



# APAC News

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## Celebrating the Lunar New Year



The Lunar New Year is one of the most important festivals in China, Korea, and Vietnam. On Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, APAC members joined in on celebrating the New Year (along with one-fifth of the world's population). While two talented Chinese students took requests from party-goers to write personalized Lunar New Year scrolls in Chinese calligraphy, many others sampled a variety of special Lunar New Year snacks, from radish cakes to watermelon seeds.

At the end of the night, there was a special 'red packet' raffle ticket lucky draw, and the lucky winners won gift cards in \$30, \$20, and \$10 denominations to Barnes & Noble. All proceeds from the raffle ticket sale went to the APAC Tsunami Relief Fund.

2005 is the "Year of the Rooster" in the Chinese Lunar calendar. Other years include: 1993, 1981, 1969, 1957, 1945, 1933, 1921, 1909. There are many positive characteristics of Rooster people. They tend to be courageous, hardworking, deep thinkers, able to withstand work pressure, shrewd, like to learn, highly developed in ability to work, definite, skillful, enjoy cooking and having a restaurant business.

According to your horoscope, it will be a year of opportunity for Rooster people. Put past disappointments behind you. It's a time to move forward. Think of ways to improve your situation and act on your ideas to get the rewards deserved. Work will be positive area in the Rooster life. This will be a year of real opportunity, but you must be persistent and seek out the opportunities.

## Up and Coming Events...

### Asia Pacific Affairs Council (APAC)

- **Hong Kong Movie Night: "In the Mood for Love"**

Friday, February 18, 6-8pm, IAB 918

### Nihon Benkyo Kai /Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/JEF)

- **Japanese Language Table- all levels welcome!**

Friday, February 25, 4-6pm, IAB 918

### WEAI

- **Career Panel on Korea**

Tuesday, February 15, 6 -7:30pm, IAB 918

### Zhongwen Luntan / China Forum

- **Chinese New Year Parade & Dimsum Lunch**

Sunday, February 13

Meet at 11am at Columbia gates (116th/Broadway)  
or at 12noon in Chinatown

## Career Panel on Korea

Tuesday, February 15

6-7:30pm, IAB 918

Interested in using your knowledge of Korea in your professional career? Hear from panelists doing Korea-related work in a variety of sectors including management consulting, television marketing, and the arts.

If you have any comments or suggestions for future APAC events, please write your PAs!

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## NBK kicks off the spring semester



Nihon Benkyo Kai/ Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/JEF) started the semester off with two back-to-back events. The Welcome Back party held at the Weatherhead Institute on January 28th kicked things off with Japanese snacks, lots of green tea and sushi that quickly disappeared. About 50 people attended, including students from SIPA, Teacher's College and the Law School. It was a chance to also meet NBK's new board of officers and give a fond farewell to the former (and soon to be graduating) officers. Later, the good times continued until late in the night at the *nijikai* (after-party) held at Amsterdam Café.



A week later, many of the partiers were back, this time for the semester's first Japanese language table on February 4th. About 20 students from throughout the Columbia community came to chat in Japanese and make new friends. Japanese learners of all levels from various countries including France, China and Sweden mixed with native Japanese speakers and snacked on Japanese cookies, crackers and sweets.

It was a great start for a semester that promises

many events for those interested in Japan, from more lively language tables to lectures and a hanami party.

Questions about upcoming events? Email Lucia Vancura at lv2128@columbia.edu.

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## Get involved!

By now, you've figured out which courses you are taking, bought some of your books (or awaiting their delivery from Amazon.com), and find yourself with some free time? Get involved! Take advantage of all that SIPA and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute have to offer! Below is a list of Asia-related student groups and the group leaders' contact details.

### **Greater China Initiative (GCI)**

*Jimmy Zou (jz2107), Le Li (ll2178), Cheng Hong (ch2203), Ivy Yang (isy2101), Jocelyn Chan (jmc2111), Riga Tenzin (ri2123)*

### **Korea Focus**

*Sung-Min Cho (sc746), Mimi Do (md2214), Song-Hee Ghim (sg2186)*

### **Mongolia Club**

*Ganbat Chuluunkhuu (gc2123), Bat-Erdene (bb2129), Jargalan Batbayar (jb1298), Otgonjargal Okhidoi (oo2006)*

### **Nihon Benkyo Kai/Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/JEF)**

*Kevin Burgwinkle (kjb2111), Lucia Vancura (lv2128), Ryoko Nakamura (rmn2102), Shoko Nakagawa (sn2156), Daisuke Kishi (dk339), Haruko Kamei (hk2228), Nozomi Hashimoto (nh2126), Kazu Shimizu (ks2292), Martin Oredsson (mlo2104)*

### **Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)**

*Kathleen Keiser (kek2112), Michael Roston (mr2302)*

### **Taiwan Focus**

*Jimmy Zou (jz2107)*

### **Zhongwen Luntan/ China Forum**

*Vanessa Pu (vp2120), Lisa Karz (ltk2103), Martin Oredsson (mlo2104), Alex Whitworth (apw2101), Ken Lee (jl2035), Kelly McAskill (kam2125)*

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**REMINDER:**

**WEAI Fellowships and Grants for East Asian Studies Application Deadline: Friday, March 4**

Submit applications in IAB 935

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**WEAI Brownbag Lunch Lectures**

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

**Monday, February 21**

**My Work as a Writer**

On the biographies of the PLA soldier Sangye Yeshe, the 10th Panchen Lama, the PLA Commander Tang Guangsan, the novel Gesang Meiduo and texts from the Gesar epic. Jamphel Gyatso, Professor, Nationalities Institute Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

**Tuesday, February 22**

**An Introduction to China's People's Liberation Army (PLA)**

Ken Allen, Senior Analyst on Chinese Military Issues, CNA Corporation

**Exact Date TBA**

**Interregional Transfers and Fiscal Decentralization in China**

Kiril Tochkov, Professor of Economics, SUNY-Binghamton

**Friday, February 25**

Title to be Announced

Philip Short, Author of *The Killer with a Gentle Smile: Pol Pot: The History of a Nightmare* and former BBC Foreign Correspondent

**Events @ Columbia**

**Monday, February 28, 5:30-7pm**

**Korea's Financial Revolution: A Banker's Perspective**

With **Robert Fallon**, Chairman, Korea Exchange Bank

*Location:* Uris 301, Reception to follow at Calder Lounge

Introduction by: **Lee Branstetter**, Daniel W. Stanton Associate Professor of Business. Moderated by: **Mark Mason**, Director, Program on Alternative Investments and Associate Director for Programs, Center on Japanese Economy and Business.

Co-sponsored by: Program on Alternative Investments of CJEB, Korean Business Association, Asian Business Association & APEC Study Center.

**RSVP required:** by Thursday, Feb. 24 to Andy Wanning at aw2040@columbia.edu or 212-854-6198.

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**Other events around town**

**Wednesday, February 16**

**The North Korean Uranium Mystery: Breaking the Deadlock in the Beijing Negotiations**

3-3:30pm Registration & Reception

3:30-5pm Presentation and Q&A

**Donald P. Gregg** (moderator)

**Selig S. Harrison** (presenter)

**Charles L. Pritchard** (discussant)

Selig S. Harrison will present evidence showing that the Bush administration has exaggerated the intelligence relating to a possible North Korean uranium enrichment program. This is the central thesis of his controversial article in the January 4, 2005 issue of Foreign Affairs, "Did North Korea Cheat?" Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$15

To RSVP: Email: jonathan.ny@koreasociety.org

Held at The Korea Society, 950 Third Avenue, Eighth Floor. (Building entrance on SW corner of Third Avenue and 57th Street).

**Thursday, February 17**

**Japan's Gulliver International: Driving Innovation with Stellar Growth**

12-12:30 pm Registration & reception  
12:30-1pm Luncheon  
1-2pm Lecture

Speaker: **Ikuo Murata**, Senior Executive Vice President, Gulliver International Co., Ltd.  
Presider: **James G. W. Reed**, Executive Managing Director, Equity Division, Mizuho Securities USA

Japan's premier used-car dealer Gulliver International Co., Ltd. has built its powerhouse franchise at high speed. Since its 1994 inception, the company has developed a unique and flexible business model, holding cars for only a week before selling them at auction or through its Dolphi net website, instead of being locked into a traditional showroom. Gulliver also hopes to set an example for other Japanese companies through its international aspirations and corporate culture. Gulliver's Senior Executive Vice President Ikuo Murata will discuss opportunities for foreign investment in this dynamic and rapidly growing firm, as well as the company's commitment to being an "international" corporate citizen.

Admission: Nonmember admission: \$65 for lunch and lecture, \$15 lecture only. For more information, please call Tomoko Okuno at (212) 715-1247 or email to register@japansociety.org

Held at: Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street New York, NY 10017

**Thursday, February 17**

**Creating An Underclass?: The Impact of Immigration and Antiterrorism Laws on Immigrant Communities**

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Panelists include: **Cyrus Mehta**, Cyrus D. Mehta & Associates, PLLC; **Megan L. Brackney** of Kostelanetz & Fink, LLP, a former Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Immigration Bureau;

**Mallika Dutt**, Breakthrough (Moderator)

While special registration, deportation and detention have become common concepts in our post 9-11 world, what may be less known is that in 1996, the federal government signed into law the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRAIRA) and The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA) that impact immigrant populations in many ways. South Asians, one of the largest immigrant communities in the U.S., were particularly affected with cases of families being torn apart permanently because of deportations. Critics observe how these laws are effectively creating an "underclass" of American residents whose lives hinge on tenuous sources of livelihood and an uneasy relationship with the law contributing to an increasingly insecure life in the United States. The evening event will include a screening of "Whose Children Are These?" an award-winning documentary by Theresa Thanjan that gives an in-depth and gripping view into the post 9-11 world of three young Muslims impacted by the federal policy of Special Registration.

Location: Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Avenue, New York

Admission: \$5 students w/ID; \$7 for members/NGOs; \$10 for nonmembers  
To register call: 212-517-ASIA

**Wednesday, February 23**

**India's Growing AIDS Epidemic: A View from the Ground**

8am - 9:30 am

A panel discussion on the realities of the public health situation in India and their implications for combating HIV/AIDS from the grassroots level, featuring:

**Sheila Mitchell**, Family Health International

**Dr. Subhasree Raghavan**, SAATHII

**Jeff Richardson**, Step Forward

There is a tremendous amount of activity combating AIDS on the grassroots level in India. Organizations and activists working on the ground frequently are forced to devise unconventional methods of raising awareness in order to address the basic public health challenges that they face on a daily basis. Work done on the local level will

likely prove to be the critical factor in preventing the spread of the epidemic throughout South Asia.

Location: Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Avenue, New York

Admission: \$5 students w/ID; \$7 for members/NGOs; \$10 for nonmembers

To register call: 212-517-ASIA

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## **East Asia 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 [al2220@columbia.edu](mailto:al2220@columbia.edu).

### **Program Officer for CLD Consultants (Beijing)**

CLD Consultants (Beijing), is a small Chinese firm that was founded in January 2003 specifically to conduct non-profit projects in China and to support international cooperation activities with Chinese organizations. We focus on China's legal system development, governance reform, citizen's rights and capacity-building for Chinese non-governmental organizations. Designs and carries out projects together with Chinese government organs or Chinese non-governmental organizations. In addition, provides consulting services and technical assistance to international donors and foreign non-profit organizations. We believe that CLD is the only company of its kind in Beijing. CLD has a six-person office in Beijing. To staff this office, we are looking for a Program Officer who will assist the Company's senior staff develop and run projects, primarily in the areas of law and governance.

It is important to note that is not a typical business company. We work only on non-profit activities. For example, we design and fund the following types of activities (projects): applied research on Chinese legal and social issues; experiments in new approaches; training courses for Chinese officials and lawyers; cooperation programs between foreign NGOs and Chinese ones; and international seminars. Most of our projects are international, involving cooperation between Chinese organs/organizations and foreign ones. Therefore, the Program Officer should be

interested in the social development field and working with foreign experts and organizations. People who are looking for business experience in a traditional company should not apply.

Our mission is to further China's legal, social and economic development. We seek to do so by: Helping Chinese organizations raise domestic and foreign funding for non-profit development projects; Carrying out non-profit projects in partnership with Chinese government organs and non-governmental organizations; Advising foreign donors and other foreign organizations in the design, implementation and evaluation of their China programs; Conducting training and research programs in China; Providing information on trends and developments in the areas of Chinese legal system development, governance, educational policy, environmental protection, civil society and women's issues; Training Chinese organizations in project and management skills; Assisting Chinese organizations build partnerships with foreign institutions; and Identifying development needs and opportunities. As a small, specialized company is looking for staff who are creative and independent-minded. Staff also should be deeply interested in China's social and legal development, and in working with foreign organizations. Furthermore, excellent English both spoken and written is required.

**Job Description:** The responsibilities of the Program Officer will consist of: Assisting senior staff in developing (conceptualizing and designing) international cooperation programs and projects with Chinese government offices and NGOs; Implementing legal reform and governance projects in close cooperation with several different Chinese organizations. This will include helping the Chinese organizations organize and conduct their projects and activities, managing the funds for the projects, evaluating activities, and writing reports on the projects; Coordinating between foreign organizations that are providing technical assistance or funds to projects and their Chinese partners and grantees. The Program Officer will communicate regularly with these foreign organizations and consult with them on how to best implement their programs/projects in China. The Program Officer will also respond to the foreign organizations' requests for assistance and help them prepare for their parts of projects; On occasion, traveling in China to attend conferences,

prepare for projects, meet with partners, implement activities, and develop new projects; Calculating budgets for projects; managing expenditures for projects to keep within specified budgets; and doing financial reporting on projects; Doing formal assessments of programs and projects; On occasion, translating Chinese materials into English, and English materials into Chinese; Doing research on Chinese legal system development and governance reform. As part of this work, the Program Officer will write and edit articles for the Company's quarterly English-language report on Chinese legal system development and governance issues; Making logistical arrangements for visits to China by the Company's clients and foreign experts.

**Qualifications:** Strong interest in Chinese legal system development, citizens' rights and governance reform; Strong interest in non-profit and development work, and in international cooperation programs. Demonstrated interest in non-profit and/or development work will be a very important consideration in evaluating applicants; Master's Degree or higher in law, political science, international relations, public administration or a similar field; At least several years of work experience in a government office, international organizations, university/research institute or foreign company; Excellent spoken English and very good written English (able to write correspondence in clear, accurate English); Enjoy writing and are a good writer (in Chinese); Mature and self-motivated; can interact effectively with Chinese and foreign officials, clients and international experts; Strong organizational skills; ability to work independently, and to organize and manage projects; Collegial; enjoy working as part of a small team; Excellent computer skills; must be proficient in Chinese and English word processing and spreadsheet programs.

**Salary and Employment Terms:** Position is open to Beijing and non-Beijing residents. Female and male applicants will be considered equally. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. State-required benefits and other benefits also provided. Initial contract term will be for one-year, with expectation for renewal and long-term employment if the candidate meets the Company's requirements.

**To apply:** Interested candidates should submit a cover letter in English and a resume (in both Chinese and English) to:

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Tel: +86 (10) 85526-2420, 2425

Fax: +86 (10) 8526-2545

### **Human Rights Watch, China Intern**

Human Rights Watch is looking to select a total of four part-time (10-20 hours/week) Chinese-speaking graduate and undergraduate interns for the spring term of 2005. We seek two full-time (40 hours/week) Chinese-speaking undergraduate interns for summer 2005.

**Deadlines:** Applications for spring internships are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications for summer internships should be submitted no later than April 1, 2005. Interns will be selected by the end of April.

**Description:** Graduate interns work with researchers to conduct research on topics that match the student's interests and abilities, and assist with drafting documents. Graduate and law students at any level are welcome to apply. The selected interns will review, summarize and analyze Chinese and English-language materials. Some administrative and clerical duties are required. Scheduling is flexible, but all interns must be based in New York. Students are often able to arrange academic credit, as HRW internships offer direct exposure to the workings of an international human rights organization, close supervision by the HRW staff, interaction with other U.S. and international organizations, and opportunities to attend lectures and special events relating to human rights. These are unpaid internships.

**Qualifications:** Applicants should be well-organized, self-motivated and reliable, with a strong interest in international human rights. Good writing skills and some research experience are highly desirable. Ability to read Chinese at an advanced level is required. Applicants should possess strong knowledge of Microsoft Word and be proficient in using the Internet to gather information. Learn more about the work of Human Rights Watch at [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org).

**Apply by:** Sending a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two

references to:

China Internships, Asia Division  
Human Rights Watch  
350 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor  
New York, NY 10118  
Fax: (212)736-1300  
Email: asia@hrw.org

### **Asian Development Bank Internship**

*\*\*Please note change in application procedures.*

The ADB will no longer accept applications from Columbia University sent directly to its branch offices. Positions in the Beijing office are still available, but applications must now be sent from Columbia (the WEAI) to the ADB main office in Manila for review. Note that the ADB will provide a list of specific internship project topics to which applicants would apply. Complete information, as well as a link to the ADB web materials, is available on the WEAI website at: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/opportunities/asian-development-bank-internship.html>.

*The new procedures are as follows:*

**Application Deadline:** March 11 for summer 2005.

**Description:** Opportunity for a Columbia graduate student to gain experience in a multinational development bank, work in Asia in a multicultural environment, work on various tasks (usually research-oriented) directly involved in ADB's business through a summer internship.

**Number of Positions:** At least six positions are available for summer 2005. Candidates from Columbia and other universities will be considered by the ADB.

#### **Eligibility:**

- currently enrolled Columbia University master's or Ph.D. student
- currently enrolled in a program directly related to the field of the internship applied for
- a national of the ADB's member countries (see <http://www.adb.org/About/members.asp>)

#### **Application Procedure:**

-By the end of February 2005, the ADB will provide Columbia with specific internship project topics which will in turn be shared with students.

-Students then submit an application for one of these specific internship projects by March 11.

-Applications must be submitted to the student affairs program officer in Room 935 International Affairs Building (see contact information below)

-A faculty committee reviews applications and selects the top three applications to send to the ADB.

-The ADB informs Columbia of successful applicants by April

-Columbia informs the applicants of the outcome

-Columbia applications sent directly to the ADB will not be considered.

#### **Application Form and Complete Information:**

<<http://www.adb.org/Internship/students.asp>>

<http://www.adb.org/Internship/students.asp>

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