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Welcome Back

The Asia Pacific Affairs Council (APAC) would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning students to the spring semester! For those of you unfamiliar with APAC, it is a forum for Columbia graduate students interested in East Asian affairs (including both East and Southeast Asia). Throughout the year, APAC carries out a variety of activities that are aimed at enhancing the community's awareness of East Asia economically, politically, and culturally. These activities range from brown bag lectures to social happy hours, from career and internship panels to cultural nights. Keep your eyes posted for further information on these events and other activities!

First APAC Social Event

On Thursday, January 20, APAC kicked off the spring semester with a Welcome Party and Happy Hour for new and returning students. Over fifty students met in room 918 to meet the new incoming SIPA students, learn about upcoming events from the new Asia Student Group officers, and chat with old friends. After snacking on pizza and soda, the group moved on to Radio Perfecto for a happy hour event. Dave, the bartender, was so pleased with the big turnout that we had happy hour drink specials extended for an extra hour! If you missed the fun, not to worry— we will have many more socials in the coming months.

In addition to the above activities, APAC also produces APAC News on a biweekly basis. The newsletter acts as a forum for those with an

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Up and Coming Events...

Asia Pacific Affairs Council (APAC)

- **Lunar New Year Party**
Wednesday, February 9, 6:30-8:30pm, IAB 918

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

- **Start-of-Semester Party**
Come join us as we welcome new students to SIPA and celebrate the beginning of the new semester! All are welcome; refreshments will be served. (Followed by Happy Hour at Amsterdam Café.)
Friday, January 28, 5-7pm, IAB 918
- **Japanese Language Table- all levels welcome!**
Friday, February 4, 4-6pm, IAB 918
- **U.N. Recruitment Guidance for Japanese Nationals** The staff of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the U.N. will hold an information session about international organizations for Japanese citizens.
Saturday, February 5, Time TBA, IAB 404

Zhongwen Luntan / China Forum

- **Chinese New Year Parade Trip**
Sunday, February 13, 12noon

WEAI Fellowships and Grants for East Asian Studies Application Deadline:

Friday, February 27

Submit applications in IAB 935

*For more info, attend the information session on Friday, January 28, 2-4pm, IAB 918!



interest in East Asia to keep involved and informed about events not only at SIPA, but also at Columbia and in New York City. If you would like to receive APAC News in your SIPA folder, please email Aiko at al2220@columbia.edu and we will be sure to include you on our distribution list.

Discover Japanese Comforts in New York City

Have you been living in New York City— be it 2 weeks, 6 months, or even more than a year (!) — and yet find that you rarely venture below 110th Street to explore all that the city is famous for? Some of us, whether we lived in Asia for our entire lifetimes or for just three months, yearn for more than just lectures and intellectual discussion about hot issues like North Korea and the Six Party Talks. We crave exposure and access to the goods and services that we had when we once lived in Asia!

When I returned to New York after living in Japan for two years, I immediately found a cute little apartment in the East Village and chose that location simply because **Sunrise Mart**, a Japanese supermarket, was just three blocks away. Due to the somewhat significant population of Japanese artists living in the East Village, you can satisfy all your cravings in this neighborhood! Sunrise Mart, on the second floor of a building located on the south side of East 9th Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, boasts a selection of Japanese goods more extensive than the JAS Mart near Columbia. Take the N/R subway down to the 8th Street/New York University stop. On the same

street, next door to Sunrise Mart, you can also find **Panya**, an authentic Japanese bakery that sells soft buttery loaves of bread, sweet Japanese cakes and pastries of the *azuki* bean and green tea varieties, as well as great coffee and tea. Across the street, the best soba in Manhattan can be had at **Soba-ya**— the noodles rival Nagano's! A few stores down, past the sushi restaurants **Hasaki** and **Sharaku**, there is a sake bar called **Decibel**, which is small and a bit difficult to find as you need to descend some stairs. Also in that area is **Hoshi Coupe**, a trendy Japanese hair salon where you can get a hair cut for \$40+ which is worth just the head massage! If you prefer salty snacks, you can find a **small shop** a few more stores down from Hoshi Coupe that sells *okonomiyaki*, a Japanese-style pancake popular at festivals, and *takoyaki*, or octopus balls, just a few more stores down (closer to 2nd Avenue). In the summer time, that same shop sells *kakigoori*, or a light dessert consisting of a mountain of shaved ice doused with flavored syrup. On St. Marks Place/East 8th Street, also between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, **JAS Mart** has a much larger branch. On the upper level of JAS Mart, **Italian Tomato** offers Japanese fast food such as curry rice and you can rent videos here too, just as you can at Sunrise Mart.

In case you really want to indulge, **Beard Papa** recently opened a shop in the Astor Place area. It specializes in warm, fluffy cream puffs. This fabulous variety of Japanese foods, goods, and services are all located in just one tiny area of the East Village, but there are many more places in Manhattan that offer Japanese comforts. For instance, if you're craving *daifuku*, or Japanese rice dumpling filled with sweet bean paste, **Minamoto Kitchen** at Rockefeller Center has an excellent selection which makes for an ideal snack after browsing the books at **Kinokuniya Bookstore** just next door. There are excellent authentic Japanese restaurants in midtown— too many to mention here, but I must mention **Sakagura**, by my own modest standards, perhaps one of the best sake bars in Manhattan and is located on East 43rd Street. The next time you need a study break, I highly recommend that you venture on down to the East 9th Street area. It always makes me nostalgic for the time I lived in Japan.

-Aiko Lane, M.I.A. '05

New Asia Student Group Leaders

Congratulations to the new leaders of SIPA's East Asian student groups! Below is a list of these groups with a short description and the group leaders' contact details. If you are interested in getting involved in one of these groups, please contact their leaders.

Greater China Initiative (GCI)

Jimmy Zou (jz2107), Le Li (ll2178), Cheng Hong (ch2203), Ivy Yang (isy2101), Jocelyn Chan (jmc2111), Riga Tenzin (rt2123)

GCI aims to serve as a resource center for Columbia students who are interested in working, living, traveling or learning more about the Greater China region (China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong). It taps mainly into the resources and network available from SIPA's student body which hails from all parts of Greater China. The club aims to promote interaction and discussion between students interested in the region's economy, politics, business and social issues.

Korea Focus

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

Korea Focus is a student group founded to increase the level of Korea-related programming at SIPA. In the past, the group has organized film nights, a lecture series, an internship panel, and social events.

Mongolia Club

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

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.

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)

This group is open to everyone interested in Japan's politics, economy, culture and language. In addition to lectures and cultural events, NBK/JEF also hosts a Japanese language table. The group welcomes both Japanese and non-Japanese participants.

Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)

Kathleen Keiser (kek2112), Michael Roston (mr2302)

In addition to advocating the expansion of Southeast Asia-related course offerings, SEASI sponsors the annual Southeast Asia Culture Night, brown bag lectures, film nights, and dinner outings as well as other social and educational events.

Taiwan Focus

Jimmy Zou (jz2107)

Taiwan Focus seeks to bring attention to Taiwan, often forgotten in the shadows of its bigger neighbor.

Zhongwen Luntan/ China Forum

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

Zhongwen Luntan (China Forum) has two goals: to provide Chinese-speaking students an opportunity to practice their language skills and to share the culture and politics of greater China with the entire SIPA Community. Our activities include Mandarin language tables, field trips to New York's many Chinatowns, movie nights, and speaker presentations.

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.

Tuesday, February 1

Allah's Torch: Radical Islam in Indonesia in Perspective

Tracy Dahlby, Author, *Allah's Torch: A Report from Behind the Scenes in Asia's War on Terror* and Former Managing Editor of Newsweek International

Wednesday, February 2

Title (To be Announced at a Later Date)
Erich Shih, Washington Bureau Chief, TVBS Network

Wednesday, February 9

Reform of the Japanese Postal Finance System
Mark Scher, Director, Postal Financial Services Development and Former Head, United Nations Postal Savings for Development Project

Events @ Columbia

Tuesday, February 1

Relief Efforts in the Aftermath of the Indian Ocean Tsunami

7-8:15pm Lecture and Q&A

8:15-9pm Reception

Location: Low Memorial Library, the Rotunda, Columbia University

Dr. Waldman, senior faculty member and the director of the Center for Global Health and Economic Development at the Mailman School of Public Health, has been a key participant in the disaster relief efforts. He just returned from Banda Aceh, where he spent 3 weeks leading a World Health Organization (WHO) tsunami-relief mission.

Following the lecture Dr. Waldman will be presented with a donation check, the funds for which are continued to be raised by student groups all over the university. All of the proceeds of this fundraiser will go to Save the Children. If you are unable to attend the lecture but would make a donation, please send check payable to "Save the Children" to the following address:

Office of Student Development Activities
Attn: Save the Children
2920 Broadway MC2601
515 Lerner Hall, Columbia University
New York, NY 10027

For more information, contact Angela Ongoco at mo2056@columbia.edu. The event is sponsored by Barnard-Columbia Undergraduate Public Health Society and the Earth Institute at Columbia University.

Monday, February 14

Japan, APEC, and East Asian Economic Cooperation

4-6pm, reception to follow

Location: Kellogg Conference Center, 15th floor, IAB

The **Center on Japanese Economy and Business** presents a Mitsui USA Symposium, co-sponsored by the APEC Study Center of Columbia University. Speakers include: **Peter Drysdale**, Emeritus Professor of Economics and Visiting Fellow in Policy and Governance in the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University; **Takatoshi Ito**, Professor, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, The University of Tokyo. Discussants include: **Merit Janow**, Professor in the Practice of International Economic Law and International Affairs, SIPA, Co-Director, Columbia's APEC Study Center; **Hugh Patrick**, Director, Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Co-Director, Columbia's APEC Study Center. Chair: **David Weinstein**, Carl S. Shoup Professor of the Japanese Economy, Department of Economics, Columbia University. RSVP required, please contact jo2147@columbia.edu.

Other events around town

Gallery Talk: Songs of Flying Dragons The Meaning of Dragons in Korean Folklore

Wednesday, February 2, 7 pm
Held at the Korea Society • 950 Third Avenue,
Eighth Floor • New York, NY 10022
(entrance on the SW corner of 57th Street)

Folklore specialist, **Heinz Fenkl**, explains the meaning of the dragon in both the East and West. This program is being presented in conjunction with an exhibition at The Korea Society, entitled *Songs of Flying Dragons*. This program is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required. For more information, please call Jinyoung Kim at 212-759-7525 ext. 316, or email jinyoung.ny@koreasociety.org.

Exhibition: *Songs of Flying Dragons* features four paintings and one sculpture from the Lea Sneider collection. The exhibition will be open from February 2 to April 15, 2005. Admission is free; viewing hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 am–5 pm.

New York Premiere: From Hutong to Highrise

Tuesday, February 1, 6:30–8pm
Held at the Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue at 70th Street, New York.

In 2002 urban planning students Beatrice Chen and Jasper Goldman traveled to China to document the way of life in the rapidly disappearing hutongs (narrow lanes) and siheyuan (courtyard houses) of Old Beijing. The filmmakers discovered, amidst this quest for modernization, both a lifestyle on the verge of extinction and an urgent debate between residents, preservationists, urban planners and developers over the future of the city. Discussion with the filmmakers and architect/photographer **Sze Tsung Leong** follows the screening.

Cosponsored by the China Institute, Asia Society, World Monuments Fund and Museum of Chinese in the Americas. \$5 student / \$7 member / \$10 nonmember. Call the Asia Society box office at 212-517-ASIA for tickets.

Preserving China's Old Dwellings

Tuesday, February 8, 6:30–8pm
Held at the China Institute • 125 E. 65th Street,
New York, NY 10021

At a time in which cities and villages throughout China are undergoing extraordinary transformation, this talk highlights not only the regrettable massive demolition of old houses and other historic structures, even complete settlements, but also the transformation of some of them into heritage landscapes for tourists. **Ronald G. Knapp** is SUNY Distinguished Professor Emeritus, State University of New York New Paltz and author of a companion set *China's Old Dwellings* (2000) and *China's Living Houses: Folk Beliefs, Symbols, and Household Ornamentation* (1999), and a new coffee table-type book *Chinese Houses* (2005) with photographs by A. Chester Ong.

*\$10 member / \$12 non-member

Chinese Cinema: Hitchcock with a Chinese Face

Friday, February 11, 6:30–9:30pm
Held at the China Institute • 125 E. 65th Street,
New York, NY 10021

A discussion of three outstanding films that demonstrate the ironic borrowing of Western cinematic culture to critique the impact of foreign values entering the Chinese moral sphere. Clips from *Suzhou River* (dir. Lou Ye, China, 2000) and *Good Men, Good Women* (dir. Hou Hsiao-hsien, Taiwan, 1995), followed by a full screening of *The Day the Sun Turned Cold* (dir. Yim Ho, Hong Kong, 1994.) English subtitles.

Jerome Silbergeld is Professor of Chinese Art History and Director of the P. Y. and Kinmay W. Tang Center for East Asian Art at Princeton University and the author of *Hitchcock with a Chinese Face: Cinematic Doubles, Oedipal Triangles*, and *China's Moral Voice* (2004).
\$5 member / \$7 non-member

Corporate Luncheon Panel Discussion: Measuring & Rewarding Good Corporate Governance

Tuesday, February 15
12-12:30 pm Registration & reception

12:30 – 1 pm Luncheon
1 – 2:30 pm Panel discussion

Join us as they explain why corporate governance and corporate citizenship is not only important but good for business, and explore some of today's hot topics in corporate governance. Panelists include: **Howard Sherman**, COO, GovernanceMetrics International; **Timothy Smith**, Senior Vice President & Director of Socially Responsible Investing, Walden Asset Management; **Ken Sylvester**, Assistant Comptroller for Pension Policy, Office of the Comptroller, City of New York. Presider: **Carol Hymowitz**, Senior Editor, The Wall Street Journal.

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

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.

China Institute Positions

Position: Children's Program Manager
China Institute seeks an experienced professional to manage and expand its children's programs. Currently these include after-school and Saturday language and culture classes for children aged 3-10, weekend family workshops and the development and management of in-school offerings that teach Chinese culture through music and the arts.

Responsibilities include: marketing and outreach to families and schools, expanding program delivery to new venues, interface with parents and children, and supervising adjunct teachers. The ideal candidate will have at least a B.A. (M.A. preferred) experience working with children, families and schools, a background in Chinese language and/or culture, and excellent organizational and communication skills. The successful candidate will be both a self-starter

and a team player with a strong sense of responsibility yet capable of multitasking in a dynamic workplace. China Institute offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. **To apply:** Please send letter and CV to Office of the President, China Institute, 125 East 65th Street, NY, NY 10021.

Position: Assistant Director of Education
China Institute seeks an experienced professional to assist the Director of Education in managing a wide variety of educational programs serving a varied constituency including teachers, adult students, children and teens. Current initiatives include Study Abroad (for teens), Chinese language teaching (adults and children), and a wide variety of professional development programs for teachers. In the near future, new initiatives will include launching an educational website, establishing summer teacher institutes and training Chinese language teachers. **Requirements include:** an M.A. in a related field, Chinese language skills, and experience in program development and/or management. The ideal candidate will be highly organized with excellent computer and Internet skills, experience in creating and tracking budgets, and good communication and interpersonal skills. Experience in curriculum design is a plus, as is in-country experience in the PRC. China Institute offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package.

To apply: Please send letter and CV to Office of the President, China Institute, 125 East 65th Street, NY, NY 10021.

AIG Corporate Research & Development Department

Position: Summer Intern

Job description: Research and write strategic research reports - on a broad range of business, economic and political topics in Asia - for senior management and profit centers. Collect economic and insurance market information on Japan, in both Japanese and English. Track the local news of Japan and Korea and compile a list of relevant headlines on a weekly basis for the R&D department's Weekly News Digest newsletter.

Qualifications: Fluency in Japanese and English languages; Strong writing and research skills, both

in English and Japanese; Basic knowledge of economics/statistics and politics (international and Japanese); Familiarity with Japan's business culture, ability to work independently and liaison with managers in Japan and the US.; Any additional language is a plus.

To apply: Please send your CV and a writing sample (3-5 pages) to Ryohei Nakagawa at <ryohei.nakagawa@aig.com> or Stephen Fromhart <stephen.fromhart@aig.com> by February 4, 2005.

Japan Society

Position: Senior Program Officer, Global Affairs Department

General description: Conceive, plan and implement business, finance and policy-oriented programs for Japan Society's Corporate Membership and related audiences. Create and oversee annual budget. Oversee and manage administrative and logistical tasks. Provide support to Policy Programs when necessary.

Primary responsibilities:

Develop and implement lectures, conferences, corporate luncheons and other public and private events for the Corporate Program; Create and maintain annual budget for Corporate Program; Liaise with corporate sponsors and other VIPs; Work with Special Events on private events for VIPs and prospects; Oversee corporate rentals; Conceive and execute outreach for Corporate programs; Oversee travel and other logistics for speakers, including audio/visuals, translations, books and handouts

Qualifications:

Interest in and knowledge of international business and financial markets; Knowledge of word-processing; knowledge of Internet, email and databases; Superior organizational skills, including ability to keep track of many details at once; Ability to work with a variety of people and different projects; Superior writing and oral skills; Ability to be self-starter; Experience in public and familiarity with Japan and Japanese customs a plus. Minimum: Bachelors degree. Minimum: two or more years experience.

To apply: Contact Jeffrey Lundberg
Director, Human Resources
Japan Society, Inc.
333 East 47th Street
New York, NY 10017

PH: (212) 715-1238 FX: (212) 832-1155

The Mainichi Newspapers

Position: Part-time intern in New York office.

Responsibilities include: Researching, transcribing interviews, making appointments, and other editorial and clerical work. The intern is expected to work for 2 to 3 days in a week for at least three months from the mid-February. The intern has to be a native English speaker with great knowledge of American culture and communication skills. Work experience in Japanese companies or living experience in Japan is plus. Familiarity with international affairs and American politics are desired. This is basically an unpaid internship opportunity.

To apply: Please send your resume and a single-space, one-page essay that explains why you are interested in this position to mainichiny@aol.com or to 212-765-1243 (fax). The application package is due on Feb. 11, 2005. Selected candidates are notified of interview dates.

Human Rights Watch

Position: Intern, Human Rights Watch Children's Rights Division

Internship Description: The Children's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch is looking for one part-time (15-20 hours/week) Bahasa Indonesian-speaking intern to work closely with our New York-based researcher for the Spring term of 2004. The selected intern will contribute to a new project on child domestic workers in Indonesia. This internship is open to graduate students, recent graduates, and qualified undergraduates. The selected intern will review and summarizing Indonesian language materials and monitoring the Indonesian press. The internship will consist of considerable translation duties, have a strong research and writing component, and will also entail work of an administrative and clerical nature. Internships are generally unpaid, although work-study funds are available. Academic credit can often be arranged, 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 foreign and domestic government officials, and opportunities to attend

lectures and special events relating to human rights.

Qualifications: Applicants should be well-organized, self-motivated and reliable, with a demonstrated interest in international human rights. Relevant coursework is highly desirable, and a high level of proficiency in Bahasa Indonesian is required. The applicant must have demonstrated organizational skills, excellent writing and communication skills and strong computer literacy (i.e., Microsoft Office, Internet applications). Resourcefulness, self-motivation and close attention to detail are also desired.

To Apply: Please e-mail a letter of interest, resume, and contact information for two references to muhamms@hrw.org as soon as possible. Use "Indonesia Internship" as the subject of your e-mail. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

Indian Ocean Tsunami

The Weatherhead East Asian Institute Program Assistants would like to extend our deepest sympathy to those who were affected by the tragedy that occurred so unexpectedly over the holiday season. We would like to help raise funds and thus there may be donation drives at select APAC events over the course of the semester. If you would like to contribute to the relief effort on an individual basis, we have listed some information below.

Resources and Information on Tsunami Relief

Columbia University is reaching out to the members of our community from Indian Ocean Rim nations, as well as students, faculty and staff who might have been traveling to the area during the winter break. To date, we have not received reports of injury or hardship among members of our community, but working through our deans and student affairs offices, we will continue this outreach.

The Health Services Department stands ready to assist the Columbia community. Health information and counseling is available to all students, staff and faculty. For more information,

or to schedule an appointment at Counseling & Psychological Services, please call (212) 854-2284 or email health@columbia.edu. For students with related insurance questions who are covered under Columbia's student medical insurance plan, please contact our insurance office at (212) 854-7210 or email hs-enrollment@columbia.edu.

In addition, student groups and other organizations are encouraging donations to reputable organizations involved with the relief efforts. The University will continue to assess ways to assist on the ground and will be updating this information as it becomes available. Below is list of several nonprofits active in the region.

<http://www.redcross.org/>
<http://unicef.org/>
<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>
<http://www.savethechildren.org/>
<http://www.careusa.org/>
<http://www.theirc.org/>

Additional Resources

New York City Web site: www.nyc.gov

Columbia University International Students and Scholars Office: (212) 854-2284 or isso@columbia.edu

Office of the University Chaplain: (212) 854-1493 or chaplain@columbia.edu

Columbia University Office of Public Safety: (212) 854-2796 or cu-security@columbia.edu (For emergencies only, call (212) 854-5555)

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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 Jocelyn at jmc2111@columbia.edu.