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of educating, connecting,  
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## Center honors U.S. statesman

*As a major part of its 20th Anniversary celebration Oct. 6, the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies paid tribute to the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, whose name the Center has taken on as part of its formal moniker. The Center honored the senator for his distinguished service as an international statesman, and for his predominant role in founding the security education institution in the interest of promoting dialogue among the Asia-Pacific's security practitioners. DKI APCSS made the senator and the Center's efforts to build collaboration among Asia-Pacific nations the focus of its 20th Anniversary commemoration spotlighted on pages 16-21.*

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# First 20, Next 20....

*People, place, progress key to building on success of DKI APCSS' first decades*

For two decades, the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies has excelled at educating, connecting, and empowering nearly 10,000 U.S. and international Fellows. While there are many contributing factors to our success, there are three that I believe are at the core: our people, this place, and progress made by our alumni over the years.



Our people, comprised of approximately 30 faculty members and 60 support folks, directly impact as many as 3,000 lives a year. I'm absolutely amazed at the series of "miracles" they consistently create to execute courses with more than 100 Fellows from 40 or so nations; it's a complex logistical endeavor...recruiting across the region, vetting visas, coordinating travel, and getting Fellows from the airport to their quarters and into the courses...and they do it multiple times a year while treating participants with friendliness and respect.

We accomplish this while exercising a cost-effective program that is disciplined and an exemplar of good organizational governance. Simply put, we're doing the right things the right way. This has given us exceptional credibility within the region. I often hear our alumni talk about the "APCSS Way" and how they're trying to recreate it in their workplaces, governments and communities. They're taking from the Center new relationships, skills and inspiration, and applying it to the challenges they face daily.

A significant contributor to this success is the fact DKI APCSS is blessed with the perfect location. We have a world-class education facility located in the heart of world-famous Waikiki. Our participants walk to and from class through one of the most divine environments. This, combined with the "Aloha



DKI APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Dan Leaf celebrates completion of the Advanced Security Cooperation course (ASC 15-2) with India Fellow Nitin Gokhale. For two decades, the Center has equipped thousands of leaders like Gokhale to affect positive regional change.

spirit," creates a positive learning environment that magnifies Fellows' sense of connectedness.

I'm struck by the energy and empowerment they feel as they lead their organizations and nations in making progress on new national security strategies, disaster preparedness, gender equality and a host of other security-related processes.

As we look to the next 20 years, it would be really easy to be satisfied with doing more of the same; but that's not the nature of DKI APCSS. We have an innate hunger to push the edges of the impossible. We'll continue to apply a fundamentally sound education model to gain even more substantive outcomes.

We want to change the way security sector professionals do things in order to build better regional accountability and governance.

Many thanks to you who have helped make DKI APCSS a premier executive education center over the last 20 years. We're confident the next 20 years will see even greater global impact!

Sincerely,

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Dan Leaf  
Director, APCSS