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Aloha from APCSS! We have just completed a very profitable workshop with representatives from almost all of our 37 APCSS Alumni Associations, and this edition of Currents will include lots of information about the potential of this community of expertise and influence.

In this edition of Currents we introduce, and/or remind, our graduates about connectivity among all APCSS graduates, as well as back to APCSS. Further, as always, this volume allows you to catch up on what Alumni are accomplishing.

Following on from the emphasis on leader empowerment in the last Currents magazine, this issue focuses on what Alumni are doing today and likely ahead. For over 12 years APCSS has been helping to enable Asia-Pacific leaders, and our APCSS Alumni Associations existing today are very likely to play a key role in expanding that in at least four ways.

First, these Associations will help advocate for APCSS, particularly in helping to identify leaders who are most likely to benefit from the unique APCSS learning experience. The Associations can help inform such leaders and encourage them to let the proper host-nation authorities know of their interests in participating in APCSS programs, in Hawaii and in the region (e.g., regional outreach workshops).

Second, these Associations will help security-practitioners at home connect to timely and useful information that APCSS alumni routinely have access to through the evolving APCSSLink capability, as well as the means to access subject matter expertise in the form of APCSS faculty and also fellow graduates from other countries. Around 3,600 APCSS graduates live and work in our region, and most are more than willing to stay connected and help each other in our never-ending effort to make our region more stable, secure and prosperous. This valuable network continues to expand and become more beneficial to all connecting to it.

Third, these Associations are conduits of interactive dialogue and thoughtful contributions on topics of continuing interest to all of us. Many of the initiatives underway, or being considered among the 37 Alumni Associations, have great promise for sustaining one



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helpful component of continuing professional education among graduates at little or no cost. As discussed at the recent Alumni Association Workshop, one of our most valuable resources remains the potential of individual Associations, as well as the Alumni enterprise as a whole.

Last, the Associations have committed to continuing the connectivity emphasis in order to help APCSS properly adapt its programs to real and future needs of Asia-Pacific security practitioners. Alumni organizations remain key to helping APCSS maintain precisely the right set of educational themes and topics, as well as the most effective, state-of-the-art methods to master knowledge and skills needed by security practitioners today and ahead.

Our alumni are our credentials at APCSS, and we continue to take seriously the best means, ways and ends to help them help themselves via useful networks.

It's all about leaders helping each other to build capacities needed to strengthen and adapt institutions and systems for the betterment of citizens all over the region.

Keep up your contributions, Alumni. We're proud of your accomplishments! Our best from Honolulu!