies. A senior participant reminisced from the podium about attending this same conference for the first time many years ago as a Young Leader.

Beyond conferences, the Young Leaders Program offers value to its members by partnering with other organizations, allowing for expanded opportunities. In return, partner organizations are given access to a professionally and geographically diverse group of rising young leaders who can represent the next generation at their meetings. In 2017, the Young Leaders Program began one such partnership with the Center for Global Security Research at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. CGSR has since invited Young Leaders to join four of their senior-level workshops.

Young Leaders were also invited to conferences hosted by leading foreign affairs groups throughout the world, including the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, the Korea Society, the Japan Institute of International Affairs, and the Japan Center for Economic Research, the Institute for Strategic and International Studies Malaysia, and the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

In addition to these meetings, Young Leader Alumni Chapters, run by volunteers, arranged networking meetings and roundtables in their own cities. Examples of activities include:

- The Singapore chapter held eight events, including talks with prominent speakers and happy hours.
- Washington-based Young Leaders had quarterly socials, including one with Ralph Cossa.
- Both Seoul- and Beijing-based program alumni met with Ralph Cossa for a happy hour in August.
- The Honolulu program held three socials for local Young Leaders in collaboration with other local Asia-Pacific affairs organizations.



## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

In 2002, Pacific Forum began its fellowship program with a single Vasey Fellowship for young scholars working on East Asian issues. Over the next 16 years, Pacific Forum created several additional fellowships and has hosted over 100 resident fellows from 21 countries worldwide. The program has also expanded its scope by including opportunities for non-resident fellowships.

### VASEY FELLOWSHIP

The Pacific Forum's original fellowship, now well into its second decade, is named after founder RADM (USN, Ret.) Lloyd R. "Joe" Vasey and his wife Lilian. The fellowship affords promising young Asian scholars the opportunity to serve as researchers at the Pacific Forum and to develop hands-on expertise in US-Asia policy issues.



**Feng JIN (CH; 2019)** is a PhD candidate in the Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. His research focuses on crisis management, strategic rivalry, and Sino-US strategic stability. His academic interests include Sino-US relations, the Indo-Pacific geopolitical and security environment, and arms control. He completed a research internship at the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy, contributing to a research project relevant to the North Korea nuclear crisis and research on Chinese perspectives on nuclear winter. Previously he studied at China Foreign Affairs University where he concentrated on public diplomacy studies and earned his MA in international relations in 2016.



**Tom CORBEN (AUS; 2020)** is a research assistant with the Foreign Policy and Defence division of the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, where he works primarily on US Indo-Pacific Strategy and strategic competition with China. Tom is also a Pacific Forum Young Leader, as well as the Indo-Pacific Fellow for Young Australians in International Affairs. More broadly, his research also covers Japanese and Korean politics and foreign policy, global nuclear power issues, and Australia's own Indo-Pacific strategy. He has published articles on these and other topics with platforms including The Diplomat and the Australian Institute for International Affairs. Tom holds a Bachelor of Asian Studies and International Relations with Honours from the University of New South Wales.

### JAMES A. KELLY KOREAN STUDIES FELLOWSHIP

The Kelly Fellowship Program consolidates, enhances, institutionalizes, and builds upon Pacific Forum's Korea-oriented programs. Kelly Fellows focus on Korean Peninsula studies through participation in the Young Leaders program as Non-Resident Fellows and through in-residence research as Resident Fellows. The fellowship recognizes the exemplary efforts of former Assistant Secretary of State and Pacific Forum President Emeritus James Kelly to improve US-ROK relations and encourage the DPRK to denuclearize and join the international community. The program encourages the study of Korean economic and security issues with particular focus on raising awareness among the next generation of scholars and officials in the US, ROK, and worldwide about the vital role the Korean Peninsula plays in regional and international affairs.



**Mr. Oleksandr SHYKOV (USA; 2019)** holds a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy where he concentrated on the International Security Studies in the Asia-Pacific. While at Fletcher, he taught courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Tufts' first Summer Pre-College Intensive IR program. Previously, Oleksandr worked as a research associate at the Center for Global Security Research at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where he researched Russia's cyber operations and disinformation campaigns as well as North Korean nuclear and cyber capabilities. His academic interests include the contemporary history of the Korean Peninsula, the US-ROK alliance, and the US extended deterrence posture in the Asia-Pacific region. He also earned a BA in Political Science from UC Berkeley.



**Dong-hyeon KIM (ROK; 2019-2020)** is a current resident Kelly fellow and former nonresident Korea Foundation fellow at Pacific Forum. Dong-hyeon's research explores how the DPRK establishes and develops its nuclear doctrine over time, and more broadly what triggers the evolution of nuclear strategy among different nuclear weapon states. He received his MA in law and diplomacy from Tufts' Fletcher School, and BA in English literature from Korea University. Previously he worked as a coordinator for the Korea Project at Harvard's Belfer Center, and as a Boston correspondent of JoongAng Media Group, interviewing scholars and practitioners on evolving issues of the Korean Peninsula. He served in the Republic of Korea (ROK) Army as a translator in G5 Future Operations, 2nd Infantry Division, United States Forces Korea and worked at the President's Office of the ROK.

#### WSD-HANDA FELLOWSHIP

Through the generosity of the Worldwide Support for Development and Dr. Handa Haruhisa, the Pacific Forum operates the WSD-Handa Fellowship Program. This fellowship allows resident and non-resident fellows from the Asia Pacific, North America, and Europe to participate in our programs. WSD-Handa Fellows are also invited to participate in exclusive "Handa Forum" activities.



**Ariel STENEK (US; 2019)** is a Program Manager at Pacific Forum. Previously she was a regional security studies intern at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. She holds a B.A. in international studies with a minor in European Studies from the University of San Francisco, and an M.A. in International Relations from Queen Mary, University of London, which she completed at their Paris campus. As a student in Paris, she worked at UNESCO in the division of Social and Human Sciences on The Silk Roads Online Platform. Her dissertation, "Four Cases Examining the Role of Maritime Militias in China's Maritime Strategy," won the J. Ann Tickner Prize for Best Masters Dissertation and was presented at the 2018 International Graduate Student Conference at the East-West Center.



**Chen-Sheng HONG (Taiwan; 2019)** is a research associate of Taiwan-ASEAN Studies Center in Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research. His research focuses on Southeast Asia, especially the Mekong region and its relations with the US, China, and Japan. Formerly, he was a research scholar with the Southeast Asia program at the Stimson Center in Washington DC, researching Mekong regional energy development and the US's Mekong policy. Before joining the Stimson, he completed a research internship at the Stockholm Environment Institute Asia Center in Bangkok, contributing to a project on the impacts of China's Belt and Road Initiative in Southeast Asia. He earned his MA in international studies and diplomacy from SOAS, University of London in the UK and BA in political science from National Cheng-Chi University in Taiwan.



**Eugenio BENINCASA (Italy; 2020)** holds an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University in New York, where he focused on International Security Policy, and a B.A. in politics, philosophy and economics from LUISS University in Rome, Italy. During his B.A., he also took part to a one-semester exchange program at Sciences Po University in Paris, France. Eugenio worked as a crime analyst at the New York Police Department and contributed to shaping the initial defense and security policy of Volt Europa, a new pan-European political movement. He also completed internships at the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, Morgan Stanley's Financial Crimes Unit and at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. His research interests include the role of regional organizations in strengthening cybersecurity. He is fluent in Italian (native), English, French, and Spanish.

## KOREA FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

In partnership with the Seoul-based Korea Foundation, the Pacific Forum launched its newest fellowship in 2014. The Korea Foundation Fellowship is exclusively for Korean nationals and is designed to assist graduate and Ph.D. students in obtaining research and professional experience at the Pacific Forum. One fellow is selected from a competitive applicant pool to research in-residence for six months.



**Saeme KIM (ROK; 2019)** is a PhD candidate in International Relations at King's College London, United Kingdom. She received her MSc in international relations at the London School of Economics (LSE) and BA in international studies at Ewha Woman's University in South Korea. She previously worked as a researcher at the Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU) in Seoul. Her research interests include East Asian regionalism, regional architecture, and middle power diplomacy.



**Kangkyu LEE (ROK; 2020)** is a Yenching Scholar studying international relations at Peking University. His research focuses on the intersection of political psychology to explain public opinion and diplomatic relations. Kangkyu previously studied as a government-funded JASSO Fellow to conduct research on Japanese domestic politics at Osaka University. He holds an M.A. in Asian studies from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a B.A. in international affairs from the University of Georgia magna cum laude. He is a research assistant at the Berggruen Institute where he researches identity and culture to explain East Asian technology policy and perspectives towards frontier technologies such as artificial intelligence.

## NONPROLIFERATION FELLOWSHIP

Pacific Forum offers a Nonproliferation Fellowship for young professionals to conduct research and analysis in the area of nonproliferation, nuclear security, and other related topics. This fellowship offers both resident and nonresident fellowships. Preference will be given to fellows from Myanmar or other Southeast Asia countries.



**Shwe Yee Oo (MMR; 2020)** accomplished her master studies in Public Policy (Energy, Resources and Sustainable Development) at Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris). She is also a young researcher of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) in Yangon. Upon graduating from Yangon University of Foreign Languages in 2011, she continued her post-graduate studies in social work, political science and international studies until 2016. At the same time, she worked at Institut Français de Birmanie, Co-opération culturelle de l'Ambassade de France, in Myanmar from 2013 to 2017. Picking up her student life again, she started her master's studies in September 2017. While doing her studies in Paris, Shwe contributed her efforts in data verification on Myanmar's export restrictions for OECD inventory as an external consultant at OECD Headquarters. Meanwhile, Shwe is not only participating in Pacific Forum Resident Fellowship Program and Young Leaders Program but also helping, as an advisor, Burmese young people who want to do further studies abroad or higher studies in local universities.

## VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW



**Raymond YAMAMOTO (DK, 2019)** received his PhD from Hamburg University in 2015. From 2015 to 2017, he worked as a specially appointed researcher and as a part time lecturer at Osaka University. Since 2017, he has been assistant professor at Aarhus University. His research focuses on Japan's post-war foreign policy as well as on the development and security nexus of the Japanese ODA.

## VASEY FELLOWS – 33; COUNTRIES – 10

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### 2002

Yumiko Nakagawa, Japan

### 2003

Kazuko Hamada, Japan

### 2004

Ah-Young Kim, ROK  
 Ronald Rodriguez, Philippines  
 Lena Gan, Singapore (2004-2005)

### 2005

Hyun Jung Jo Choi, Singapore, ROK  
 Claire Bai, PRC (2005-2006)

### 2006

Qinghong Wang, PRC (2006-2007)  
 Junbeom Pyon, ROK (2006-2007)

### 2007

Yuka Tsukagoshi, Japan  
 Jiyon Shin, ROK (2007-2008)  
 Tomoko Tsunoda, Japan (2007-2008)

### 2008

Shanshan Mei, PRC  
 Shiuan-ju Chen, Taiwan

### 2009

Young-Jin Yang, ROK  
 Nadya Larsen, Russia  
 Trang Thuy Pham, Vietnam  
 Kei Koga, Japan (2009-2010)

### 2010

Fergus Hanson, Australia (2010-2011)  
 Luxi Zhou, PRC (2010-2011)

### 2011

Danielle Chub, Australia (2011-2012)  
 Yang Yi, PRC (2011-2012)

### 2012

Yujing Shentu, PRC (2012-2013)  
 Ryo Hinata-Yamaguchi, Japan (2012-2013)

### 2013

Nanae Yamashiro, Japan (2013-2014)

### 2014

Guanpei Ming, PRC (2014-2015)

### 2015

Maile Plan, US (2015-2016)

### 2016

Jeffrey Ordaniel, Philippines (2016-2017)  
 Sinclair Prowse, Australia (2016-2017)

### 2017

Yeseul Woo, ROK

### 2018

Jeffrey Ordaniel, Philippines (2016-2018)

### 2019

Feng Jin, PRC

### 2020

Tom Corben, AUS



## WSD-HANDA FELLOWS – 35; COUNTRIES – 15

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### 2011

Gaoyue Fan, PRC  
Christina Failma, US  
Matthew Anderson, US  
Eleni Ekmektsioglou, Greece  
Fitria Lestari Saberi, Malaysia  
Siti Noradilah Sabudin, Malaysia  
Eric Sayers, US/Canada  
Ta Minh Tuan, Vietnam

### 2012

Nicole Forrester, Australia  
Gintare Janulaityte, Lithuania  
Maggie Yuan Ma, PRC  
John Hemmings, UK  
Billy Tea, US (2012-2013)  
Gauri Kandekar, India (2012-2013)

### 2013

Cristin Shiffer Orr, US  
Erin Hoshibata, US (2013-2014)  
Liang Wei, PRC  
Yanhong Xu, PRC  
Peter Yemc, US

### 2014

Yujie Yang, PRC  
Virginia Marantidou, Greece  
John Warden, US

### 2015

Moustafa Hisham Badr, Egypt  
Zhang Bo, PRC  
Jessica Lee, US  
Adam Greer, US

### 2016

Brian Moore, US  
Federica Dall'Arche, Italy (2016-2017)

### 2017

Edward Schwarck, UK  
Minghao Fan, PRC  
Nguyen Dinh Sach, VNM

### 2018

Andray Abrahamian, US/UK (2017-2018)

### 2019

Ariel Stenek, US  
Chen-Sheng Hong, Taiwan

### 2020

Eugenio Benincasa, Italy

### 2009

## KELLY FELLOWS – 26; COUNTRIES – 4

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Young Jin Yang, ROK  
Dayea Diana Park, US (2009-2010)

### 2010

Kevin Shephard, US  
Adrian Yi, US  
Cornelis Oudenaarden, Netherlands (2010-2011)

### 2011

Sungmin Cho, ROK  
Dong-Joon Park, ROK (2011-2012)  
Kyu-toi Moon, ROK (2011-2012)

### 2012

Van Jackson, US  
Ki Suh Jung, US (2012-2013)  
Petra Dunne, Croatia/US (2012-2013)

### 2013

Stephanie Kang, US (2013-2014)  
Sunna An, ROK  
Seongho Hong, ROK

### 2014

Julia Cunico, US  
Stephanie Kang, US

### 2015

Kelly Wadsworth, US  
Nahee Kim, ROK  
Woojin Lee, ROK (2015-2016)  
Yoonjae Lee, ROK

### 2016

Min Jung Lee, ROK (2016-2018)  
Hyuk Kim, ROK (2016-2017)

### 2017

Hannah Falvey, US

### 2018

Lami Kim, ROK

### 2019

Oleksandr Shykov, US  
Dong-hyeon Kim, ROK (2019-2020)

### 2014



## KOREA FOUNDATION FELLOWS – 4

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Eun-Young “Jo” Cho, South Korea

Saeme Kim, South Korea

### 2017

Daekwon Son, South Korea

### 2019

Kangkyu Lee, South Korea

### 2018

## SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION FELLOWS – 12

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### 2011

Masamichi Minehata, Japan  
Eric Sayers, US

### 2014

James Platte, US (2014-2015)  
Tomoko Kiyota (2014-2015)

### 2012

Mihoko Matsubara, Japan  
Justin Goldman, US  
Jenny Lin, US  
Hideshi Futori, Japan

### 2015

Crystal Pryor, US (2015-2016)  
Akira Igata, Japan (2015-2016)

### 2013

Aiko Shimizu, Japan  
Candice Sachi Gerbin, US

## NONPROLIFERATION AND NUCLEAR SECURITY FELLOWS – 8

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### 2016

Naing Win, Myanmar  
Aung Ko Min, Myanmar  
Khin Ma Ma Myo, Myanmar  
Nay Yan Oo, Myanmar (2016-2018)

### 2017/2018

Kyaw Si Thu, Myanmar (2017-2018)  
Phone Myint Naing, Myanmar (2017-2018)

### 2016/2017

Federica Dall'Arche, Italy (2016-2017)  
Hyuk Kim, ROK (2016-2017)

### 2020

Shwe Yee Oo, Myanmar

## INTERNSHIPS



**Sally LIN (US, 2019/2020)** is a student at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) and is a development and communications Intern at Pacific Forum, where she focuses on designing an array of assets and publicity materials. She holds an associate in science in communication arts from Honolulu Community College, and expects to graduate from UHM in Spring 2021 with a bachelor of arts in communications. Sally speaks Cantonese and Mandarin, and has studied French, Korean, and Japanese. She is a PAAC alumni and did a study tour in China.



**Kazuki NAKAMURA (JPN, 2019)** is a master's candidate concentrating on international relations and data analytics at New York University, working as a graduate research assistant for Dr. John V. Kane. His research interests include international institutions, global governance, transnational security, and comparative national decision-making process, focusing on the region of Asia-Pacific. He currently holds a graduate consultant position with UNCTED conducting research and analysis on counter-terrorism to help identify newly emerging threats. He is also a member of the Young Leaders Program at Pacific Forum.



**Nithya CHEKURI (US, 2019)** originally from Honolulu, is currently a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania, she is majoring in economics with minors in survey research and data analytics. Her academic interests include economic policy and election polling.



**Fumika MIZUNO (US, 2019)** is a third-year undergraduate student at Princeton University majoring in politics with a certificate in East Asian Studies. At Pacific Forum she conducted research on Japan's cultural diplomacy, focusing on the 1964 and upcoming 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Her writing was published in The Diplomat and The Japan Times. In her free time, Fumika enjoys playing the violin and hiking.



**Aalia THOMAS (US, 2019)** is a junior at Pomona College studying political theory with minors in religious studies and English. These disciplines allow her to approach human behavior through distinct lenses. She hopes to apply her education to policy and journalism after graduating. This summer, she will be working at the Governance Lab at NYU. She loves writing and research, and in her spare time, enjoys Bollywood dance.



**Bree MIMS (US, 2019-2020)** is a geospatial intelligence analyst in the United States Air Force focusing on geopolitical issues in the Indo-Pacific and counter-WMD proliferation. She is also currently pursuing a M.S. in international relations concentrating in international economics at Northeastern University. She holds a B.S. in international development from Cornell University. She has formerly held research positions with the NASA DEVELOP Program at the NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia conducting remote sensing research monitoring the trajectory of rainforest cover in El Salvador and creating a precipitation climatology for underserved schools in the Middle East. She has held research internship positions with the Department of State conducting open-source research and analysis on piracy in East Africa, communication and information analysis of megacities and dense urban environments in Africa, Europe, and Asia, and developing geospatial datasets in support of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research's humanitarian efforts to respond to crises abroad. She is currently writing her master's thesis on mobile cybersecurity in Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.



**Xintao LU (CH, 2020)** is an Asian studies master's student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he focuses on issues concerning international security and political theory within the Asia Pacific region, specializing in Chinese foreign policies and security studies. He is currently working on his master's defense on the applications and geopolitical significance of modern Confucianism in contemporary China. Xintao is also a research intern at the Pacific Forum.



**Jennifer Howe (UK, 2020)** joined Pacific Forum upon graduating from Durham University in the UK with an MA in politics and international relations. During her master's she focused on democracy, human rights, and transitional justice within the Asia-Pacific. She is currently applying for a Ph.D. for which she wishes to assess truth commissions as a tool for countering violent extremism and peacebuilding in Southeast Asia. She has worked on behalf of Durham University for a number of charities across the Asia-Pacific in order to build ties between students and the region.



**Alec Haili Lei (PRC, 2019)** is a rising junior at Pomona College majoring in Economics and Mathematics. At Pomona, Alec worked as a teaching assistant and writing partner for the Pomona College Economics department and he helps manage Pomona's alumni mentorship services program. He joined Pacific Forum in 2019 as a research intern with an interest in ASEAN's economic integration efforts and trade policies.



**Daphne Yang (US, 2019)** is a rising senior at Pomona College majoring in International Relations and minoring in Economics. Last year, Daphne studied abroad in Seoul, South Korea for six months on the U.S. government-funded David L. Boren Scholarship. At Pomona, she is serving as a teaching assistant, a peer advisor at the Career Development Center, and conducting research on East Asia reconciliation with her professor. She joined Pacific Forum as a 2019 Summer Research Intern with an interest in South Korea's regional policy and national security issues and hopes to incorporate the research she completes at Pacific Forum into her senior thesis on the relationship between South Korea's national identity and foreign policy in the Asia-Pacific.

## ENGAGING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY

To promote dialogue and expand knowledge of the Indo-Pacific locally, Pacific Forum runs programs and events targeting our dynamic community in Hawaii. Students, professionals, members of the military, educators, and executives have the opportunity to convene in forums that emphasize the interconnectivity between Hawaii and the larger region.

## HAWAII ASIA-PACIFIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (APAL)

Now in its seventh iteration, the Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program (APAL) mentors 10 local students and young professionals from a diverse set of backgrounds through meetings and networking opportunities with regional experts. The program offers an introduction to Indo-Pacific affairs and provides an opportunity to discuss regional issues from a multidisciplinary set of tools and perspectives. APAL scholars build upon their understanding of the region and assess how these issues affect Hawaii's community by weaving topics into their research interests, professions, and extracurricular initiatives.



Following our summer outreach campaign to local universities, business organizations, and alumni connections, we received a competitive number of applications and selected 10 APAL scholars to participate in the nine-month program. Beginning in September, the cohort meets semi-monthly at our downtown office for round-table discussions with regional and subject-matter experts who guide discussion. In 2019, APAL scholars met with distinguished speakers such as Teena Browning (Australian Consulate-General, Honolulu), Elina Noor and Sungmin Cho (Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies), Annalisa Burgos (KITV4), and Layla Kilolu (UH Department of Urban and Regional Planning).

The topics explored included Japan's Official Development Assistance, China-Korea relations, urban resilience strategies related to climate change, ASEAN's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, emerging technology, and the US role in the region, among many others.

Aside from the meetings, APAL scholars participated in off-site activities that included visits to the East-West Center, APCSS, Oceanit, and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), as well as events with the larger Young Leaders network in Honolulu. The success of the APAL program is further underscored by the camaraderie established among its members as they experience a unique professional development program together.



Much of this program is made possible by the generosity of the Freeman Foundation, which has supported our efforts to develop a next-generation of civically-engaged scholars in Hawaii who are interested in learning about and engaging with the Indo-Pacific. This support has enabled APAL scholars to attend regional conferences, discuss topical issues, and network with experts from around the world. In 2019, APAL scholars attended the US-ASEAN Partnership Forum in Jakarta, the CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament in

Bali, the Northeast Asia Young Leader Security Symposium in Tokyo, and the Asia-Pacific Roundtable in Kuala Lumpur.



**Kaili Ayers** is a master's degree candidate in international relations at the Harvard Extension School and currently works as a bilingual claims specialist at the Social Security Administration. Before receiving her BA in Japanese/English Interpretation and Translation from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Kaili studied at International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan where she established fluency in the Japanese language and an understanding of Japanese society on a personal and intercultural level. She hopes to impact positive change within the Asia-Pacific region through the encouragement of economic interdependence and multilateral relations.



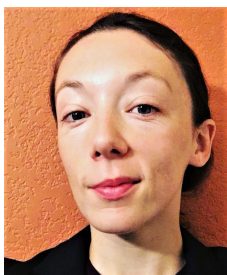
**Jeremiah Bonilla**, an aspiring foreign service officer, is currently pursuing his MA in Asian Studies with an inter-Asia focus at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where he also received his BA in Asian Studies with a certificate in Peace Studies. As part of the large Filipino community in Hawaii, Jeremiah hopes to utilize his fluency in both Ilocano and Tagalog to develop a research project on contemporary issues related to migrant workers and terrorism in Southeast Asia. Jeremiah is currently learning Mandarin and plans to try every dish from Asia.



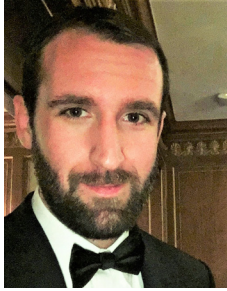
**Ada Davis-Nouri** is a PhD student at UH Mānoa studying indigenous politics. Her research focuses on Small Island Developing States and the Pacific region at large. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Tallinn University in Tallinn, Estonia. She has been living and working throughout the Pacific region in Fiji, Samoa, and Hawaii since 2017.



**Allison Fluetsch** is completing her fourth year of undergraduate studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in political science and history, with an emphasis on the Korean Peninsula and the Asia-Pacific region. During her year-long stay in Korea, she gained fluency in the language and participated as an intern and cultural ambassador at the Korea Furniture Museum, a museum and event host for Seoul's diplomatic community. Upon the completion of her undergraduate degree, Allison hopes to continue her studies in international relations or Korean studies.



**Lura Harvey** is a staff sergeant in the United States Air Force and holds a BA in environmental studies from Franklin University Switzerland. Before joining the military, Lura worked in the non-profit sector supporting environmental and public policy initiatives. She graduated from the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California with an Associate's in Chinese Mandarin. Lura plans to pursue graduate studies in foreign service. In addition to academic pursuits, Lura is an avid rock climber, runner, and physical training coach. She'll be running the Honolulu Marathon in December and has plans to climb in Yosemite National Park in 2020.



**Jay-Paul Lenker** is an energy analyst for the State of Hawaii at the Public Utilities Commission, working on transitioning the state to 100 percent renewable resources. Before coming to Hawaii, he held positions in Washington, DC at the US Department of Energy, various foreign policy think tanks, and a national security focused media company. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BA in Political Science.



**Sally Lin** is a student at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) and is a development and communications Intern at Pacific Forum, where she focuses on designing an array of assets and publicity materials. She holds an associate in science in communication arts from Honolulu Community College, and expects to graduate from UHM in Spring 2021 with a bachelor of arts in communications. Sally speaks Cantonese and Mandarin, and has studied French, Korean, and Japanese. She is a PAAC alumni and did a study tour in China.



Justin Menina is completing his studies in political science and economics at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He's a sustainable & resilient communities intern at the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, as well as a College Ambassador for the College of Social Sciences. For his honors thesis he's conducting funded research on place-making and gentrification in Kaka'ako and, with the UH Institute for Sustainability and Resilience, will begin modeling autonomous vehicles in support of the O'ahu Climate Action Plan. Justin hopes to pursue a Ph.D to address socioeconomic inequalities and realize sustainable urban development in the Asia-Pacific region.



**Erica Nakanishi-Stanis** is the study tour director at the Pacific & Asian Affairs Council (PAAC), a non-profit dedicated to developing engaged global citizens among Hawaii's youth. She previously served as a volunteer interpreter (English/Japanese/Spanish) aboard the Peace Boat, a Japan-based international NGO working to promote peace, human rights, and sustainability. Her prior professional experience includes working at the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) in Tokyo and the Chiba City International Association as a participant on the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a BA in Anthropology.



**Austin Price** is a lieutenant in the United States Army and holds a BA in conflict analysis and resolution from George Mason University. Prior to joining the Army Austin served as a policy intern with the DC Office of Senator Rob Portman and as a research intern at the William J. Perry Center. He is proficient in Mandarin Chinese, a proud alumnus of the International Chinese Language Program (ICLP) and Forum for American-Chinese Exchange at Stanford (FACES), and plans to begin his graduate studies early next year.

## SENIOR STAFF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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**Robert Girrier**, President joined the Pacific Forum in 2018. In addition to participating directly in the many Pacific Forum-sponsored and hosted events and general 2019 work program throughout the year, he also served in numerous panelist speaking events on a variety of maritime and defense issues affecting the Indo-Pacific; these included: The Northeast Asia Security Conference sponsored by Genron NPO (Tokyo); the Naval War College-sponsored Korean Security and International Law Conference (Newport, RI); Lawrence Livermore National Lab's conference on The Demise of the INF Treaty (LLNL, California); University of Hawaii JVDI's Regional Conference on Ocean Science, Ocean Policy and Sustainability in the Pacific and East Asia (Honolulu); Tokyo Research Institute for Future Technology-sponsored address at the Upper House Parliamentarian's Office (Tokyo); and DSEI Japan 2019 Defense Industries Conference panel on Freedom of Navigation in the Indo-Pacific Region – Maintaining & Strengthening an Open & Stable Maritime Order (Makuhari, Japan). In the area of security cooperation, he actively contributed to several Southeast Asian and CSCAP forums, specifically: the 11th ARF Inter-session Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament (Bali, Indonesia); the 51st CSCAP Steering Committee Meeting (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); the 52nd CSCAP Steering Committee Meeting and 12th CSCAP General Conference (Hanoi, Vietnam). Locally, he supported Close-up Foundation's annual symposium in Honolulu mentoring young students interested in Indo-Pacific issues. He also continues his work in the maritime and naval fields, most recently serving as co-author of *Watch Officer's Guide*, 16th edition (to be published by US Naval Institute Press (USNI) in 2020), as well as ongoing work on the 7th edition of *Command at Sea*, one of USNI's other professional texts. He also participated in the Naval War College-sponsored Naval Strategist Symposium (Newport, RI). He routinely participates in roundtables addressing Indo-Pacific security issues and makes regular live television appearances on Honolulu's Hawaii News Now "Pacific Rim Report."

**David Santoro**, Vice-President and Director for Nuclear Policy pursued his work on deterrence and strategic stability in Asia and Europe, focusing on great-power dynamics and US alliances. In 2019, he published several analyses on these issues, including monographs and book chapters such as *Escalating cooperation: Nuclear deterrence and the US-Australia Alliance* (with Stephan Fruhling and Andrew O'Neil, USSC and Pacific Forum), "The world according to Trump: National security priorities and US Alliances" (in Fei Su and Ian Anthony (eds.), *Reassessing CBRN threats in a changing environment*, SIPRI) or "The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action at a crossroads" (in Gordon Friedrichs, Sebastian Harnisch, and Cameron Thies (eds.), *The Politics of Resilience and Transatlantic Order: Enduring Crisis?*, Routledge). He also gave a testimony on China's nuclear strategy and weapon program before the US-China Economic Security Review Commission and published several policy commentaries on North Korea and other regional-security issues, including on Taiwan's deterrence and defense future; see "Beijing's South China Sea aggression is a warning to Taiwan" (*Foreign Policy*). In 2019, in addition to giving numerous lectures and presentations on various foreign and national-security questions, he continued work on his edited volume, which focuses on the roles and influence that third actors have on the US-China strategic nuclear relationship; the volume is scheduled to be released by Lynne Rienner at the end of 2020 or at the beginning of 2021. His current projects include options for trilateral arms control and the future for US-Russia-China strategic relationships, notably the nuclear dimension.

**Ralph Cossa**, President Emeritus and WSD-Handa Chair in Peace Studies retired from his duties as Pacific Forum president to assume his new position while overseeing the process of transitioning Pacific Forum to its prior fully-independent status after many years of affiliation with CSIS in Washington. He presided over a number of Handa Chair events, including its inaugural "Conversation on Indo-Asia-Pacific Challenges and Opportunities" featuring former New Zealand Prime Minister John Key and a "Conversation on Brexit and Beyond" with former Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny. He also continued to serve as the primary US representative on the ASEAN Regional Forum Experts and Eminent Persons Group (ARF/EEPG). As such he attended the annual meeting in Tokyo in March, where his paper on the ARF's progress toward preventive diplomacy formed the basis of discussion. He participated in a number of events sponsored by the New York City-based National Committee on American Foreign Policy (NCAFP) speaking on both US-ROK-Japan relations and China-Taiwan Cross-Strait relations and wrote reports summarizing the findings of a number of conferences. He spoke at numerous events in Honolulu, New York, Washington, Nay Pyi Taw, Shanghai, and elsewhere, including several featured commentaries at the Korea Society in New York City. He met with representatives of the DPRK on several occasions. His editorial commentaries have been featured in the *Japan Times*, Korea's *JoongAng Ilbo*, *Asia Times*, and *The South China Morning Post*, among others and he has been quoted in numerous news reports, including in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.



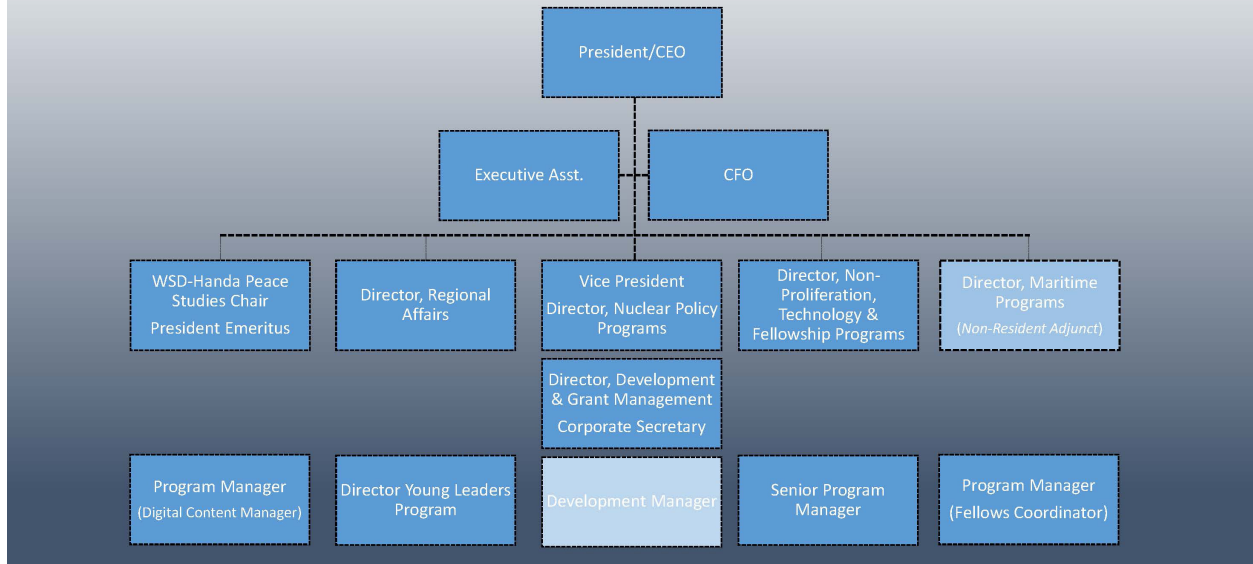
*Crystal (second from right) with other members of the Mansfield US-Japan Network for the Future outside the residence of the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan in Washington.*

**Crystal Pryor**, Director of Non-proliferation, Technology and Fellowships joined Pacific Forum in her current role in October 2017. She was a Sasakawa Peace Foundation resident fellow at Pacific Forum from 2015-2016, returned to the University of Washington in 2016 to complete her doctorate, and held a postdoctoral fellowship in the US-Japan Program at Harvard University 2016-2017. Crystal is continuing her work on strategic trade controls and non-proliferation topics, as well as on Japan. In 2019, she published a report on Taiwan's cybersecurity landscape and an opinion piece on US controls on high-tech exports to China. She was selected to the 2019 class of National Asia Research Fellows, a nationwide research and conference program sponsored by the National Bureau of Asian Research and the Institute for National Security Studies at the National Defense University "to reinvigorate and advance the policy-relevant study of contemporary Asia," for which she traveled to Washington, DC twice. She was also selected to the fifth cohort of the Mansfield Foundation's US-Japan Network for the Future, for which she has traveled to Washington, DC twice and will go to Japan for one week over the summer. Crystal is an adjunct fellow with the Research Program at East-West Center.

**Robert York**, Program Director for Regional Affairs joined Pacific Forum on January 1 and assumed responsibility for editing Pacific Forum publications, including the weekly PacNet series, the triannual Comparative Connections journal, and the in-depth Issue & Insights series. Prior to joining Pacific Forum Rob worked as a production editor at The South China Morning Post in Hong Kong. A PhD candidate in Korean history at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Rob has established himself as a commentator on inter-Korean and Hong Kong affairs, as a regular contributor to NK News and The Daily NK and having been published at The South China Morning Post, War on the Rocks, the Foundation for Economic Education, Korean Studies, and The Journal of American-East Asian Relations, as well as conducting numerous interviews in various media outlets. His research agenda at Pacific Forum includes trade and its relationship with security, media analysis, countering disinformation, and human rights.

**Jeffrey Ordaniel**, Program Director for Maritime Security (Non-resident) is the non-resident Adjunct Fellow and Director of Maritime Programs at the Pacific Forum. Concurrently, he is also Assistant Professor of International Security Studies at Tokyo International University (TIU) in Japan. He holds a Ph.D in International Relations and specializes in the study of offshore territorial and maritime entitlement disputes in Asia. His teaching and research revolve around maritime security and ocean governance, ASEAN regionalism, and broadly, US alliances and engagements in the Indo-Pacific. From 2016 to 2019, he was the holder of the endowed Admiral Joe Vasey Fellowship at the Pacific Forum. In 2019, Dr. Ordaniel, convened the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Expert Working Group, an informal network of select experts and scholars from Japan, Southeast Asia, Australia and North America, with the aim of generating sound, pragmatic and actionable policy prescriptions for the region. He is author of the forthcoming book, "Coping with 'China Threat' —The Philippines, Vietnam and Malaysia in the South China Sea," scheduled for release in the last quarter of 2020.

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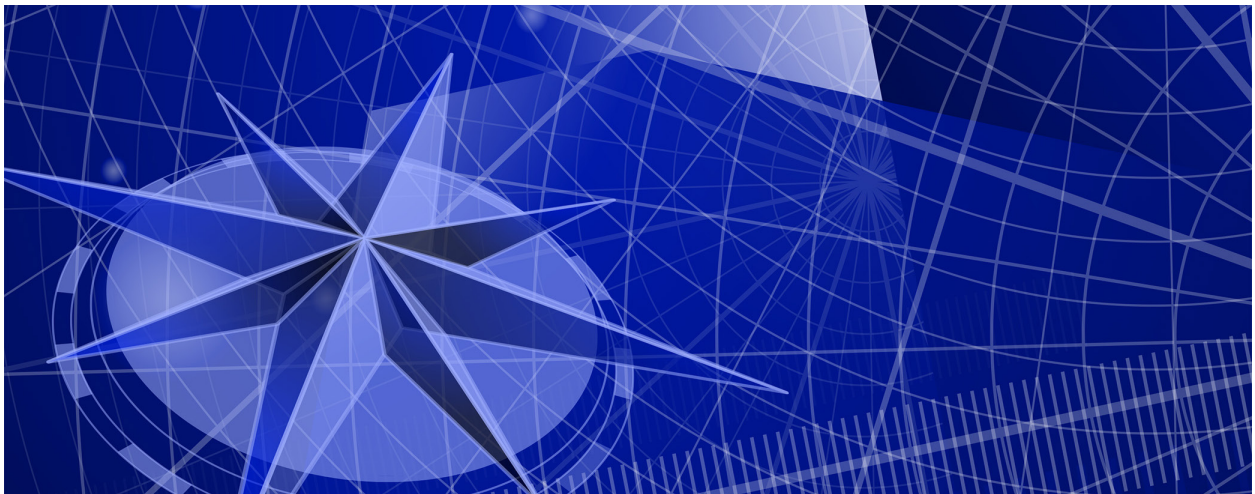
## PUBLICATIONS

In 2019, Pacific Forum published:

- 71 PacNet Commentary distributed to 6,700 US and foreign subscribers
- 24 Issues & Insights monograph series
- Three issues of Comparative Connections
  - o 11,314 individual users online
  - o 53,357 page views
  - o 85:15 new-return visitors

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook - 8,700 followers (+350 in 2019)
- Twitter - 16,800 total followers (+1,000 in 2019)
- LinkedIn - 1,400 total followers (+450 in 2019)





## 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Jan. 22: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Raymond Yamamoto (Honolulu)**

Dr. Raymond Yamamoto, Resident Handa Fellow at Pacific Forum and Professor of Japan Studies at Aarhus University, discussed Japan's ODA (Official Development Assistance) in the Asia Pacific.

### **Jan. 24-25: CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG) (Singapore)**

Hosted in partnership with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies and with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this meeting focused on the current status of nuclear governance in the Indo-Pacific, new nuclear-power users in the Indo-Pacific, the nuclear-export regime, old and new nuclear exporters in the Indo-Pacific, and the impact of new technologies on nuclear governance.

### **Feb. 5: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – David Treacher (Honolulu)**

Mr. David Treacher, Deputy Consul General at the New Zealand Consulate-General Honolulu, discussed New Zealand's role in the Asia-Pacific.

### **Feb. 11-13: United States-ASEAN Partnership Forum (Jakarta)**

Pacific Forum, in cooperation with The Habibie Center and with support from the United States Mission to ASEAN, brought together some 70 US and Southeast Asian foreign policy specialists, subject-matter experts, and other thought leaders to discuss key issues in the Indo-Pacific related to enhancing US-ASEAN relations. Together, they examined ASEAN centrality, the US approach to the region – in particular, the role of the 10-nation association in the Trump administration's Indo-Pacific Strategy – and the role of the United States in supporting the ASEAN Community vision. Participants debated policy issues on regional security and stability, sustainable economic growth and development, and closer people-to-people ties.

### **Feb. 26: Honolulu International Forum featuring Troy Stangarone (Honolulu)**

Troy Stangarone, Senior Director of Congressional Affairs and Trade at the Korea Economic Institute (KEI), provided a presentation on the implications of demographic decline for South Korean national security.

### **Feb. 26: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Brenda & Larry Foster (Honolulu)**

Ms. Brenda Foster and Mr. Larry Foster of Foster & Associates LLC discussed China's role in the Asia-Pacific.

### **Mar. 12: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Sungmin Cho (Honolulu)**

Dr. Sungmin Cho, associate professor at the DKI Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, discussed China-Korea Relations and North Korea.

### **March 13: Luncheon featuring Dr. Joseph Nye (Honolulu)**

Pacific Forum International Board Co-Chairman Dr. Joseph Nye provided remarks on the future of US-China relations at a welcome luncheon for Pacific Forum Annual Dinner table sponsors.

### **March 13: Pacific Forum's Annual Dinner (Honolulu)**

Pacific Forum hosted its 2019 Annual Dinner on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the oceanfront Sheraton Waikiki. The featured speaker was Admiral James Stavridis USN (Ret.), former NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe (2009 to 2013), who joined Pacific Forum President Robert Girrier for a conversation on 21st century security challenges and opportunities.

**March 14: Honolulu International Forum featuring Mr. James A. Kelly (Honolulu)**

Former Assistant Secretary of State James A. Kelly led a special briefing on the Korean Peninsula for the Pacific Forum Board of Directors, International Advisory Board, and annual dinner table sponsors and guests. Chairman Shin Won Choi of SK Networks and Mr. Jin-Hyun Kim of Korea International Trade Association also provided remarks.

**March 27: Brexit and Beyond: Why What Happens in Europe Matters (Honolulu)**

Former Prime Minister of Ireland Enda Kenny joined Pacific Forum Handa Chair Ralph Cossa for a special luncheon featuring a conversation on “Brexit and Beyond: Why What Happens in Europe Matters.” Following the luncheon, Young Leaders, junior analysts and young scholars joined Mr. Kenney for an informal roundtable discussion. This event was held with support from the Worldwide Support for Development – Handa Haruhisa Chair in Peace Studies at the Pacific Forum.

**April 7: CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament (NPD) (Bali)**

USCSCAP and CSCAP Vietnam co-chaired the sixth meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on NPD on the front-end of the ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament (ARF ISM on NPD). Approximately 45 senior scholars and officials and Pacific Forum Young Leaders attended, all in their private capacity, including a number of ARF ISM participants. Off-the-record discussions focused on recent developments in nonproliferation and disarmament, including the impact of the termination of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty; Korean Peninsula denuclearization in the wake of the US-DPRK Hanoi Summit; nuclear governance in Southeast Asia; and nuclear disarmament collaboration between nuclear-armed and non-nuclear states on nuclear risk reduction.

**April 11-12: Northeast Asia Regional Young Leaders Security Symposium (Tokyo)**

Pacific Forum, in partnership with the Center for Rule-Making Strategies (CRS) and with the generous support of the Korea Foundation, Henry Luce Foundation, and Freeman Foundation, brought together young scholars and junior analysts from the United States, the Republic of Korea (ROK), Japan, China, and other countries to explore approaches to regional security and multilateral cooperation in Northeast Asia. Young Leaders also participated in a tabletop exercise simulating a crisis on the Korean Peninsula.

**April 15-16: A “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”: Approaches to Investment and Infrastructure (Tokyo)**

Pacific Forum, with support from the US Embassy in Japan, convened 50 experts and officials for a dynamic discussion of approaches to investment and infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific. The meeting began with a general discussion of the meaning of a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific,” followed by a deeper dive into finance, investment, and specific initiatives in physical infrastructure, energy security, and digital connectivity.

**April 16-18: A “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”: Competition, Coordination, and Cooperation in the Region’s Economy (Tokyo/Nagoya/Fukuoka)**

Pacific Forum, with support from the US Embassy in Tokyo, conducted a public diplomacy tour to discuss approaches to investment and infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific. The program included visits to Nanzan University in Nagoya and Fukuoka University, along with a public panel at the US Embassy in Tokyo.

**April 16: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Teena Browning (Honolulu)**

Australian Deputy Consul General Teena Browning discussed Australia’s role in the Asia-Pacific.

## **May 7: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Elina Noor (Honolulu)**

Ms. Elina Noor, associate professor at the DKI Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, provided a presentation on technological imperatives amid strategic competition in Southeast Asia.

## **May 22: Honolulu International Forum featuring In-Bum Chun (Honolulu)**

LTG In-Bum Chun (ROK Army, Ret.), Distinguished Visiting Fellow with the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech and Vice President for the Korea Freedom Federation, provided remarks on “The Korean Peninsula Today: Issue Update on the Peninsula.”

## **June 16-18: 11th US-China Strategic Dialogue (Maui)**

This Naval Post-Graduate School co-hosted, DTRA-sponsored track-2 dialogue focused on strategic military relations between the US and China. This year’s dialogue included discussions on strategic issues in an era of great power relations and competition, evolving US nuclear strategy and the 2018 US Nuclear Posture Review, Chinese nuclear policy/posture (and US concerns), MDR and Chinese MD/responses to US MD, challenges and opportunities in the post INF era, and possible solutions to regional nuclear situations.

## **July 19: Honolulu International Forum featuring Charles Edel (Honolulu)**

Dr. Charles Edel, Senior Fellow and Visiting Scholar at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, provided remarks on “The Lessons of Tragedy: Statecraft and World Order.”

## **July 26: Honolulu International Forum featuring Yukio Satoh (Honolulu)**

Amb. Yukio Satoh, member of the Global Zero Commission and the International Advisory Board of RUSI International, provided remarks on the “Deterrence of the Japan-US Alliance.”

## **July 30: US-China Strategic Nuclear Triangles: Assessing the Impact on the Bilateral Relationship (Washington, DC)**

The Pacific Forum, with support from USINDOPACOM, conducted a workshop to solicit feedback on an upcoming book project on US-China strategic nuclear triangles.

## **Aug. 9: Honolulu International Forum featuring Brad Glosserman (Honolulu)**

Mr. Brad Glosserman, Deputy Director and visiting professor at the Center for Rule Making Strategies at Tama University and a senior advisor to Pacific Forum, provided remarks on “The Meaning of Peak Japan.”

## **Aug. 19-20: Asia-Pacific Security Forum (Honolulu)**

Hosted in partnership with the Institute for National Policy Research, Taiwan, this dialogue brought together 23 maritime experts from the US, Taiwan, Australia, India, and Japan to discuss maritime domain awareness, Indo-Pacific strategy in linking the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean, and managing strategic competition in the South Pacific.

## **Aug. 20: Honolulu International Forum featuring Kavi Chongkittavorn (Honolulu)**

Mr. Kavi Chongkittavorn, visiting fellow at the East-West Center, provided remarks on “Thailand’s ASEAN Chair: Remaining Challenges.”

**Aug. 26-27: Regional Stability and Nuclear Risk Reduction in Northeast Asia (St. Petersburg)**

Hosted in partnership with the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) and the Beijing-based China Arms Control and Disarmament Associate (CACDA), with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this dialogue brought together experts from the US, Russia, and China to discuss lessons from the US-DPRK Hanoi Summit and prospects for Russia-US-China cooperation on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

**Sept. 5-6: US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue (Maui)**

The Pacific Forum, with support from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), brought together 41 officials and experts from the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ROK), along with eight Pacific Forum Young Leaders, all attending in their private capacity, to explore the three countries' thinking about extended deterrence and prospects for and obstacles to strengthened trilateral security cooperation. A two-move tabletop exercise (TTX) was focused on concerted and coordinated efforts by China and North Korea to revise the status quo in Northeast Asia.

**Sept. 19-20: Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia (Manila)**

The Pacific Forum and the Strategic Trade Management Office (STMO) at the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Philippines, with support from the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program, co-hosted the fourth Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia, where over 40 experts and officials attended in their private capacity. Topics addressed included UN Security Council Resolution 1540, the economic benefits of strategic trade controls (STC) measures, risk management in implementing an STC program, and assistance programs. Updates were also provided on national STC systems in Southeast Asia.

**Sept. 27: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Bob Girrier (Honolulu)**

RADM Robert P. Girrier (USN Ret.), president of Pacific Forum, conducted a welcome orientation with the 2019-2020 APAL cohort and provided an overview of the program.

**Sept. 30: Koda Initiative (Honolulu)**

Pacific Forum, in cooperation with the Koda Initiative, conducted a track-2 dialogue in Honolulu, Hawaii on September 30, 2019. The dialogue brought together retired military officer from the US and Japan to collaborate on strengthening the US-Japan alliance to advance peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific. In an off-the-record and non-attributional discussion, participants were free to openly express their unique perspectives on the issues and challenges of regional security and alliances. Participants discussed political and economic dynamics in the region, the threats and rising challenges for security in the region, and explored opportunities and strategies to maintain and strengthen the US-Japan alliance.

**Oct. 2: Honolulu International Forum featuring Satu Limaye (Honolulu)**

Mr. Satu Limaye, Vice President & Director of the East West Center in Washington, provided remarks on "An Assessment of Convergences and Calibrations in the US Indo-Pacific Relations."

**Oct. 7: IVLP Briefing (Honolulu)**

Pacific Forum senior staff interacted with five Australian parliamentarians and discussed the US foreign and defense policymaking process, US strategic engagement in the Indo-Pacific and the impact of China's rise, as well as the future of the US-Australia Alliance.

**Oct. 15: Honolulu International Forum featuring Jane Hardy (Honolulu)**

Amb. Jane Hardy, Consul-General of the Australian Consulate-General in Honolulu, provided remarks on “Australia’s Role in the Indo-Pacific.”

**Oct. 21-23: A Free and Open Indo-Pacific: Competition, Coordination, and Cooperation in the Region’s Economy (Pusan, Sejong, Seoul)**

Pacific Forum, with support from the US Embassy in Seoul, conducted a three-day public diplomacy tour to explore South Korean views of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) concept and its relation to the ROK government’s New Southern Policy (NSP). The program featured a US speaker and an ROK speaker, with emphasis on discussion of the concepts and their implications. Roundtables included university professors, think-tank experts and business professionals. Three programs featured lectures to university students.

**Oct. 22: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Annalisa Burgos (Honolulu)**

Ms. Annalisa Burgos, reporter on KITV4 News, provided a presentation on reporting on the Indo-Pacific.

**Oct. 24-25: 4th Myanmar-US Retired Military-to-Military Dialogue (Yangon)**

The Pacific Forum, in partnership with the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (M-ISIS), and with support from the US Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA), brought together approximately 30 participants and observers from Myanmar and the United States, all attending in their private capacities, to share views on the political dynamics that are influencing bilateral relations, perceptions of the primary security threats in Southeast Asia, civil-military relations, and ideas for building confidence within overall bilateral relations while enhancing military-to-military relations.

**Oct. 29: IVLP Briefing (Honolulu)**

Pacific Forum senior staff and Senior Advisor Susan Stahl gave a briefing at East-West Center to 10 Taiwanese government officials on the topic of “Building an Integrated National Security Establishment.” Pacific Forum illustrated the “cross-cultural collaborative practices” it conducts “with other research institutes regarding the topic of security in the Indo-Pacific region.”

**Oct. 29-30: China-US Academic Exchange on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics (Beijing)**

The China Foundation for International and Strategic Studies (CFISS) and the Pacific Forum, with support from INDOPACOM, held an academic exchange on strategic nuclear dynamics. This off-the-record exchange took place at the track-2 level; it did not include US and Chinese officials or military officers. This exchange, which included nine US representatives and fourteen Chinese representatives, was a CFISS initiative aimed at sustaining the momentum of bilateral discussions between the United States and Chinese sides after Beijing twice postponed the DTRA-sponsored track-1.5 “China-US Strategic Nuclear Dynamics Dialogue,” which last convened in Beijing in August 2017.

**Nov. 4-5: US-Australia Indo-Pacific Deterrence Dialogue (Washington, DC)**

To advance a robust bilateral policy debate about the key role of deterrence in Indo-Pacific strategy, the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney and Pacific Forum hosted a Track 1.5 US-Australia Indo-Pacific Deterrence Dialogue in Washington, DC. Dialogue participants, including four Young Leaders, discussed China’s strategic aims and conduct in the Indo-Pacific region, deterring and defending against grey zone coercion, rebuilding conventional deterrence and defense, the requirements of nuclear and strategic deterrence, the implications of the US Marine Corps’ new planning guidance for Australia, and optimizing the alliance to bolster collective deterrence and defense.

**Nov. 5: The Unbreakable Alliance: Ensuring Indo-Pacific Stability in the 21st Century (Washington, DC)**

With support from US Embassy Canberra, Australian Young Leaders presented working papers on the role of the US-Australia Alliance in ensuring stability in the region in a public forum hosted at The Wilson Center. The discussion was moderated by Pacific Forum President Bob Girrier and the presentations were addressed by Dr. Nina Silove (ETH Zurich).

**Nov. 7-8: Workshop on Strategic Trade Controls in the Asia-Pacific (Taipei)**

The Pacific Forum and the Institute of International Relations at National Chengchi University, with support from Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prospect Foundation, and the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program held their ninth annual strategic trade control workshop in Taipei, Taiwan, where over 50 participants from relevant government agencies and nongovernmental organizations attended in their private capacities. Discussions focused on intangible and emerging technology controls, the future of UN Security Council Resolution 1540, proliferation financing controls, developments in the Asia-Pacific region, the economic benefits of strategic trade control implementation, and coordinating assistance efforts.

**Nov. 7-9: CSCAP Study Group on Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation (Seoul)**

Co-chaired with CSCAP Korea, CSCAP China, and CSCAP Japan, this study group brought together participants from throughout the region to examine the Northeast Asia strategic environment, bilateral tensions and their impact on regional security, new thinking regarding regional security architecture, and the best ways to address current and future Northeast Asia security challenges.

**Nov. 13: Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Expert Working Group (Honolulu)**

Pacific Forum, in cooperation with the government of Japan, assembled a small number of scholars, policy analysts and subject-matter experts to form the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Expert Working Group. The first workshop brought together 18 participants, including several international security experts, government officials, legal scholars and lawyers, and a historian from Japan, North America, Southeast Asia and Australia, interested in probing key maritime security challenges in the region. The goal was to examine different approaches to maritime security issues and to generate actionable and pragmatic policy solutions through an interdisciplinary approach, and off-the-record exchanges, and debates. The focus of the workshop was "rule of law in the context of maritime security."

**Nov. 14: Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Dialogue (Honolulu)**

Panelists from the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Expert Working Group provided a public presentation at the East-West Center on key findings from the working group.

**Nov. 19: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Carl Baker (Honolulu)**

Mr. Carl Baker, executive director of Pacific Forum, discussed middle power strategies in Southeast Asia and ASEAN's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.

**Nov. 19-22: Maritime Challenges in the Indo-Pacific: Common Causes for the US and Japan Beyond Traditional Security (Sasebo, Fukuoka, Yokosuka)**

Pacific Forum, with support from the US Embassy in Tokyo, conducted a public diplomacy tour to discuss maritime challenges in the Indo-Pacific. The program included a visit to Fukuoka University, along with public panels conducted in Sasebo and Yokosuka, co-hosted with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies.



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### **Nov. 21-22: Maritime Issues in the Indo-Pacific: Building a Shared Vision of “Free and Open” (Tokyo)**

Pacific Forum, with support from the US Embassy in Tokyo and in partnership with the Center for Rule-making Strategies at Tama University and the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies, brought together maritime experts for a closed-door discussion on the ways in which the United States and Japan can collaborate on maritime issues, opportunities to articulate a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific,” and how Coast Guards in these two countries and in Southeast Asia can support this vision for the region.

### **Nov. 22: IVLP Briefing (Honolulu)**

Pacific Forum senior staff provided a briefing for participants of PAAC’s IVLP program on Pacific Forum’s work and perspectives on US-PRC relations, namely the implications the latter has for actors in the Indo-Pacific (i.e., US and AUS response to growing PRC influence among Pacific Island Nations). Participants of IVLP included representatives from Australian public, private, and media sector organizations and work in capacities that address, or are directly impacted by, US-PRC relations.

### **Dec. 13: Honolulu International Forum featuring Lora Saalman (Honolulu)**

Dr. Lora Saalman, senior fellow with the EastWest Institute’s (EWI) Global Cooperation in Cyberspace Program and an associate senior fellow at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute’s (SIPRI) Armament and Disarmament Program, provided a presentation on “The Impact of AI on Nuclear Risk and Stability.”

### **Dec. 17: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Layla Kilolu (Honolulu)**

Ms. Layla Kilolu, East-West Center fellow and Ph.D candidate in the University of Hawaii’s Department of Urban & Regional Planning, provided a presentation on climate change and urban resilience strategies.

### **Dec. 20: Honolulu International Forum featuring Vijay Vaiyheesawaran (Honolulu)**

Mr. Vijay Vaiyheesawaran, US business editor of The Economist, discussed predictions and provocation about the world economy in 2020, along with various other topics.

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