



# APAC News

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## Career Events

As summer nears, students are beginning to focus more and more on getting that perfect summer internship or landing the ideal job after graduation. To help students out with their job search process, the Asia Pacific Affairs Council and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute recently organized a series of career panels with SIPA Alum.

The first panel was organized by WEAI and focused on careers with the United Nations. Panelists represented a variety of different positions within the UN: from Political Affairs Officer to freelance contractor.

The following week, APAC hosted a panel focusing on the private sector and East Asia. Participants heard first-hand from alum about careers in management consulting and financial services.

This week APAC co-hosted a career panel with the International Media and Communications (IMC) Concentration. Panelists again represented a variety of careers in the field including print journalism and freelance work.

All of the panels gave students the chance to hear from alum about their experiences first-hand and to learn some valuable career advice.

After the spring break, the Weatherhead East Asian Institute will hold a career panel focusing on philanthropy and East Asia. It will be an excellent opportunity to hear first-hand from professionals in the field. Be sure to mark Wednesday, March 24 in your calendar!

If you have any suggestions for career events that you would like to see APAC organize this semester, please email Alex at [ams2027@columbia.edu](mailto:ams2027@columbia.edu).

## Up and Coming...

### **Philanthropy and East Asia Career Panel**

*Wednesday, March 24 6:00 pm*

*Room 918 International Affairs Building*

Learn about various professionals working in the field and gain valuable career advice.

### **Celebrating Community Through Song: A Sharing Of Harlem's Musical Treasures**

*Wednesday, March 31*

*7:00 – 9:30 p.m*

*Chapel at Teacher's College*

Featuring the Salvation & Deliverance

Church Gospel Choir

Co-sponsored by Alliance for Community Enhancement, Asia Pacific Affairs Council, Chaplain Fund, and SIPASA.

## **Comments, Questions, Submissions?**

### **E-mail one of the WEAI PAs:**

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## **Inside...**

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## APAC Student Groups' Corner

Despite the beginning of midterms, there have been a lot of great student group events this past week! Below is a round-up of some of the recent events as well as some of the great programs that are coming up!

### *Nihon Benkyokai (NBK)*

NBK recently held a talk with Dr. George R. Packard, President, US-Japan Foundation. His presentation was on "The volatility in US-Japan relations-why it exists and how we can get beyond it." The next NBK lecture is on Tuesday, March 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. in room 918 IAB. The title of the talk is "Japan in 2004."

On Friday, February 20, Nihon BenkyoKai (NBK) held Japanese Language Table. Around 20 people turned out, including students who have just started learning Japanese, students who have taken Japanese classes before, and those who lived in Japan for a long time. Snacking on Japanese sweets, they enjoyed conversation on broad topics from Kanji to relationships for two hours. Following the language table, NBK had social hours in a student's apartment, where about 30 people got together and enjoyed home-style sushi. It served as a great socializing opportunity. Don't forget to mark NBK's upcoming language tables in your calendar. The next table will be held on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5 in Room 918. The fourth language table of the semester will be held on April 2 – same time, same place! For any question, please contact Emi Nakane (en2114).

### *Southeast Asia Student Initiative*

This week, SEASI screened the film "Batam Incorporated" which followed two Indonesian female migrants--one a factory worker and the other a prostitute--during 24 hours on the Indonesian island of Batam, part of the so-called Growth Triangle that connects Singapore, the Malaysian province Johor, and the Indonesian province of Riau. The population of Batam has grown from 3,000 to perhaps 700,000 during the past 35 years, due to the influx of mostly impoverished Indonesian migrants in search of work in the booming economy. Following the

screening, the director and producer Johan Lindquist participated in a question and answer session with attendees.

Mark your calendar! The Southeast Asia Student Initiative will host its famous Southeast Asia Cultural Night on Thursday, April 1 from 7 –9 pm at Lerner Hall! The event highlights the diverse culture and cuisine from the region. Keep your eyes posted for more information as you won't want to miss this fun event!



*Malaysian Performers at last year's Southeast Asia Cultural Night*

### *Zhongwen Luntan/China Forum*

Zhongwen Luntan/ China Forum organized a trip to the China Institute Gallery on Saturday, February 21st to view the imperial jewelry of the Ming Dynasty, which was on loan from the Nanjing Municipal Museum. If you missed our event, we highly recommend you take your own trip over to the East Side to have a look at the exhibit. Only \$3 for student admission. For more information visit [www.chinainstitute.org](http://www.chinainstitute.org)

Zhongwen Luntan/ China Forum will host a language table right before Spring Break on Friday, March 12. By then all exams should be over, so stop by for a good time and brush up on your Chinese. Food and refreshments will be served. All levels are welcome. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Room 918.

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Celebrating Community Through Song**  
**Wednesday, March 31 - 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.**  
**Co-sponsored by ACE, Asia Pacific Affairs Council, Chaplain Fund, and SIPASA.**

## **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, March 8**

#### **Where is the Chinese Economy Going?**

Ross Garnaut, Professor of Economics, Division of Economics, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University  
Co-sponsored by the APEC Study Center

### **Tuesday, March 9**

#### **China's Democratic Future**

Bruce Gilley, Ph.D. candidate in Politics, Princeton University, former Contributing Editor of The Far Eastern Economic Review, and author of China's Democratic Future (2004)

### **Tuesday, March 9**

#### **Sumo in Global Spaces: The Politics of Representation**

R. Kenji Tierney, Weatherhead ExEAS  
Postdoctoral Fellow 2003-04, Anthropology Ph.D., UC Berkeley  
4:00 PM-6:00 PM  
\* PLEASE NOTE TIME & LOCATION CHANGE  
403 Kent Hall  
Co-sponsored by the Donald Keene Center

### **Wednesday, March 10**

#### **Wobbly but Working: Democracy on the Eve of the 2004 Elections in Indonesia (results of the Asia Foundation poll)**

Craig Charney, President of Charney Research and Senior Research Fellow at the New School University

### **Thursday, March 11**

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#### **The World Trend for Constitutionalism and the Constitutional Revision Movement in China (Part 1 of 2 talks)—Talk in Chinese with**

Translation by Prof. Andrew Nathan  
Cao Siyuan, President of Beijing Siyuan Research

### **Friday, March 12**

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#### **Why China Would Be Better Off Without Dictatorship (Part 2 of 2 talks)**

Cao Siyuan, President of Beijing Siyuan Research Center for WTO and Social Sciences and independent scholar—Talk in Chinese

### **Tuesday, March 23**

#### **Sessue Hayakawa: Silent Cinema and Transnational Stardom**

Daisuke Miyao, Weatherhead ExEAS  
Postdoctoral Fellow 2003-04, Cinema Studies Ph.D., NYU

### **Wednesday, March 24**

#### **Update on the Japanese Economy**

Shijuro Ogata, Former Deputy Governor of International Relations, Bank of Japan  
Co-sponsored by the Center on Japanese Economy and Business

### **Tuesday, March 30**

#### **Follow up to the Taiwanese Election**

Panel discussion

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## **Other Events @ Columbia**

### **Tuesday, March 9**

#### **The North Korean Nuclear Issue: A South Korean Perspective**

Chun Yung-woo, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations  
12:00 noon-1:30 PM

600 William and June Warren Hall (1125 Amsterdam Ave., between 115th and 116th St.)  
Co-sponsored by the Center for Korean Legal Studies, Columbia Law School, SIPA, and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute

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<p><b>Mark Your Calendar:</b> <b>Philanthropy and East Asia</b> <b>Career Panel</b> <b>Wednesday, March 24 - 6:00 pm</b> <b>Room 918 International Affairs Building</b></p>
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## Other Events Around Town

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

### **Asia Circle Cocktail Evening at Asia Society**

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Asia Society, Garden Court Cafe, 725 Park Avenue, New York

Free admission. Cash bar.

### **Forum Korean Economy in 2004: The Future of Korea's Financial Sector**

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

1:30--5:00 PM Presentations and Q&A

The Korea Society

Fee: \$10 Members, \$15 Non-members

The Roh administration says the 2004 outlook is much more promising. Officials in the government's economic and financial sector argue that domestic demand is expected to recover gradually and momentum in export growth is likely to continue. Korea Development Institute (KDI) forecasts a 2004 growth rate of 5.3 percent, led by exports during the first half and by domestic demand during the second half. Will South Korea pull itself out of its economic quagmire in 2004? Can the Roh administration successfully usher in a market mechanism that can function unfettered, a key measure to prevent any future economic downturn? Two of South Korea's leading economists will present their views and two of America's top financial pundits will respond in a moderated discussion.

Panelists:

Theodore Roosevelt IV (Moderator), Managing Director, Lehman Brothers;

Choongsoo Kim, President, Korea Development Institute;

Thomas J. Byrne, Vice President & Senior Credit Officer, Moody's Financial Institutions & Sovereign Risk Group;

Heungsik Choe, Vice President, Korea Institute of Finance;

Robert Flint, News Editor, Dow Jones Korea Society, 950 Third Avenue

Tel: 212-759-7525

### **Past & Future: The Evolution of Japan's Foreign Investment Law**

Tuesday, March 23

12:00 PM

Japan Society

Nonmember admission: \$65 for lunch and lecture, \$15 lecture only.

Japan's foreign investment law was originally enacted in 1950 and repealed as of 1980. But detailed study of its evolution and implementation affords unusual insight into Japan's development as an economic superpower as well as its relations with other nations as international markets become more integrated. Richard W. Rabinowitz is the author of the recently published monograph *Japan's Foreign Investment Law of 1950: A Natural History*. Admitted to the bar in Japan as well as the U.S., he has been a practitioner of Japanese law for some 40 years, dealing principally with the law of corporations, finance and technology. Presently he is of counsel to the Tokyo firm Tozai Sogo Law Office. Join us for his insights into Japanese society, how it conceived foreign investment controls to facilitate the rapid expansion of its export-oriented economy, and an outlook on the relevance of those controls in the evolving world economy.

Japan Society, 333 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street

Tel: 212-832-1155

### **Kudlow & Sinai: Two Views on the Growing U.S. Budget Deficit**

Thursday, March 25

11:30 a.m.

Nonmember admission: \$15 lecture only.

The ballooning U.S. budget deficit has fomented debate over the Bush administration's handling of the economy. Is the widening budget gap a threat on the horizon, as former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and economists Allen Sinai and Peter Orszag argued in a recent paper? Or will we grow our way out of it, as Bush's economic team and its supporters contend? Dr. Sinai joins Lawrence Kudlow of CNBC's Kudlow & Cramer for a conversation on the U.S. budget deficit and the Bush administration's handling of the economy.

Japan Society, 333 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street

Tel: 212-832-1155

## Job 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](mailto:ams2027@columbia.edu).

### **Korea Society Nonprofit Program Manager**

The Korea Society, a medium-size midtown nonprofit, seeks a program manager to coordinate and produce public lectures, panel discussions, forums and conferences that present the rich diversity of Korea and U.S.-Korea relations in historical and contemporary context. Duties include administrative support, research and communications. Must have excellent writing, reporting, computer and program planning skills combined with an interest and understanding of U.S.-Korea issues. Experience, knowledge or interest in history, international relations, journalism and /or government preferred.

Send cover letter and resume to Ms. Sarah Kim at [sarah.ny@koreasociety.org](mailto:sarah.ny@koreasociety.org) or 212-759-7530 (fax).

### **MIKAGALLERY Art Gallery Assistant**

MIKAGALLERY (41 East 57th Street, 8F; corner of Madison) is looking for a native English speaker (US citizen) with a background in Japanese literature or art history and with a good command of Japanese to perform the following tasks as a personal assistant to the owner: reception, research, document compilation, and translation.

MIKA GALLERY specializes in premodern Japanese art and plans to hold about eight exhibits throughout the year, including one or two shows of works by contemporary Japanese artists. The grand opening of the gallery is scheduled for March 24th.

For more information, please contact Ms. Mika Seki at [mg@TokyoArtProjects.com](mailto:mg@TokyoArtProjects.com)

### **Donald Keene Center Part-Time Position**

The Donald Keene Center of Columbia University is currently seeking a part time student assistant to assist with preparation of upcoming events in March and April. Salary is negotiable. Position may be extended beyond April. For details, contact Ms. Yurika Kurakata at [yk483@columbia.edu](mailto:yk483@columbia.edu) or 212-854-5036.

### **ITC International Director, Philippines HR Development Facility**

ITC International provides development solutions in education and training, governance and community development.

Position qualifications: Five years experience in strategic and operational management of development programs preferably in human resource development or capacity building, including demonstrated experience in the provision of strategic advice to policy formulating bodies \* Demonstrated effective recent experience in leading teams in the implementation of ODA programs in cross-cultural environments \* Demonstrated excellent oral and written cross cultural communication skills including the ability to produce timely, lucid and concise reports \* Demonstrated sensitivity to Gender and Development. Desirable qualifications: Working knowledge of Tagalog \* Recent significant working experience in South East Asia. \* Knowledge of Australian tertiary education systems and processes. \* Qualifications in adult education and experience in training needs analysis, training design, delivery and evaluation.

The Facility Director will be responsible for the provision of technical and administrative support to the HRD Facility. In addition, the Facility Director will have prime responsibility for liaising with AusAID and providing strategic advice to the FAB concerning targeting strategies and the selection of target institutions. \* Provide advice to the FAB regarding targeting strategies \* Provide advice to the FAB concerning the selection of target institutions\* to the projects being managed, for submission to

Oversee the preparation of annual work programs; the selection and placement of long term trainees; and other HRD support \* Establish offices in Manila and Davao, procure equipment, recruit staff, and provide training on the Facility, AusAID's program in the Philippines, the roles and responsibilities of all parties concerned, anti-discriminatory and environmental policies, monitoring, reporting and accounting requirements, and other aspects as required.

To apply please email CV to Amanda Roberts at [itc\\_consultants@uow.edu.au](mailto:itc_consultants@uow.edu.au). For more information, please visit [http://www.itci.itc.com.au/02\\_about/](http://www.itci.itc.com.au/02_about/)

### **International Foundation For Election Systems Program Officer (Indonesia)**

The International Foundation for Election Systems provides professional advice and technical assistance in promoting democracy and serves as an information clearinghouse on democratic development. The International Foundation for Election Systems is seeking a Program Officer to provide administrative and programmatic support for current and developing programs in Indonesia.

Job Qualifications: Master's Degree or Bachelor's degree with minimum of five years functionally related professional experience \* 3-5 years' project management experience, particularly financial and human resource management \* Prior experience writing proposals \* Prior international experience (preferably in Indonesia) \* Excellent interpersonal and communication (written and oral) skills \* Experience working with budgets and financial management \* Ability to prioritize and to complete multiple tasks \*Preferred: Knowledge of Indonesian/Southeast Asian political environments \* Asian language skills (especially Bahasa Indonesian)

Position Description: Project administration and management. Writing proposals and/or grant amendments with accompanying budgets. Preparing and tracking project budgets. Preparing financial reports for USAID, other funding agencies, and IFES senior management. Preparing position descriptions and scopes of work for project personnel. Identifying and interviewing potential staff and consultants, as well as supervising consultants in the field and support personnel in the

USAID, other funding agencies, and IFES senior management. Representing IFES at professional gatherings and serving as a regional resource on Indonesia. Preparing IFES reports, project updates, and oral/written briefings in support of IFES initiatives and activities. To apply, please email resume and cover letter to [jobs@ifes.org](mailto:jobs@ifes.org).

### **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), Donald Kwon (dhk2103)*

The Southeast Asia Student Initiative  
**Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum:** *Aikojean Lane (al2220), Yumi Shindo (ys2073), Daniel Lee (del2103), Emi Nakane (en2114), Haruisha Ihtsuka (ho2109)* won't want to miss this fun event!

**South East Asia Student Initiative (SEASI):** *Jenna Capeci (jac2113), Tu Dang (td2119)*

**Taiwan Focus:** *JoAnn Lee (jsl2010), Jimmy Zou (jz2107)*

**Zhongwen Luntan (China Forum):** *Jenna Wimberly (jmw2110), Daniel Lee (del2103)*

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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](mailto:kn2031@columbia.edu).

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