

EWCA Chapter Reports



EWCA Quarterly Chapter Report Submissions

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The following reports have been submitted by the Chapter Leaders and/or Liaisons of the EWCA Chapters. Reports from the chapters are requested each quarter. A summary of each report will be shared by VP for Chapters, Vannary Kong-Bui with the EWCA Executive Board at their quarterly meeting, as well as Chapter Leaders and Liaisons of all the EWCA Chapters. Part or all of your report (including photos) may be posted to the Office of Alumni Engagement website, Facebook, and/or LinkedIn accounts.

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APLP Chapter Report

Submitted by: Elizabeth Milo, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Last December 28, 2023, we conducted our 1st APLP Alumni Board Meeting which was attended by 11 participants. Here are the highlights and summary of agreements:

1. Election of the remaining vacant positions: Gideon Lee of G20 was elected as the Chair of Communications. Marufa (G13), Joshua Cooper (G9), Pearl (G14), Rizalina (G16), and Sonam (G19) were voted and added to the current list as Generation Representatives.
2. Schedule of Induction of Officers with EWC: The Board will request for the availability of the EWC President Suzanne Vares-Lum and EWC Alumni Engagement Director, Christina Monroe for the Induction of the new Board in January 2024.
3. Proposed Timeline for the Strategic Planning aligned with EWC's 5 Pillars: The Board proposed face to face or blended mode anchoring on the 2023-2027 Foundational Strategy Plan and the EWC's 5 pillars.
4. Schedule of Monthly Meetings: The Board agreed to hold the Monthly Meetings every first Friday of the month at 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Asia/Manila time.

Other Matters:

- a. Request for EWC Affiliated Emails of the Members of the Board and Zoom Account.
- b. The Board shall facilitate the updating of the APLP Group Photo, replacing the G18 group photo with the latest, G21.
- c. The EWC International Media Conference will be held in Manila, Philippines on June 23, 2024. The Board has agreed to explore the possibility of having an APLP Panel in the Conference.

Future Chapter Activities:

1. Courtesy Call with Director Nina Lewis at the US Embassy in the Philippines.
2. Launch of the Leaders on Spotlight this January 15, 2024.
3. Induction of the APLP Alumni Board 2024-2026 with EWC.
4. 2nd Board Meeting on January 11, 2024.
5. Strategic Planning.

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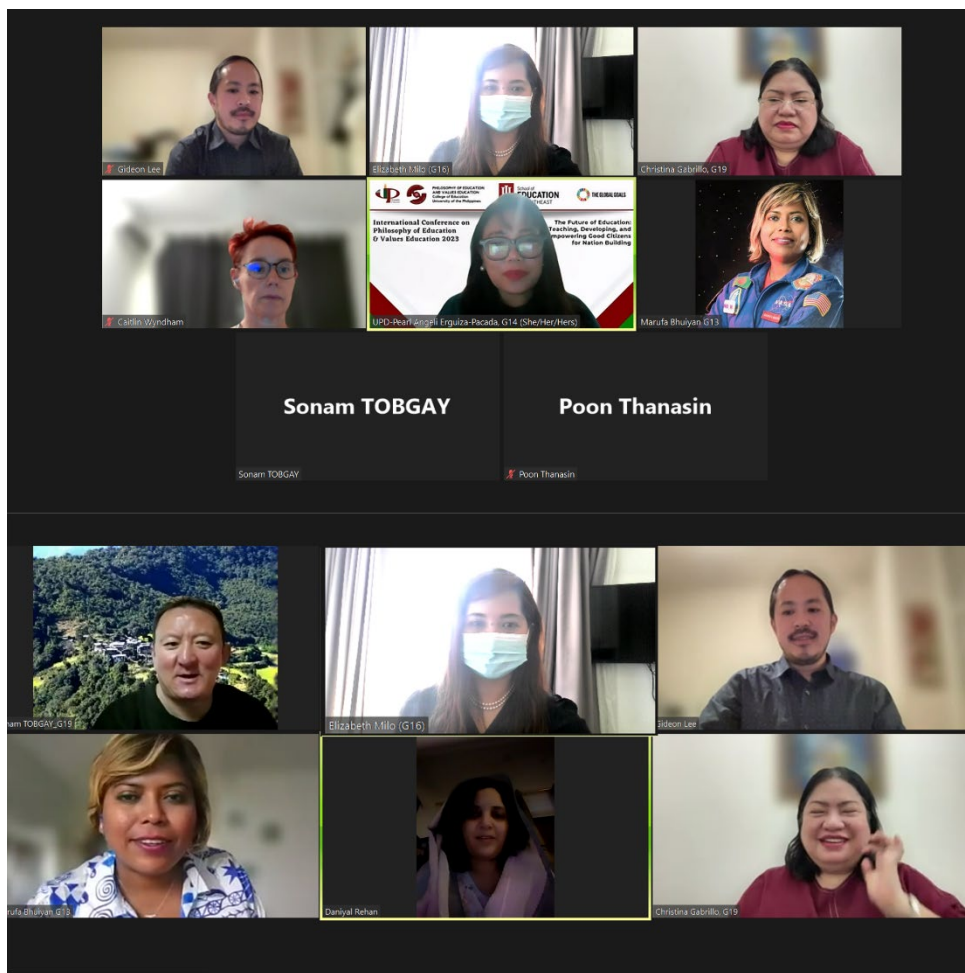
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As the newly elected APLP Alumni Board, it is imperative that we have a venue to discuss pertinent details of our operations as a collective and promote transparency, inclusivity, and good governance. After the meeting, we elected our Chair of Communications and Generation Representatives.

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ASDP Chapter Report

Submitted by: Matthew Ruane, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Finalizing the National Conference to be held in March 2024 in Boston, MA at the famed Parker House Hotel. This is promising to be one of the most successful conferences since COVID, with more than 100 submissions for papers, panels and roundtables. Submissions remain open until 15 January 2024.

Finalized 3 field trips to the Museum of Fine Arts, the Peabody-Essex Museum, and the Isabella Gardner Museum on the pre-conference attendees on Thursday.

Future Chapter Activities:

- ASDP 31st National Conference, March 7-9, 2024
- Election for Vice-President/President-Elect of the ASDP Alumni Association, May 2024 (the role lasts for five years total: Vice President June 2024-May 2026, President May 2026-May 2028, Past President, May 2028-May 2029)

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Fostering Environmental Solutions

The conference has presentations and roundtables that discuss many of the above topics, especially environmental solutions. The conference itself is the very example of convening impactful dialogues, including roundtable discussions. The large number of undergraduate and graduate students coming to the conference, many presenting for the first time, will be developing and equipping future leaders with the knowledge and skills they need. There are about 20 international participants as well, including from Japan, Korea, Cambodia and Thailand.

The very efficient work done by the ASDP Alumni Chapter, guided by its robust chapter charter, helps to provide an example of good governance for the other chapters of the EWCA.

Beijing Chapter Report

Submitted by: Ying Chen, Communications Liaison

Summary of Chapter Activities:

In November 2023, EWC Beijing Chapter representatives gathered as panelists on the NYU Shanghai campus. The session on "See You in Hawai'i" highlighted the panelists' experience in the Graduate Degree Fellowship and Asia Pacific Leadership Program. Professor Yue Cui, the communications liaison of the EWC Beijing Chapter, and Sadichchha Shrestha, a current doctoral candidate from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, shared their insights online via Zoom.

Special thanks to APLP fellows, Lucky Wu (G11), Kiko He (G18), Bingxin Leng (G21), and Ying Chen (G16), who traveled from various parts of China and joined the session in person.

It is a new initiative for the Beijing Chapter to work with external institutions. The engaging session provided a platform for meaningful dialogue and connection, showcasing the rich experiences and achievements of the Beijing Chapter community.

Future Chapter Activities:

Beijing Chapter has been working on a Podcast called "Back from Hawai'i". The channel invites friends and alumni of EWC to join a talk online/in person. Four alumni have been interviewed so far, covering the field of higher ed, non-profits, and enterprise, etc. We look forward to launching the Podcast in the Q1 of 2024.

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NYU Shanghai is China's first Sino-US research university and the third degree-granting campus of the New York University Global Network. Its diverse student body consists of undergraduates and graduate students from around 70 countries in the world. In Fall 2023, United States Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo stopped by NYU Shanghai for a tour during her visit to China, highlighting the campus' position as a crossroads between East and West.

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California Chapter Report

Submitted by: Inge Kendall Maranto, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Zoom Meeting September 24, 2023, 15 members attending, emails and calls before and after meeting.

Zoom Meeting December 8, 2023.

Ongoing telecommunications with Chapter members and outreach to names of new arrivals forwarded by Christina Monroe, about 5 new members in the last 3 months.

Future Chapter Activities:

1st Quarter:

- Potluck Gathering at Jay and Geeta Brara's home on January 6, 2024
- Northern California on-site Meeting is being considered.
- Meeting with Hypatia Pine in March 2024

2nd Quarter:

- Zoom Meeting in May 2024

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Fostering Environmental Solutions

These 5 pillars serve to clarify the EWC vision (promote better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue) by listing the specific organizational process action steps to enable "mutual understanding and cooperation". "Developing and equipping" requires (1) funding from various sources, including the alumni chapters and (2) mentoring, i.e. encouraging and celebrating those alumni who are in their own professions, relationships and communities, living examples of the EWC vision.

Regarding (1) funding, the California Chapter wants to continue to support the EWC and is planning to initiate a donation toward establishing a California Chapter Endowment Fund to

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provide reliable future income for fellowship scholarships. We especially recognize the value of a longer time for "immersion and exposure". Such "immersion" best enables the building of relationships and mutual cooperation, both in the EWC Honolulu community and Chapters, i.e. within the country Chapter and with other Chapters.

Regarding (2) convening impactful dialogues that lead to relationship building, we will continue to meet face-2-face-regularly on site or electronically. Our next Chapter meeting will be via Zoom in May 2024. We also look forward to meeting with Hypatia in March when she attends the CASE event in Anaheim. After each meeting, an email is sent out with an update on what happened, including Chapter decisions. Any new names provided to us will be contacted by phone and email. Anil Bhargava very actively tried to get himself and other alumni in the Bay area to participate at the APEC Conference in SFO, certainly an "Impactful dialogue for the country participants". He successfully worked as a Volunteer that week and then reported to us at our September meeting. After the Conference, he had a small meeting with 2 alumni and now is trying to set up a Gathering this Spring to meet with other "northerners". In addition, he has offered to host our Chapter's presence on LinkedIn which will serve alumni who use that communication platform to stay in touch.

Chennai Chapter Report

Submitted by: S. Rajamani, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

On behalf of the Chennai Chapter Dr. S. Rajamani made a presentation on the title “Effects of COVID-19 and its influence in technological upgradation and practices in promotion of environmental protection and occupational health” in the Pacific Basin Consortium (PBC) for Environment & Health program organized by Louisiana State University. It may be recalled the PBC was established and supported by EWC, Hawai‘i for nearly 20 years. Dr. S. Rajamani was invited for keynote presentation on the Environmental Protection in Asian Countries in the Chengdu, China during 2023.

The chapter also gave Guidance to School children in improving their communication skills and support during the Michaung Cyclone/Flood during Dec.2023 Tamil medium school with 55 kids, ages 3 to 11 at Mahalingapuram which is being supported for the last 2 years by EWCA Chennai Chapter in association with Rotary Club represented by Dr. Vasanthi Ranganathan. They received flood relief including groceries, bedsheets, clothes, and pencil kits. They also participated in the Christmas day Celebrations.

Dr. Vasanthi Ranganathan led the sessions on working together as a team on peace projects held between 20th to 23rd October 2023 at Nepal.

Promotion of Regional Culture through EWCA Chennai Chapter cultural team member Ms. Shreya Nagarajan Singh (SNS) organized Navaratri & Margazhi Utsavam (Dec.2023) celebrations in Chennai. We share special news that SNS has received a grant from the US Consulate (American Center) for a project titled ‘Expanding horizons: Bridging cultures through touch’, where we will facilitate a series of storytelling sessions in schools for children with visual impairments. SNS and Chetana Trust have begun these sessions in schools across Chennai, by bringing specially qualified storytellers. SNS anchored the Ektaa Center's Diwali Fest 2023 that was held on 28th Oct.2023 in Orange Country, California

Future Chapter Activities:

- Joint project on climate change and environmental protection in collaboration with EWCA Mumbai Chapter coordinated by Mr. Sarosh Bana and his team.
- Rendering support, guidance in communication skill to the school children.
- Health oriented programs for rural community.
- Release of Books and Pamphlet’s by EWCA Chennai Chapter member such as Dr. Syed Ali Mujtaba, Dr. Vasanthi Ranganathan, etc.
- Organizing periodical meetings of our chapter members in cooperation with US Consulate General, Rotary club, etc.
- Support to the Flood affected areas in Chennai and other parts of Tamilnadu

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Focus on EWC Strategic Pillars:

Developing and Equipping Leaders

Fostering Environmental Solutions

The ongoing activities mainly on the education, health & environment on the future plan of action would address the EWCA Strategic Pillars such as Developing and Equipping Leaders and Fostering Environmental Solutions. The activities are managed by the office bearers and members of our chapter with their own personal contributions. Hence, we require approval and financial support from EWC/EWCA Head Office, Hawai‘i for efficient and continued implementation of the proposed programs of EWCA Chennai Chapter.

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Chiang Mai Chapter Report

Submitted by: Phasiree Thanasin, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

1. **Chapter Establishment:** In October 2023, the members of the Chiang Mai Chapter signed the Petition for Chapter Recognition by the East-West Center Association. This marked a critical step in formally establishing our chapter. In our initial meetings, members actively discussed and identified two primary focus areas:

Social Cohesion: Our focus is on fostering connections, particularly with the Burmese community in Chiang Mai, emphasizing the importance of building understanding among diverse local groups.

Environmental Issues: Prioritizing environmental concerns, leveraging the expertise of several members to address issues such as pollution in the city.

2. **Meeting with Ambassador Kelley Eckels Currie (November 5th):** We met with Ambassador Kelley Eckels Currie, introduced our chapter, and discussed our plans. She encouraged us to expand our reach, promote EWC activities in the region, and ensure a diverse representation in our chapter. During our conversation, we shared perspectives on political situations in Myanmar and Thailand, recognizing the importance of diplomatic ties for providing humanitarian aid to vulnerable populations in Myanmar.
3. **Dinner Meeting with Dr. Tin Myaing Thein and Marni Suu Reynolds (November 15th):** We hosted a dinner meeting with Dr. Tin Myaing Thein and her daughter, Marni Suu Reynolds. We introduced our recently established chapter, and Dr. Myaing encouraged us to consider hosting the upcoming EWC/EWCA International Conference in 2025 at Chiang Mai. Also, Marni expressed interest in collaborating with us on mental health issues within the community.
4. **Outing with Myaing Family (November 21st):** An informal outing with the Myaing family further strengthened our connections and provided an opportunity for more personal interactions.
5. **Loy Kratong Festival Gathering (November 28th):** On November 28th, a small gathering was held with Yuting Zhou and Jessica Khin to celebrate the Loy Kratong Festival. This cultural event allowed us to enjoy each other's company and foster a sense of community.
6. **Sanggadee Space Exhibition Gathering (December 3rd):** A small gathering with Benjaluck Denduang and Sittichat Sukpholtham at the Sanggadee Space Exhibition in

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Nature provided a platform for exploring and appreciating the diverse food and handicrafts from northern Thailand and Burma.

Future Chapter Activities:

1. Engagement with US Consulate General and Chiang Mai University: Building on our commitment to expand connections and collaborations, we intend to reach out to the US Consulate General and Chiang Mai University. Establishing partnerships with these entities will undoubtedly enhance our chapter's influence and create potential avenues for joint initiatives.
2. Introduction Emails to Alumni: Recognizing the strength of our network lies in its members, we will initiate an outreach campaign through introduction emails. These emails will serve as invitations for East-West Center alumni in Chiang Mai to actively participate in our chapter's activities, fostering reconnections with the EWC community.
3. Writing proposals for 2025 Alumni Conference.

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Faisalabad Chapter Report

Submitted by: Muhamad Ibrahim, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Faisalabad Chapter had coordinated with Islamabad City Lions club twice and held medical camp in villages where we checked BP, sugar, eyes and medical checkup. Many people from nearby villages showed up. Free medicines were given. We requested different Medical Doctors for help.

We also participated in tree plantation.

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Improving environment and social life.

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Fiji Chapter Report

Submitted by: Payal Maharaj, Chapter Board Member

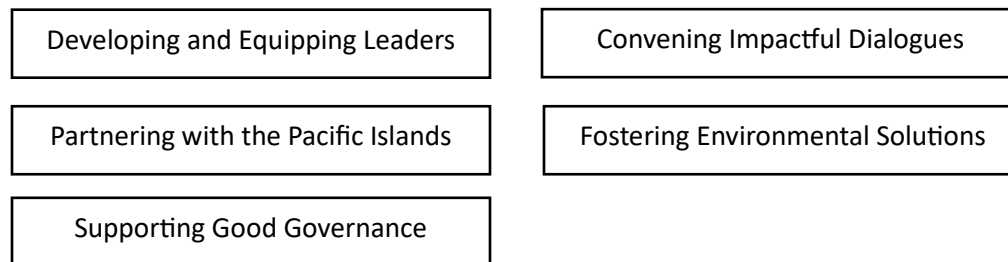
Summary of Chapter Activities:

Last year (August 28th, 2023) when EWC Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP)'s Deputy Director, Dr. James Viernes and PIDP Community Engagement and Development Officer, Dr. Jerelyn Watanabe arrived in Suva, Fiji, the EWC Alumni of Fiji members (namely, Payal Nandini Maharaj, Adi Litia Cakobau Nailatikau, Wainikiti Naivalulevu, Bogidrau, Taito Damuni, Biunavulo Tadrano Veikauyaki and Tahitia Virginia Blake Kamea) re-established the Board of Directors for the EWCA Fiji Chapter and initiated the process to become a recognized Chapter, under the guidance of the EWC team. On the 21st of October 2023, an email from Noreen highlighted that, the Fiji EWCA Chapter was approved by the EWCA Executive Board in Hawai'i. This has been the main highlight to date and board members have been in communication to ruminate and decide on the next steps forward.

Future Chapter Activities:

1. Complete the task list provided last year by Noreen.
2. Develop a fundraising event and a gathering event for board members.

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As the Fiji EWCA Chapter is in its initial stages post being approved as a Chapter, the strategic pillars provided above as important to co-develop activities for collaboration, leadership, and expertise.

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Hawai'i Chapter Report

Submitted by: Carl Hefner, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

As we look back over the years, the EWCA Hawai'i Chapter is pleased to summarize that over a 12 year period, the EWCA Hawai'i Chapter has donated over \$35,000 in yearly EWC Summer Student Scholarships, organized, funded and held an annual meeting/fundraising dinner at the Pacific Club, organized and purchased food and beverages for the Annual EWCA Hawai'i Chapter/CBI picnic at Kapi'olani Park, provided partial funding for the Mentoring program, gave a sizable contribution to the EWC Education Fund, became the first chapter to donate to the Student Emergency Fund and provided food and beverage support for EWC students during hurricane power outages in Hale Manoa.

We are also the originators of the "kitchen sale" to help students adjust to life in Hale Manoa.

In the past we were asked and purchased a PA system for EWCPA that is housed at Hale Halewai for their special events, helped support the East-West Fest, greeted new students at the airport and in the Hale Manoa student lounge, and worked directly with EWCPA representatives...and much more.

Future Chapter Activities:

Many new initiatives coming in 2024.

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Fostering Environmental Solutions

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Kansai Chapter Report

Submitted by: Fumi Nitta, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Discussed the issue of Kansai Chapter's future with Toru Yamada, Leader of Tokyo Chapter in November. In the event of our chapter's closure, he assured us that there is no problem about the possibility of merging of Kansai and Tokyo chapters.

Future Chapter Activities:

We are planning to hold an online board meeting to discuss how to deal with the possibility of merging our chapter with the Tokyo Chapter sometime this month or February.

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Okinawa Chapter Report

Submitted by: Yuki Miyazato, Communications Liaison

Summary of Chapter Activities:

1. Held board meetings to plan 2024 Chapter General Meeting
2. Began updating/upgrading Chapter home page
3. Worked along with APMC (Asia Pacific Multi-Cultural Center) to organize and hold APMC Forum in Okinawa in October
4. Reached out to new/potential members to introduce Okinawa Chapter's activities.

Future Chapter Activities:

1. Hold in person/online Chapter General Meeting in February
2. Upgrade Chapter's homepage
3. Update member list
4. Conduct at least one workshops to reach out to general public in local community.

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Okinawa Chapter would like to work with other EWCA chapters to promote EWC and its purpose to get more support from local communities, exchange human resources, projects and other resources with them. Some members have, so far, had opportunities to communicate with members of other chapters in Japan, and would like to expand the dialogues further and more frequently.

Pan-Pacific Chapter Report

Submitted by: Ofeina Manuel-Barbariach, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

This quarter has been focused on reuniting our fleet - navigational terms. First, it was taking stock of where we are currently with our journey as a Chapter given the disruptions that we've faced; in region and across the globe. One thing that has stood out is that there is a strong need for peace building and developing relations, and the Pan-Pacific Chapter is one of the vehicles for this. In addition to the internal reflection, I'm happy to report that the theme of reuniting the fleet expands to the other Pacific Chapters.

On behalf of the Pan-Pacific Chapter, I met with other Chapter leaders across Oceania. A first for us as Pacific Chapters and certainly not the last. I'd like to acknowledge the role of Christina Monroe and her team for bringing the Chapter Leaders together to network and share vision and aspirations.

As we get ready to sail beyond the reef (yes, Moana reference is very fitting here), we as a Pacific Chapter group are interested in uniting our fleet so that we can sail into horizon with the same goals and aspirations acknowledging the country, region and chapter nuances. I look forward to what the future has in store for our journey.

Focus on [EWC Strategic Pillars](#):

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Bringing leaders together fosters relationship building and the importance of collaboration. This opportunity has created a space to continue impactful dialogue in the Pacific region. In addition, understanding roles and responsibilities, direction and purpose leads to better governance.

Philippines Chapter Report

Submitted by: Pauline Salvana Bautista, Chapter Communications Liaison

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Ateneo De Manila University Professor Emeritus Dr. Emma Porio, a distinguished Ohana, Director of Coastal Cities at Risk CCARPH (Coastal Cities at Risk in the Philippines – Investing in Climate and Disaster Resilience) convened a webinar with Pauline Salvana Bautista (APLP G6) a Director of the Loyola School of Theology’s Sacred Springs Dialogue Institute of Spirituality and Sustainability on Artificial Intelligence (Sacred Springs - A Dialogue Institute of Spirituality and Sustainability) featuring members of the Ohana: Dr Emmanuel Lallana as Keynote Speaker and Dr Francisco Magno as Reactor. This is Dr Porio’s second event highlighting the EWCAA Ohana at the Ateneo de Manila, on December 4, 2023.

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CCARPH and Sacred Springs are capacity building venues for the youth, the marginalized and community leaders at the Ateneo De Manila University.

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Seoul Chapter Report

Submitted by: Dr. Kwangsuck Lee, Chapter Leader

Summary of Chapter Activities:

1. Dr. Eun Young Cho (American Studies, 1985-89) and Mr. Chan Namkoong (Asian Theatre, 2001-03) participated in the first virtual East-West Center Association (EWCA) General Membership Meeting on November 1, 2023 at 4 pm HST (in Seoul, November 2, 2023 at 11 am)
2. President Suzanne Vares-Lum hosted a luncheon meeting for selected alumni on November 2, 2023, at Bocalino Restaurant in the Four Seasons Hotel in Seoul. This event took place during her visit to Korea at the invitation of the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting participants from Seoul include Dr. Yanghee Lee, Board of Governors, East-West Center; Dr. Kwangsuck Lee (Resource Systems Institute, 1983); Ms. Seong Yoon Cho (Seoul Conference 2018), Communication Liaison; Mr. Linus Ikpyo Hong (APLP, 2016), Portfolio Management Specialist, Green Climate Fund; Prof. Leif-Eric Easley (POSCO Visiting Fellow, 2016), Professor, Ewha University; Ms. Yuseon Jeong (Student Affiliate, Master's Degree in Music, 2022), Music Teacher, Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education; Ms. Juhyoung Hong (Korea-US Journalists Exchange, 2023), Reporter, The Segye Times; and Mr. James Kim (Collaborator, EWC Washington) Lecturer, Executive Master of Public Policy and Administration Program at Columbia University.

At the meeting, President Vares-Lum elaborated on the importance of alumni chapters strategically aligning their efforts to support the plan/pillars of EWCA. She particularly emphasized the significance of 'Korea Matters for America' and 'Korea Matters for Hawai'i.'

3. An event for celebrating for Dr. Choong Yong Ahn's book of *South Korea and Foreign Direct Investment: Policy Dynamics and the Aftercare Ombudsman* at the Press Center, Seoul on 29th November 2023. More than 100 celebrities of Korea's economic and financial fields gathered and shared their review and acknowledgement on his achievement. This book examines Korea's foreign direct investment policy dynamics and points out the importance of mutual synergy between multinational corporations and their host countries in a win-win framework and the increasing importance of this in a post-pandemic world. Dr. Ahn is a distinguished professor at the Graduate School of International Studies at Chug-Ang University in Seoul.
4. Dr. Ungsuh Kenneth Park (Industrial Economist, 1964 EWC Grantee and former board member of Chancellor Recommendation of EWC) published a new book titled *New Wealth of Nations, Repeating the Korean Economic Miracle*. (ISBN 979-11-6072-115-7 Daeyang Media) The book explains Korea's economic achievement as an inevitable part

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of a multidimensional nation-building endeavor of escaping poverty under one of the most infertile geopolitical environments. This narrative of national transformation from a least developed country to one of the 10 greatest economies with supply capability of arms for the free world is intended to be an easy and provoking reading for the general public. Dr. Park has a unique career of combining an academic economist and corporate management, which he calls a developmental practitioner.

5. The annual meeting of the Korea Chapter took place on December 4th with 17 participants. During the meeting, the bylaws of the EWCA Korea Chapter were revised, and lively discussions ensued among alumni who shared cheerful chats and reminisced about their experiences at EWC/UH. Dr. Yanghee Lee, a member of the Board of Governors at the East-West Center, graced the gathering with her presence and delivered congratulatory remarks.

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Message of Condolences:

The EWCA Seoul Chapter members as well as Ms. Christina Monroe, Ms. Karen Knudsen and Ms. Noreen Tanouye - EWC/EWCA, Hawai'i conveyed their heartfelt condolence to the braved family of Former Korea Chapter Leader, Dr. Maeng, Kwang-ho (1979~83, Biostatistics), Emeritus professor at Catholic University of Korea (School of Medicine). Dr. Maeng passed away on December 5, 2023. Professor Maeng obtained his doctoral degree at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 1983. He is known for his efforts in leading the anti-smoking movement in South Korea, including establishing the Korean Smoking Cessation Society and serving as its first president. May he rest in peace.



Dr. Kwang-Ho Maeng
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Washington DC Chapter Report

Submitted by: Daniel Strobel, Chapter Board Member

Summary of Chapter Activities:

The DC based EWC alumni chapter reconstituted this fall after a decade of inactivity. The newly formed Board hosted 2 monthly Pau Hana Happy Hours for DC alumni, including the Fall 2023 Young Professionals Program interns here in the District as well as one for general alumni. The DC Chapter is working to build engagement and involvement with the current members living in the DMV metro area.

Future Chapter Activity:

The chapter will continue with monthly gathering opportunities to meet and reconnect with area alumni.

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Convening Impactful Dialogues

With the recent reformation of the EWC DC Alumni chapter, the group is working to reconnect and engage alumni in the DMV area. As part of this, the group is attempting to foster impactful sessions that lead to stimulating and impactful dialogue with our far flung and diverse alumni.

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Ulaanbaatar Chapter Report

Submitted by: Gana Purevjav, Chapter Board Member

Summary of Chapter Activities:

Initiated a joint training program with East-West Center called Change Leadership for all 21 provinces of Mongolia which will be held 100% virtually. Our goal is to help 18-55 years old Mongolian residents including individuals, public service, unemployed people to learn through app-based platform with motto of "Change starts within yourself".

Future Chapter Activity:

The plan is to include 400 participants:

- Record 10 serial training programs to be conducted by EWC staff and local alumni.
- Upload on app-based platform so that hundred so viewers watch a training and pass exams and earn certificate of the Change Leadership program issued by EWC and EWCA UB Chapter in Mongolia.

Focus on EWC Strategic Pillars:

Convening Impactful Dialogues

Developing and Equipping Leaders

Our activities of this project touch with above mentioned strategic pillars by involving EWC alumni and staff in impactful dialogue and speeches and facilitating leadership training for equipping leaders.

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