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## *APCSS, KNDU agree to improve security education cooperation*

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Director Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Daniel Leaf and Korea National Defense University President Lt. Gen. Park Sam Deuk signed a memorandum of understanding to improve cooperation between the two organizations Sep. 2.

The memorandum's intent is to advance security cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region by fostering closer relations between the two institutions.

They have agreed in principle to an exchange of faculty members and joint participation in education and training courses, and seminars and workshops offered by each institution.

At the signing ceremony, an alumnus of the Comprehensive Crisis Management 14-1 course, ROK Fellow Col. Sang Sun Park, was recognized with an award for his role as a catalyst to bring the two institutions together to sign the MOU.

### **Director extends for 2 years**

#### **General Leaf to stay through 2017**

Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Dan "Fig" Leaf will continue to serve as the Director of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies through January 2017 after recently being approved for an extension.

In a memo to Center staff he stated: "I'm honored to have another two years to work with all of you, changing the world as we go."

Leaf has served as APCSS director, a U.S. Department of Defense Institute that addresses regional and global security issues, since January 2012.

The two-year extension was approved by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with concurrence from U.S. Pacific Command and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency. DoD policy allows for individuals to serve as regional center director for three years with up to two two-year extensions for a maximum of seven years.

### **Tekwani furthers APCSS joint venture with Marshall Center**

Shyam Tekwani, an Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies faculty member, took part in a joint counterterrorism course at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, in July.

Tekwani served as a seminar leader and lecturer for the Program on Terrorism and Security Studies course.

The professor described the event as a "defining moment" for a more effective partnership between the two (GCMC and APCSS). He said he will use his course experience to advocate continuing the exchange between the APCSS and Marshall Center.

Tekwani's academic focus is on terrorists' and insurgent groups' use of new media technologies.

# APCSS publishes Women, Peace & Security Strategy

In April, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies unveiled a new strategic policy statement in support of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS).

The strategy outlines APCSS' commitment to foster an inclusive security sector through engagement and executive education of security practitioners in the Asia-Pacific Region.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Daravanh Kollasch, APCSS' WPS program manager, "Our goal is to promote, through awareness and advocacy, women's participation in the security sector in all efforts related to building a sustainable and lasting peace.

"These efforts include conflict prevention, conflict



management and resolution, as well as post-conflict relief and recovery." The new WPS strategy clearly states how the program goals and objectives

will be implemented within the overall APCSS program of executive education courses and workshops.

These goals include ensuring WPS elements are

incorporated into the curriculum; promoting and maintaining a WPS community of interest; and reaching a goal of 20 percent female participation in all APCSS resident courses.

Directed by Executive Order, the goal of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security is "to empower half the world's population as equal partners in preventing conflict and building peace in countries threatened and affected by war, violence, and insecurity."

For more detail on the APCSS WPS strategy, visit [http://www.apcss.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/WPS-STRATEGY\\_MIS-SION-STATEMENT\\_FINAL-23APR2014-web-version.pdf](http://www.apcss.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/WPS-STRATEGY_MIS-SION-STATEMENT_FINAL-23APR2014-web-version.pdf).

## Center partners with Hawaii orgs on disaster cooperation

With an eye on enhancing disaster risk management and cooperation, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies partnered with three Hawaii-based organizations in crisis education, research and training in recent courses.

This partnership with the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DMHA), the Pacific Disaster Center (PDC), and the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC) at the University of Hawaii are based on a letter of undersigning signed by all four organizations in November 2013.

The four centers collaborated most recently during the Jan. 9 to Feb.

13 Advanced Security Cooperation Course 14-1 and the April 10 to May 14 Advanced Security Cooperation Course 14-2. Each organization provided a subject matter expert to teach in the four-part elective titled "Disaster Risk Management and Cooperation".

NDPTC's Gregg Nakano introduced fundamentals of risk assessment for disaster planning; Dr. Imes Chui, CFE-DMHA, discussed the importance of investment in risk reduction; PDC's Dr. Heather Bell focused on information use for enhanced decision making; and APCSS professor Jessica Ear emphasized strategies and mechanisms for effective disaster coordination.

Fellows attending ASC 14-1 praised the team's efforts, with one commenting, "I enjoyed the guest speakers that were brought in to contribute to the course. They provided a lot of good information about managing risk that I will be able to apply beyond just disaster scenarios."

Another Fellow commented, "We had different lecturers...and all of them were professional and knowledgeable, (and) successfully prompted us to concise and meaningful discussions. It was a very good elective."

The APCSS plans to continue this educational collaboration in future courses and programs.

# Center professors teach aboard USS Carl Vinson

## Conduct security education while learning Navy sea ops

Two professors with the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies “got underway” with the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) in San Diego Aug. 21-30 as part of the Navy’s Regional Security Education Program.

Dr. Christopher Snedden and Dr. Virginia Watson were aboard the aircraft carrier for eight days in waters off California and Hawaii. They were joined on the faculty team by Mark Huber, Naval Postgraduate School, and Dr. Robert Took of Townsend University.

Watson lectured on China and the South China Sea, Southeast Asia, and the Philippines; Snedden addressed South Asia topics; Humber and Rook teamed up on Middle East and South-west Asia issues.

Pilots flew Watson and Rook by helicopter to the USS Dewey (DDG 105), where Watson briefed the commanding officer and crew on the Philippines and cultural awareness in Southeast Asia and Hong Kong.

The four took part in a program created and conducted by the Naval Postgraduate School, located at Monterey, Calif. The RSEP is designed to build strategic awareness among senior Navy leaders about the environments in which they operate.

Watson and Snedden had three primary objectives: to educate crewmembers; explain and advocate for APCSS programs; and develop professionally by learning about an aircraft carrier and U.S. Navy ships in general.

Snedden said he enjoyed what proved to be a personal learning ex-



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(Right) Dr. Christopher Snedden and Dr. Virginia Watson pose in carrier flightline gear aboard the USS Carl Vinson (top left). The pair are pictured (below left) with fellow instructors on the ship, Mark Huber (middle right), Dr. Robert Rook (middle), and Rear Adm. Christopher Grady, commander of Carrier Strike Group ONE.

perience. “I learned a lot, particularly about how the U.S. Navy operates at sea (and) the challenges of life at sea. “The crew answered our many questions and explained their operations; it was a privilege, and a special experience to be on board.”

The professor added that he and Watson were essentially “on duty” from the time they boarded until landing on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flightline. “The ship operates 24 hours a day, and there is always something happening on board,” he related.

Flight operations, for example, took place almost daily and often late

into the night. While off the California coast, Snedden and Watson observed Navy pilots re-qualifying in carrier take-off and landing procedures.

The cruise ended with the pair departing from the 1,092-foot-long carrier in a C2 Greyhound aircraft. The catapult launched their aircraft from zero to 140 mph in under two seconds en route to safe landing at Hickam.

“This was an excellent, cost-effective program for all concerned,” said Snedden. “As academics, we benefited from the experience; we believe that the audience benefitted from our lectures, and we also successfully raised APCSS’ profile.”

## Science & Tech Event

### *Faculty address energy security, climate change at PACOM conference*

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies' faculty members, led by Deputy Dean Col. (Ret.) Dave Shanahan, held a panel session as part of the Pacific Operational Science and Technology Conference March 5 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu.

The APCSS faculty team briefed on Energy Security Issues (Dr. William Wieninger), Climate Change & Environmental Security Issues (Dr. Scott Hauger), Maritime Security Issues (Prof. Kerry Nankivell), and Information Technology & Cyber Security Issues (Butch Finley).

APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Dan Leaf also briefed participants on the APCSS mission and the U.S. "Re-balance" to the Asia-Pacific region.

U.S. Pacific Command has served



Kerry Nankivell addresses maritime security issues at the March 5 Pacific Operational Science and Technology Conference as fellow APCSS faculty member Dr. William Wieninger looks on.

as a conference co-host the past 14 years, partnering with the National Defense Industrial Association.

It is the largest combatant command S&T conference, attended this

year by more than 600 people.

This conference supports PACOM by strengthening and advancing alliances and partnerships through science and technology.

## *Professor Jessica Ear highlights Asian Americans' rise to equality*

Jessica Ear, an Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies' associate professor, joined Sailors at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI, May 22 to commemorate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Addressing 40 members of the Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific, Ear discussed key U.S. legislation that enabled equal opportunity for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

She also recognized notable figures such as:

- Dalip Singh Saund, the first Asian American elected



Jessica Ear

to the U.S. Congress;

- Fred Korematsu, whose lawsuit against his World War II internment brought about recognition of a U.S. wrong and subsequent compensation;

- Patsy Mink, the first woman of color and the first Asian American woman elected to Congress, and

one who championed for equal opportunities in education;

- The late senior Senator Daniel Inouye who President Barack Obama described as his "first political inspiration."

The professor shared the story of her family's flight from war-torn Cambodia and Vietnam to a new life in the United States.

The family's journey included passing through pirate-infested waters of Southeast Asia and enduring difficult days as refugees in Indonesia.

Ear learned English as a third language while her family scraped out a living on welfare and food stamps. She eventually graduated from the William S. Richardson School of Law and is now employed by her adopted nation as an educator of Asia-Pacific leaders in order to build multinational security cooperation.

The professor attributes her success to her parents' hard work and support, and the legacy of Asian American and Pacific Islanders who strove for equal opportunity in the United States.