



# APAC *News*

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## Sushi Salsa: A Latin American Asian Fusion Event

Last Thursday, the Asia Pacific Affairs Council co-hosted the annual Sushi Salsa event at Ansell Plaza (otherwise known as the patio outside the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the SIPA building). The event was co-sponsored by the Latin American Student Association, Nihon Benkyokai, and SIPASA.

Those in attendance enjoyed food and drinks from the two regions, including Sapporo beer, empanadas, curry rice, Shanghai noodles, and of course sushi.

It was a great chance for students to relax at the end of classes and have a bit of fun before final exams started.

Unfortunately, this year Kengo did not demonstrate his Japanese dancing skills to the beat of Taiko drums. However, there was lots of dancing, including, of course, salsa.

Thanks to Mr. Okumura at the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) for his generous support of this event. Thanks also to Sapporo for their assistance with this event.



## APAC Up and Coming...

### End of Semester Party

**Thursday, May 13**

**6 – 8 p.m.**

**Room 918**

Join us for the last APAC event of the year as we celebrate the end of the semester on Thursday, May 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Room 918. Come de-stress after exams and catch up with friends before the summer! Food and refreshments will be served!

### Graduation Party

**Friday, May 14**

**7-9 p.m.**

**Lerner Hall**

China Forum and Nihon Benkyokai are co-sponsoring a graduation party next week. Join us to catch up after exams and to say goodbye to graduating friends.

This is the last issue of APAC News for the 2003-2004 academic year. Congratulations to all of those graduating and thanks for helping make this year's events so much fun!

## Inside...

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## Mongolia Club

The Mongolia Club is the newest Asian Student Group on campus. The group aims to serve as a venue to discuss issues affecting Mongolia and celebrate its culture. It was set-up to promote and strengthen understanding of Mongolia and serve as a focal point for formal and informal activities to the greater Columbia Community.

The group recently had their kick-off event, which featured Mongolian throat singing, a performance of the "Morin Huur" (a traditional horse-headed fiddle), as well as the chance to learn more about Mongolia over snacks and refreshments.

If you would like to get involved in this group, please e-mail: Ganbat Chuluunkhuu (gc2123), Bat-Erdene (bb2129), Jargalan Batbayar (jb1298), or Otgonjargal Okhidoi (oo2006).

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## China Forum

Zhongwen Luntan / China Forum has been busy this spring. During April, we held a movie night, a language table, a study/work in Greater China reception and a trip to Flushing's Chinatown. In May, we will end the year with a big Graduation Party in Lerner Hall on Friday, May 14.

For our Movie Night, we showed "Beijing Bicycle" to a packed crowd in Room 918. The movie focused on the tough realities of life in the big city and on urban youth in China. Due to the great turnout, we look forward to hosting more movie nights next semester and are open to any suggestions for movies.

Our last language table of the semester drew students from across Columbia University, including students from Columbia College and the School of the Arts. While munching on spring rolls, we had a spirited conversation in English and Chinese. Can't really ask for much more than good food and good conversation!

One of our new initiatives this semester was to sponsor an informal reception for those seeking to study or work in Chinese-speaking countries. We brought together students who have previously studied or worked in those areas to share their experiences with those who would like to in the future. In addition, we collected contact

information on those planning on going abroad this summer so that everyone can keep in touch.

We are planning on having another reception this fall for those who went this summer to share their experiences, so please come!



*Participants at a recent language table.*

For our trip to Flushing's Chinatown, we were very lucky to have beautiful spring weather. We went to East Buffet for a delicious buffet lunch that including Peking duck, sushi and seafood. After we stuffed ourselves, we strolled around and enjoyed the bustling atmosphere of New York's other Chinatown.

Zhongwen Luntan / China Forum has one last event coming up. On May 14, we will be cosponsoring a Graduation Party with Nihon Benkyo Kai / Japan Exchange Forum. It will be from 7-9pm in Lerner Hall. We are planning to have lots of drinks, food and entertainment. Look for our flyers and email announcements in the next couple of weeks for more details.

Last, we would like to thank all the people who have attended and helped out with our events over the semester. In addition, we would like to thank the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and the WEAI PAs for their generous support.

If you would like to become more involved with Zhongwen Luntan / China Forum or would like to be added to our email list, please contact Jenna Wimberly (jmw2110@columbia.edu ) or Daniel Lee (del2103@columbia.edu ).

## Events Around Town

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

### **The Asian Economic Forecast: Can the region's dynamic performance continue to outpace the world?**

Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am - 10:00 am  
Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Avenue  
\$25 members/collaborating orgs; \$35 nonmembers  
Tel: 212-517-ASIA  
Remarks by Dr. Ifzal Ali, Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank

Asian economies have clearly blazed an envious trail, accounting for more than half of the world's population and a quarter of the world's trade and holding 60% of global foreign exchange reserves. Whether this momentum will continue may hinge on several factors including Asia's continued ability to attract large amounts of foreign direct investment. Dr. Ali will look at this and other issues in a briefing on the economic prospects of Asia and the Pacific that will be based on data from ADB's annual forecast publication, The Asian Development Outlook: 2004.

### **Security Challenges Facing Japan & the United States**

Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 - 8 pm  
Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street  
Nonmembers: \$10. Students and seniors: \$5  
Tel: 212-832-1155

William S. Cohen, 20th Secretary of Defense, gives his views on the direction of American foreign policy in the Middle East and elsewhere, and discusses the roles Japan and the U.S.-Japan alliance can play in confronting security challenges in the international arena. Followed by a reception.

### **Business Roundtable: Citibank's Perspective on the Korean Banking Industry & Economy**

Thursday, May 6, 12:00-2:00 PM  
The Korea Society, 950 Third Avenue  
Tel: 212-759-7525  
Members: \$25. Students and seniors: \$20  
William W. Ferguson, Asia Pacific Group Marketing Executive, Citigroup International Transformation has been the name of the game in Korea's financial service industry ever since the

Korean financial world evolved and what key issues does it face today? William W. Ferguson focuses on these questions, calling upon Citigroup's experience as Korea's largest and most active foreign financial institution. He shares Citigroup's views on Korea's economic performance and structure, the financial services sector development and current trends and outlook.

### **Panel Discussion: The Next AIDS Generation: Orphans in Asia and the World**

Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Avenue  
\$7 members/collaborating orgs; \$5 students  
Tel: 212-517-ASIA

Nafis Sadik, UN Special Envoy to HIV/AIDS in Asia; Peter McDermott, Chief, Global HIV/AIDS Programme, UNICEF; Countess Albina du Boisrouvray, François-Xavier Bagnoud Association (FXBA); Chung To, Founder and Chairperson, Chi Heng Foundation; and Dr. Steven Wang, Founder and President, China AIDS Orphan Fund, join others to discuss the challenges facing the 14 million children orphaned worldwide due to AIDS-related causes. They explore the tools and urgent care that are necessary for these children to survive malnutrition, a multitude of human rights abuses and the increased risk of contracting HIV. Panelists also consider current examples of successful interventions in these children's lives and opportunities for further advances. This program also includes a visual presentation featuring children from Asia.

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## Employment Opportunities

### **Oxfam America Regional Program Manager – East Asia**

Oxfam America is a \$30 million international relief and development organization. Our work includes grant making, campaigning and advocacy aimed at bringing about positive changes in the lives of poor or excluded people through changing policies, practices, ideas and beliefs. Responsibilities for the above position include: Ensuring compliance of agency standards in areas of grant management and reporting on the impact

Asian financial crisis and more so recently under the Roh Moo-hyun administration. How has the promotion of the regional programs; monitor quality assurance of the programs at the regional level; and act as the first point of contact for the region in various stages of the program and business cycle. Required: Masters degree and five years of experience in international development with the ability to communicate in the predominant language of the Region. For a complete job description, please view our website at [www.oxfamamerica.org](http://www.oxfamamerica.org).

### **CET Academic Programs Asia Program Officer**

The Asia Program Officer works in conjunction with the Asia Programs Manager and the Asia Programs Coordinator to oversee all of CET's Asia programs' development and operations. The Program Officer must therefore be capable of juggling a number of critical tasks, and he/she must do so systematically.

Responsibilities include marketing all of CET's current programs, answering most student and faculty inquiries, serving on the China and Vietnam programs admissions committee, serving as primary liaison for several of CET's China client programs, and communicating effectively with CET's China and Vietnam offices. Given the large scope of CET's China programs, while the Asia Program Officer's position will include duties related to CET's Vietnam program, he/she will work predominately with CET's China programs.

Detailed information and application for the position can be found on [www.cetacademicprograms.com](http://www.cetacademicprograms.com)

### **Human Rights Watch Intern**

Human Rights Watch's Women's Rights Division works on a variety of women's rights issues, including women workers, domestic violence, sexual violence, women and armed conflict, trafficking, refugee women, women's legal status and status in the family, women in state custody, women and HIV/AIDS, and sexual autonomy. The intern will assist with monitoring developments on women migrant workers and trafficking in

Southeast Asia, with an emphasis on Indonesia and Malaysia. The intern will track local press and on poverty reduction. In conjunction with the Deputy Director, ensure the development and communicate with human rights groups and women's non-governmental organizations. The intern will also translate letters, factsheets, and other short documents. In coordination with a supervisor, the intern may also develop an independent project. Internships are unpaid. \* Applicants should be fluent in Bahasa Indonesia \* They should be well organized, self-motivated and reliable \* A strong and demonstrated interest in women's rights and international human rights, relevant coursework, and studies in international relations are highly desirable \* Computer literacy required To apply email cover letter and resume to Nisha Varia [varian@hrw.org](mailto:varian@hrw.org)

**Mark Your Calendar:  
APAC End of Year Party  
Thursday, May 13  
Room 918 6 – 8 p.m.**

### **APAC Student Group Contacts**

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

**Korea Focus:** *Mina Kim (mk2350),  
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**Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange  
Forum:** *Aikojean Lane (al2220), Yumi  
Shindo (ys2073), Daniel Lee (del2103),  
Emi Nakane (en2114), Haruhisa Ohtsuka  
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**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)*

