

# Saying goodbye to a world-class institution

On Jan. 16, I will complete five years as director of DKI APCSS. What an experience it has been! I've learned more, seen more, traveled more, and enjoyed more than I ever could have imagined.



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Command and the Components, and with the country teams at U.S. embassies and consulates in the region.

We have expanded our coverage of the security community, especially in the area of development.

I asked one of the Fellows of the Advance Security Cooperation course (ASC 16-2) what she had learned so far. At the one-week point, her answer was, "TMI – Transparency, Mutual Respect, and Inclusion." You can't have the first two without the last. Please continue our efforts to make inclusion a security norm.

Sincerely,

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

My admiration for this institution is immense. The staff-faculty-intern-contractor-visiting academic 'Ohana' is unique and extraordinary.

is focused on inclusion. We have accomplished much in our time together, but nothing we've done has been more important than the promotion of an inclusive approach to security.

U.S. National Action Plan implementation, and I believe that we have helped other nations make significant progress in that regard as well.

The Fellows and alumni defy description; smart, dedicated, compassionate and committed is just a beginning in talking about them – they are changing the world. To all of you, THANK YOU for making this experience a highlight of my personal and professional life.

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There is more to inclusion than WPS. Internally, we made it one of our guiding principles, and I think it has helped us overcome organizational barriers to collaboration.

We have improved our ability to consult and collaborate with the team at OSD-Policy, our mission partners at U.S. Pacific

It is appropriate that the last issue of *Currents* with my name on the masthead



## Promoting inclusion

Retired Lt. Gen. Dan Leaf, DKI APCSS director, provides his perspective on the value of inclusive security during a Women, Peace, and Security panel held as a formal part of a recent Comprehensive Crisis Management course. General Leaf made WPS a high priority for the Center among other key priorities such as security sector development and good governance. He emphasized the importance of diversity in policy formation and decision making because of its demonstrable positive impacts throughout the Asia-Pacific.



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# U.S., ROK, Japan hold high-level trilat event

## U.S. vice president opens meeting held at DKI APCSS

Senior diplomatic officials from Japan, Republic of Korea and the United States met at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies July 14 to address key political and security issues of mutual concern in the Asia-Pacific region. U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden opened the event with remarks on the vital relationship among the three nations.

“Over the past few years, we’ve made an unprecedented degree of progress in deepening and strengthening our relationship. It matters that we have the same strategic view and, tactically, are on the same page on the most important issues. Our presence in the region, our mutual cooperation, I think is vital to sustaining growth, stability and economic prosperity.”

The meeting was the fourth for the three nations conducted at the “deputy level.” Delegations were led by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken, Japan Vice Foreign Minister Shinsuke Sugiyama and Korean Vice Foreign Minister Lim Sung-Nam.

At a post-event press conference, the three commented on principal concerns addressed in the roughly two-hour discussion. They stressed the need for continued resolve in countering North Korea’s military provocations, continued development of nuclear weapons capability and human rights abuses. Among other topics were maritime security, particularly in the context of events in the South China Sea, and terrorism.

Blinken said the meeting was highly productive and was illustrative of the



U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden (*right of center*) opened the Japan-Republic of Korea-United States trilateral meeting July 14 at DKI APCSS. Delegations were led by (*left to right*) Japan Vice Foreign Minister Shinsuke Sugiyama, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken, and ROK Vice Foreign Minister Lim Sung-Nam.

U.S.’ increased focus on the region.

The current U.S. (Obama) administration, he explained, has “given real substance to the rebalance, deepening our strategic, economic and diplomatic ties with the region commensurate with its importance.”

“The trilateral partnership among the United States, Korea and Japan is an indispensable and foundational pillar of our ‘rebalance.’”

Biden added, “When the three of us stand united to uphold the international order and speak with one voice for universal human rights and basic dignity, or address threats together, we amplify our impact. It shows the rest of the region they do not stand alone.”

Blinken thanked DKI APCSS for its help in hosting the event. “We had a terrific day yesterday...the hospitality could not have been better.” In addition to actual meeting space, the Center provided audiovisual and computing support, and administrative assistance.

“The DKI APCSS team is proud to have supported an important event that helped solidify present and future ties between the United States and two of its closest allies,” said retired Lt. Gen. Dan

Leaf, Center director. “For the last 20 years, our Center has proven to be a premier location for leaders throughout the Asia-Pacific region to gather and chart paths toward greater cooperation and mutual understanding.”

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# Director Leaf departs in January

Retired Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf announced he will depart his position as director of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies at end of his current term Jan. 16.

“I have loved my time as director,” Leaf said. He added, however, “I think it is important to recognize that DKI APCSS is much bigger than who is ‘in charge,’ and a factor in my decision was the belief that it needs to stay fresh.

“The ‘Ohana’ is truly at the top of its game right now, and an extraordinarily credible institution. That makes the time right for a transition, knowing that APCSS will continue to thrive, and that a number of high-caliber candidates will be attracted by the opportunity to lead the team.”

Leaf has been director since January 2012. During his tenure, he spearheaded creation of the Center’s Women, Peace, and Security initia-

tive, a contributor to DoD’s efforts under the U.S. National Action Plan on WPS.

DKI APCSS is committed to fostering an inclusive security sector through engagement and executive education of security practitioners in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Under Leaf’s leadership, the Center also expanded its security sector development program, which focuses on good and accountable governance.

Prior to DKI APCSS, he worked in the defense industry as vice president of full spectrum initiatives at Northrop Grumman Information Systems. Formerly the deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Command, Leaf retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2008 after more than 33 years of service.

A native of Shawano, Wis., he earned a bachelor’s degree in politi-

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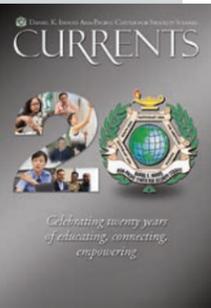
Retired Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf officially ends his five-year service as DKI APCSS director in January. In this position, Leaf set the academic and engagement priorities for the Center.

## Currents staff seeks input via readership survey

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The publication offers course and workshop news as well updates on alumni and their impacts across the region.

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## Alumni take part in London maritime security workshop

The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, in partnership with King’s College London, conducted the “Managing Maritime Issues in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Workshop” in London Sept. 21 to 23.

Sixteen senior military and civilian maritime professionals – all DKI APCSS alumni – attended the event along with five DKI APCSS representatives and three faculty members from King’s College London. The group shared perspectives, discussed best practices, and identified areas for collaboration.

Attendees hailed from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, the People’s Republic of China, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Vietnam.

The workshop addressed the overall maritime security environment in the Indo-Asia-Pacific at the strategic and sub-regional levels as well as maritime economics, maritime constabulary issues, maritime rule of law and governance, and management of scarce maritime resources.

Workshop participants listened to and engaged with leading global maritime scholars and worked to develop policy-relevant outcomes and explore areas within the maritime domain where consensus could be reached.

Their consensus-based assessment of regional maritime security will appear in a maritime security community of interest publication under the workshop title. DKI APCSS and King’s College London expect to release this publication in early 2017.

With the current regional seascape being in a state of flux, workshop participants built up and broadened their trusted network of practicing Asian maritime officials and related they were able to deepen regional collaboration in regional oceans.