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Celebrating Community Through Song

The Alliance for Community Enhancement (ACE) recently held its annual highlight event. This year's event was entitled **Celebrating Community Through Song: A Sharing Of Harlem's Musical Treasures** and featured the Salvation & Deliverance Church Gospel Choir. The Asia Pacific Affairs Council was delighted to have the opportunity to co-sponsor this event. The Milbank Chapel at Teacher's College was the perfect setting and it was a wonderful opportunity for students to hear a gospel performance live.



The event served as an opportunity for ACE to highlight some of its outreach efforts in Morningside Heights and Harlem. For those unfamiliar with ACE, it is a SIPA student-run organization that provides the dual purpose of allowing SIPA students to develop hands-on non-profit management experience while at the same time enhancing community development initiatives with community-based organizations in Harlem.

Dean Lisa Anderson and former New York City Mayor David Dinkins provided the opening remarks for the event. Guests were then treated to an amazing gospel performance. A reception followed the event. A wonderful time was had by all and APAC was delighted to have the opportunity to assist ACE in their community efforts.

Up and Coming...

Monday, April 12

4 to 6 p.m. IAB Room 918

APAC Afternoon Brown Bag with Ambassador Sichan Siv, U.S. Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

Wednesday, April 14

7:00pm - 9:00pm, IAB Room 918

The China Experience Wine & Cheese Event
An informal discussion on what it is like to study or work in Greater China.

Monday, April 19

12-1:30, IAB Room 918

Brownbag with Elizabeth Rosenthal, New York Times, on China's AIDS Epidemic

Comments, Questions, Submissions?

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A Taste for the Senses

Over 100 students and faculty from across Columbia attended the Southeast Asia Student Initiative's Taste for the Senses festivities on Thursday, April 1st. Attendees sampled cuisines from Burma, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam and watched Burmese and Thai dance performances.



Following her performance, SIPA's own Samerjit Limlikit invited participants on stage to learn and demonstrate the basics of Thai traditional dance. SEASI member Myo Myint joined Marla Htay Bu from the Thin Gyan Association onstage to share about Burmese culture and provide background history on the "Greeting the Day" dance that she performed. The cultural event is held every spring by SEASI and provides an opportunity for the SIPA community to learn more about the diverse region of Southeast Asia.



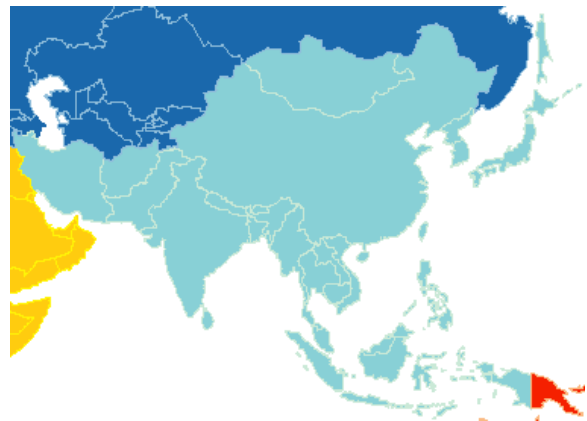
Students interested in becoming involved or in learning more about SEASI's activities can contact Jenna Capeci at jac2113 or Tu Dang at td2119.

Asian Columbia Alumni Association Celebrates Columbia 250

Asian Americans: Opening Columbia to the World

Held in honor of Columbia 250, the Asian Columbia Alumni Association (ACAA) presents an all-day conference on the influence of Asian Americans on Columbia and the world. The conference will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2004 from 9:00am to 5:45pm at Davis Auditorium, Schapiro Hall (Schapiro Center)

How will economic opportunities and political trends in Asia affect its prospects for modernization and transformation? How will current technological advances coming out of Asia affect the future of global scientific leadership? How will the impact of Asian Pacific Americans in the media affect perceptions here and abroad? These questions will be addressed at this event by prominent Columbia professors and guest speakers. The event will also stress the importance of Asian American Studies to Columbia University and all institutions of higher learning.



Admission is \$15 for non-students; admission is free for students. Registration will begin 8:30 am that day. For further information and/or to RSVP, please contact Chester Lee by sending an email to cl618@columbia.edu.

APAC Student Groups Events

Korea Focus

Korea Focus recently hosted a movie night to spotlight Korean cinema. A great time was had by all as they enjoyed pizza and Korean snacks while watching the movie "Shiri." To learn more about the group and future events, please email Donald Kwon (dhk2103@columbia.edu) or Mina Kim (mk2350@columbia.edu).

Zhongwen Luntan/China Forum

Zhongwen Luntan/China Forum hosted a Chinese movie night on April 1st to show the movie "Beijing Bicycle," the award winning story of an adolescent Chinese peasant who relocates to the urban congestion of Beijing and lands a job with a bicycle messenger service only to have the bicycle stolen.

Our next event is "The China Experience" Wine and Cheese Event. Are you planning on being in Mainland China, Hong Kong or Taiwan this summer and have no idea what to expect and have lots of questions? Would you like to hear about what opportunities are out there for internships in China or studying Chinese? Would you like to learn more about who will be around where this summer in China? Have you had experiences working or studying in China you would like to share with others? Are you interested in China, looking for a fun, social evening and could use a drink? Then YOU should come to our informal discussion on what it is like to study or work in Greater China from people who have been there before. Learn all the little secrets from finding a place to stay to finding the best pub. Wednesday, April 14, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, IAB Room 918

Did you know there is another "Chinatown" in Queens? Come join Zhongwen Luntan/China Forum for an exciting trip to Flushing to enjoy some delicious Chinese food and see this area firsthand. Is it better than the original Chinatown in Manhattan? Come and find out! Saturday, April 17th 11:00am, outside main gates on 116th and Broadway.

WEAI Brownbags

The Brownbag Lectures at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute feature scholars, policy makers, journalists and activists who are engaged in research about East and Southeast Asia. These events take place virtually everyday — Monday through Thursday — from 12:00-1:30 in IAB 918 unless otherwise noted.

Monday, April 12

Exploring Early Manchu History

Nicola Di Cosmo, Henry Luce Foundation Professor of East Asian Studies, Institute for Advanced Study

Tuesday, April 13

Is the Korean Economy Really in Trouble?

Jong-Hwan Ko, Professor of Economics, Faculty of International and Area Studies, Pukyong National University, Korea
Co-sponsored by the APEC Study Center

Wednesday, April 14

China's Environmental Challenge: Pushing the Political Boundaries

Elizabeth Economy, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for China and Director, Asia Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Tuesday, April 20

Round-Table Discussion on the Korean Elections

Charles K. Armstrong, Associate Professor of History and Acting Director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute
Samuel Kim, Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute
Jeong-Ho Roh, Director, Center for Korean Legal Studies, and Associate Research Scholar, School of Law, Columbia University

Wednesday, April 21

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Azyumardi Azra, President and Professor, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia, and Ph.D., Department of History, Columbia University

Monday, April 26

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Television and Mass Media in Today's China

Cui Wen, Vice Director of Shanghai TV, China, current Institute Associate at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute

Qu Xiaoping, China Central Television Correspondent, United Nations Bureau, current Visiting Scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute

Wednesday, April 28

Thinking Outside the Iron Cage: Re-Conceptualizing Institutions and Governance in China

Michael Dowdle, Associate Professor of Public Law, Department of Government and Public Administration, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Thursday, April 29

China's Economic Future

Joydeep Mukherji, Sovereign Ratings Group, Standard & Poor

Other Events @ Columbia

Tuesday, April 13

Lecture: *Watanabe Kazan: Painter, Patriot and Prisoner*

Donald Keene (Professor Emeritus, Columbia University)
403 Kent Hall, Columbia University (116th St. and Amsterdam Ave.)
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Watanabe Kazan (1793-1841) was the first successful Japanese portraitist in the Western style, but in his day he was even more renowned for traditional paintings in the Chinese manner. Although a high-ranking samurai, he lived in poverty most of his life and painted mainly in order to earn desperately needed income. His growing interest in the West led to his imprisonment, his abiding belief in Confucian ideals led to suicide. Professor Keene will speak about his forthcoming book about this painter.

Friday, April 16

Lecture: *Nuns, Court Ladies, and Shôtoku Worship in Kamakura-Period Japan*

Lori Meeks (University of Puget Sound, Stanford University)

403 Kent Hall, Columbia University (116th St. and Amsterdam Ave.)

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 21 & Thursday, April 22

An International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility in China

April 21 (8 AM - 6 PM) 555 Lerner Hall

April 22 (9 AM - 6 PM) IAB, Dag Lounge

A two-day international conference co-hosted by the China-International Business Project and the Institute of International Economy, Nankai University, Tianjin, P.R.C.

The topic of the conference is aimed to introduce the importance of corporate social responsibility in China utilizing an international perspective. The missions of the conference are to promote China's corporate social responsibility and to strengthen the communication and cooperation between communities, NGOs, companies and the government.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Jenna Wimberly at jmw2110@columbia.edu

Events Around Town

For all listed events, please contact the appropriate organization for reservations.

Panel Discussion: Building New Frontiers in China: Socio-Economic Justice and Civil Society

April 19th
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Avenue
\$10 members/NGOs; \$15 nonmembers; \$7 students
Tel: 212-517-ASIA

The panel discussion will explore the following issues: How is China addressing these critical areas of social justice? What is the role of the international community, civil society and political elites in influencing China's decisions in meeting these social challenges? What internal and external partnerships can be forged to address these issues?

Speakers:

Hu Suyun, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
Wan Yanhai, Beijing AIZHI Action Project
Xu Anqi, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
Zhang Qi, Peking University Law School
Andrew Nathan, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University (moderator)

**Evening Panel Discussion at Japan Society:
Bush's Foreign Policy: Right on Target or
Dangerously off Course?**

Wednesday, April 21

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street

Nonmembers: \$10; students & seniors \$5.

Tel : 212.832.1155

Speakers: Robert Kagan, Senior Associate, the
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Charles Kupchan, Senior Fellow, Director of
Europe Studies, Council on Foreign Relations;
Professor of International Affairs, Georgetown
University

Presider: Nicholas D. Kristof, Op-ed Columnist,
The New York Times

**Global Affairs Distinguished Lecturer Series:
Soft Power: The Means to Success in World
Politics**

Thursday, April 22

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street

Nonmembers: \$10; students & seniors \$5.

Tel : 212.832.1155

Speakers: Joseph S. Nye Jr., Dean, John F.
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard
University

Presider: Carol Gluck, George Samson Professor
of History, Weatherhead East Asian Institute,
Columbia University

Followed by a booksigning and reception.

Internship Opportunities

From time to time, *APAC News* will compile internship and employment opportunities for its readers. If you would like to advertise an East-Asia related position, please email ams2027@columbia.edu.

Malaysia Canada Business Council Marketing Intern (Summer, Kuala Lumpur)

The Malaysia Canada Business Council is seeking an intern with a background in marketing to assist the Marketing Director in the following capacities:

- . assist in the preparation and execution of marketing strategies
- . liaise with the media and advertising agencies to formulate and develop marketing material
- . source for potential tenants and vendors
- . preparation and implementation of publicity program
- . support of activities of marketing and promotion
- . market research and analysis

The Malaysia Canada Business Council (MCBC) is a private, non-profit organization that was established on October 30, 1989 to provide a forum for networking, promotion and information sharing and to represents the interests of its members, serving as a catalyst for further trade and investment between Canada and Malaysia. The internship is unpaid.

To apply, please contact:

Michel Gagne

Executive Director

Menara Tan & Tan

207 Jalan Tun Razak, 21st Floor

50400, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia

Tel: 03-2164-5519 Fax: 03-2162-6357

Email: mcbc@pc.jaring.my

China Labor Watch

China Labor Watch welcomes a limited number of summer interns for undergraduate and graduate students who identify with CLW's work and mission. The unrestricted internships

are open to students currently enrolled in, or recent graduates of, an undergraduate or graduate university. Interns can participate in research, writing projects, support in administration of projects and daily affairs.

China Labor Watch (CLW) is an independent not-for-profit organization whose mission is the realization and defense of labor rights in China. CLW seeks the enforcement of labor laws provided for under the laws of the PRC as well as internationally recognized protections. CLW seeks to help China's workers become more informed of their rights, and to empower them to pursue and realize these rights within their communities. Also, through education of the international community CLW seeks to promote awareness about the current situation of labor and the conditions under which it finds itself in China.

An ideal intern should:

- Care about conditions of Chinese workers and have the commitment to improve their rights.
- Possess competent oral and written communication skills. Chinese language is preferred, but not required.
- Have knowledge of computer operations and basic office administration.

To apply for an internship in China Labor Watch in New York, send resume and cover letter stating your preferred start- and end-dates, interests and personal goals, and please be sure to list any labor rights coursework or related experience, languages, or other skills. Applications must be received by May 1 for summer internships. Later applicants will be considered if there is space available.

All applicants will be notified of our receipt of application; only selected applicants will be contacted for phone or in-person interviews. We will attempt to confirm the final status for all internship applicants within one month after the application deadline. By e-mail to: clw@chinalaborwatch.org with 'China Labor Watch Internship' in subject line.

**Mark Your Calendar:
Sushi Salsa Night: Asian-Latin
American Fusion Event**

**Thursday, April 29
6th Floor Patio
7-9 p.m. (Time to be Confirmed)**

APAC Student Group Contacts

If you would like to get involved with one of these student groups this semester, please email the group leaders:

Korea Focus: *Mina Kim (mk2350),
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Taiwan Focus: *JoAnn Lee (jsl2010),
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Zhongwen Luntan (China Forum):
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APAC also distributes event notices via email on a regular basis. If you would like to be added to our list, please email Kengo at kn2031@columbia.edu.