



ALUMNI E-NEWS - JUNE 2014
Strengthening the EWC Community

In This Issue:

- Okinawa Conference Update
- EWC Students Become Alumni
- EWC International Media Conference
- Alumni Achievements
- In Memoriam
- EWCA Chapters
- EWC and EWCA Online Networks

E-mail not displaying correctly? [View it in your browser.](#)

OKINAWA CONFERENCE UPDATE



Design: Karen Kuba-Hori and June Arakawa
Photos: ©2013 Okinawa Convention and Visitors Bureau, all rights reserved (Main) and Karen Kuba-Hori

Excitement is building for the EWC/EWCA International Conference in Okinawa from September 17-19. It's coming up sooner than you think so make sure to register and make your travel plans soon!

Among the latest conference news:

- About 100 paper proposals have been accepted and placed into 40 concurrent and poster sessions. The conference will focus on broad issues of concern to the region including good governance, leadership issues, health and well-being, global longevity, and education and environmental issues, to name a few.
- Over 250 participants have already registered for the conference. Click to see a [list of who's coming](#).
- [Venue and accommodation information](#) is available. Be sure to make your reservations now. Rooms are limited.
- Interested in seeing more of Okinawa or southern Japan? Make sure to check out the options for special [post-conference tours](#).

EWC STUDENTS BECOME ALUMNI



Smiles and tears filled the Imin Center garden level as 113 student participants and affiliates celebrated the completion of their EWC appointment at the Center's recent ho'opuka, or "passing through," celebration. As one student speaker put it, "Let's make the most of this last chance to soak in this truly special place, where such a diversity of brilliant people from around the globe can live together like family." [View a slideshow](#) from the event.

EWC INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CONFERENCE



About 500 journalists and media professionals from 31 countries attended EWC's recent International Media Conference in Yangon, Myanmar on the topic of "Challenges of a Free Press." Visit the [conference website](#) to view a variety of articles, videos and photos from the conference, including addresses by Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi and Presidential Spokesman U Ye Htut, as well as panels covering topics ranging from the future of Myanmar's media reforms to the latest issues in Internet freedom.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Read about some recent achievements our alumni have received.

Paul Close (Visiting Scholar 2007-08) recently published *Child Labour in Global Society*, Bingley: Emerald Group Publishing, June 2014 (ISBN 978-1-78350-779-5). *Child Labour in Global Society* is a critical response to the modern educational regime, compulsory schooling and the 'slavery industry' in a globalizing world; to evolving and exploitative notions of 'slavery'; to definitions of 'slavery' in international law; to approaches to 'educational labour', including in international human rights law; and to cultural, common-sense and professional perspectives on 'slavery' and 'educational labour', in the light of which it is arguable that children's 'slave labour' in modern and modernizing societies is grossly under-estimated and otherwise greatly, if conveniently, misrepresented.



Congratulations to husband-and-wife EWC alumni team **Tomohiro** (APLP 2008-09) and **Asuka Hirabe Hamakawa** (Affil. and Degree Fellow 2008-09), who both recently received Unsung Heroes of Compassion 2014 awards from His Holiness the Dalai Lama for their dedicated volunteer work in Tibet, Indonesia, Japan and the Pacific islands.

Hla Hla Wn (APLP 2013-14) has been awarded a full scholarship to pursue an executive master's degree in public administration at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Hla Hla, who directs English instruction at the civil society NGO Myanmar Egress, credits her receipt of the coveted scholarship to her EWC experience, including her [EWCA Mentoring Program](#) mentorship with Dr. Sarita Rai, Director of UH Manoa's Study Abroad Center.

Two recent EWC media program alumni have just received prestigious U.S. journalism fellowships. **Wahyu Dhyatnika** (Jeff Fell 2013), an investigative reporter for Tempo magazine in Jakarta, is among the incoming class for the coveted Nieman Fellowships at Harvard. **Najia Ashar** (Pak-US Fell 2013), a senior anchor/producer for Geo News Television in Karachi, is among the incoming class for the Knight Fellowships at Stanford as a Yahoo! International Fellow.

Another media alum, **Abu Anas** (Jeff Fell 2012) from Bangladesh, recently won a 'best reporting' award from the Economic Reporters' Forum in Dhaka.



Thomas Lumpkin (RSI 1976-79) has been named Outstanding Alumnus by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources for his work to reduce poverty and improve food security worldwide.

Lahore, Chapter Leader **Arfa Zehra** (OG 1978-82) was awarded the Fatima Jinnah award in March to honor her services for the cause of education. The award is named after the sister of the nation's founder, a courageous woman who challenged a military dictator in a general election.



Kirpal Singh (EWCA Friend) has published a new book, *Naked Ape, Naked Boss*, about Bernard Harrison, who is credited for having shaped the famed Singapore Zoo and its popular Night Safari.

IN MEMORIAM



In February, the family of 1982 Jefferson Fellow **Huang Zhinan** honored his wish to bring his wife to Hawai'i after his passing. In this photo, Mr. Huang's family and friends join EWC media seminars staff Susan Kreifels and Marilyn Li in front of Burns Hall.

Veteran Bangladeshi journalist **ABM Musa** (Jeff Fell 1971) passed away in April. The Ekushey Award recipient had an illustrious journalism career spanning 60 years, and was elected an MP in the first national election of independent Bangladesh.

Longtime Milwaukee Journal editor **Richard H. Leonard** (Cult & Comm 84-90) passed away in May. He worked at The Journal for 39 years, including 18 as its top editor. He made extensive reporting and study trips abroad and was among the first journalists to enter China after President Richard Nixon's historic visit.

EWCA CHAPTERS

Brisbane Chapter – Three chapter members recently volunteered at a fundraising concert to raise money for children with disabilities who were affected by the 2011 Japanese tsunami. The chapter is also continuing a financial commitment to support the tertiary studies of two Nepalese students; a freshman nursing student and another who started her student and manufacture coursework in Nepal. The chapter's partner organization NAFA is partly subsidizing the students.



Hawaii Chapter – A full house of over 150 attended the chapter's annual dinner fundraiser on April 13th. Funds raised went towards student travel scholarships which enable students to attend professional conferences. The chapter also organized several field trips for current EWC students, including one to the U.S. Coast Guard facility.

Korea Chapter – In February, Korean EWCA and UH alumni held their first joint meeting at Duksung Womens' University. About 60 alumni and couples attended, including former ministers and ambassadors. In March, the EWCA-UH Association invited UH Manoa Chancellor, Dr. Tom Apple and several other university officials to dine with 40 Korean alumni.

Lahore Chapter – In rural areas where children are most at risk for polio, the chapter continues to raise awareness via corner meetings and sponsoring radio advocacy. Volunteers are helping to administer polio drops to children to prevent receiving death threats from militants for doing so. The chapter also sponsored a trip for school children to old Lahore, emphasizing their own historical and cultural heritage.



Mumbai Chapter – In April, the chapter had an enthusiastic turnout to an inspiring presentation about an expedition to Antarctica by retired physicist Dr. Sreedharan, former Deputy Director General of the Indian Meteorological Dept.



New York Chapter – In April, chapter members attended a dinner meeting with writer Michelle Fanz o, who ran a women's empowerment NGO in Afghanistan and was in Myanmar for over a year. She focused her remarks on Afghanistan and Myanmar as two Asian countries in transition.

Philippines Chapter – Members were welcomed to the International Rice Research Institute by Bruce Tolentino and Santi Obien, who took the group on a complete tour of the rice fields and the Rice Museum, inspiring them to conceptualize rice as a metaphor for prosperity. This year, the chapter became an official convener (with a grant from the U.S. State Department) of the Youth Leadership Peace Camp, which brought together 62 Christian, Muslim and indigenous Lumad youth.



Taiwan Chapter – Held a successful board meeting in mid-February. Serena Yang, chapter secretary general was elected Chairperson of Zonta Women's Club. Once artist-in-residence at EWC, Mr. Robert Chan wrote a book on his paintings, and is preparing for an exhibition of his 60 years of work on abstract art. Mr. Kao, previous Chapter Chairperson, chairs the 21th Century Foundation, which has positive influence on Taiwan society. Dr. K. K. Hwang continues with his academic debates by writing articles for the newspapers.

EWC AND EWCA ONLINE NETWORKS

The East-West Center and the EWCA maintain four main online networks to keep Alumni, Associates and Friends of the East-West Center communicating with each other. Join our Online Networks at:

- [Facebook](#)
EWC Alumni and Community Facebook Page
- [LinkedIn](#)
EWCA Alumni and Community LinkedIn Group
- [East-West Center Community](#)
East-West Center Community
- [Twitter](#)
EWC Twitter Account

The Alumni e-News replaces the EWC Associates Update newsletter and is produced by the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West, Inc. Editors: [Derek Ferrar](#) and [Noreen Tanoue](#)