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An Epicurean Excursion into Tastes of Asia

The APAC annual Taste of Asia Mega Event held on Nov 9 was a tremendous success. If the intention of the organizer was to blow away any comparison to previous year's, it certainly succeeded. No effort was spared for the biggest feast of the semester at APAC.



Delectable, mouth-watering dishes made appearances from 9 different countries in the Asia Pacific region. Over 160 epicures from the Columbia University community joined us for this gastronomic extravaganza. They got to enjoy fresh *sushi* from Japan, exotic *bulgogi* from Korea, delicate summer rolls from Vietnam, spicy ginger salad from Burma, wicked fried banana desserts from Thailand, scrumptious *momos*



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Up and Coming Events...

APAC

- **China Internship Panel**
Thursday, November 18, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, IAB 918
- **APAC Movie Night! Director Wong Kar-wai's *Days of Being Wild***
Friday, November 19, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, IAB 918

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

- **Language Table – all levels welcome. To be followed by Pan-Asian dinner at Swish**
Friday, November 19, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, IAB 918
- **Lecture "From Anpo to Roppongi"** with Mr. John Wheeler, Former Vice President of Japan Society, and Mr. Robert Immerman, Senior Research Associate, WEAI. The lecture will cover topics ranging from Japanese culture, politics, Anpo (the U.S.-Japan security system) to Roppongi Hills
Tuesday, November 23, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, IAB 918

Zhongwen Luntan / China Forum

- **Chinese Movie Night! Showing "Infernal Affairs II"**
Thursday, November 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, IAB 501
- **Mandarin Language Table - all levels are welcome to attend!** Drinks and snacks served.
Friday, December 3, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, IAB 918

END OF YEAR PARTY !!!!

Friday, December 3, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Lerner Hall Basement

Don't miss this special end-of-year bash before we say goodbye to Fall 2004! Join us for food, drinks, dance, entertainment and performances!

- Jointly sponsored by APAC, China Forum, Korea Focus, NBK, and Friends of Japan (Teachers College)

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from Tibet, tasty chicken *adobo* and *longanisa* from the Philippines, steaming Chinese fresh fish, incomparable (according to our tastebuds) *char koay teow* and satay from Malaysia, and of course multi-colored soda from the United States.



Hats off to Victoria Greenberg of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute for her exquisite home-made Filipino dessert *leche flan* that was a tremendous hit. We thank everyone who joined us in this culinary tour of East Asia and we especially thank the volunteers who helped us with the organization.

Welse talks about Malaysi under Badawi

It's one year into the new administration of Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi of Malaysia. APAC was delighted to invite SAIS Professor Bridget Welsh to give an update on the new administration.



Professor Welsh spent her childhood in Malaysia, speaks fluent Bahasa Malaysia and is an expert on Malaysian politics. Her talk on Nov 4, titled "Malaysia Under Badawi: Treading Water or Swimming" gives a rosy but cautious assessment of Badawi's administration. APAC wishes to thank Professor Welsh for

making the trip and hopes to invite her here again in the near future.

Chinese media panel discusses progress and room for improvement

Greater China Initiative (GCI) held the third part of the China Week program on Thursday November 11. A distinguished panel of academics and journalists spoke about their concerns on the media in China. The panel was moderated by Professor Peter Kwong, Professor of the Asian American Studies Program, Hunter College and author of numerous books dealing with Chinese immigrants in the US, and panelists included Professor Anya Schiffrin, Adjunct professor and co-director of IMC concentration; Ms. Zhifang CUI, former Editor-in-Chief, CCTV Finance Channel; Mr Qingchuan LIAN, Editor of the 21st Century World Herald, and Mr. Xiaoping QU, Chief of CCTV at UN Bureau NY. The panelists shared candid views on the current state of the Chinese media and its shortcomings. The panel and audience also engaged in stimulating debates over sensitive issues regarding censorship, corruption and press freedom in China. GCI would be grateful to Professor Schiffrin for her advice and tremendous support of this panel.

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.

Thursday, November 18

Mongolia Unbound: A Panel Discussion on Politics, Economy and Society

George Kallander, Ph.D. Candidate, EALAC
Bat-Erbdeen Baatar, MIA Candidate, SIPA
Ganbat Chuluunkhu, MIA Candidate, SIPA
Jargalan Batbayar, BA Candidate, Barnard College

Wednesday, December 1

4:00 - 5:30 pm

New Horizons in Japanese Historywriting

A book talk by *Alan Tansman*, author of *The Culture of Japanese Facism* (California, 2005)
Co-sponsored by the Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

Wednesday, December 8

4:00 - 5:30 pm

New Horizons in Japanese Historywriting

A book talk by *Laura Hein*, author of *Reasonable Men, Powerful Words: Political Culture and Expertise in Twentieth-century Japan* (California, October 2004)
Co-sponsored by the Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

Events @ Columbia

The Center on Japanese Economy and Business presents a symposium on "**Solutions for Japan's Economic Problems**". Fri., November 19, 2004, 8:30am-1:00pm. Co-sponsored by the Japan Society, New York. Speakers include: **Anil Kashyap**, Edward Eagle Brown Professor of Economics and Finance, University of Chicago; **Takatoshi Ito**, Professor, Graduate School of Economics and Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, University of Tokyo; **Kenneth Kuttner**, Danforth-Lewis Professor of Economics, Oberlin College
Hugh Patrick, Director, Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School; **David Weinstein**, Carl S. Shoup Professor of the Japanese Economy, Columbia University. Held at Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street, New York. RSVP required, please contact jo2147@columbia.edu

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

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Other events around town

Film: Ping Pong

Friday, November 19th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Asia Society, \$7 members; \$10 nonmembers; \$5 students

Based on a *manga* (comic) by Matsumoto Taiyo, Ping Pong sparkles with digital gymnastics. The film features rising young Japanese screen stars Yosuke Kubozuka and Arata. Their characters' longtime friendship and rivalry at the ping pong table is challenged by an apparently invincible player from China. Print courtesy Asmik Ace Entertainment, Inc..

Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue at 70th Street
Tel: 212-517-ASIA

Panel Discussion: Promoting Religious Freedom Abroad: The Scope of U.S. Foreign Policy

Tuesday, November 30, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Asia Society, \$10 members/NGOs; \$15 nonmembers; \$7 students

With religious freedom increasingly under attack in many parts of the world, the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (IRFA) has become an essential element of US foreign policy, which seeks to monitor religious persecution and discrimination around the world. The 2004 IRFA Annual Report lists several Asian countries - Burma, China, Iran, North Korea and Vietnam - as "countries of particular concern" (CPC) subject to possible sanctions under the Act. Panelists will examine the reason and rationale for the creation of the IRFA and its attendant Commission and State Department office. Keynote address by: Preeti Bansal, Chair of U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

Panelists: Saman Zia-Zarifi, Deputy Director, Asia Division of Human Rights Watch; Peter Awn, Professor of Religion & Dean of General Studies, Columbia University; and Andrew Nathan, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Columbia University (moderator).

Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue at 70th Street
Tel: 212-517-ASIA

Lecture: Ton Nu Thi Ninh—Building a Sound Vietnamese American Relationship

Tuesday, December 7th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Asia Society, \$7 members; \$12 nonmembers; \$5 NGOs/academic

Drawing on her academic experience in Europe, diplomatic activities on global issues and as Vice Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly, Ambassador Ninh addresses a range of crucial issues in U.S.-Vietnam relations. She examines trade conflict, human rights, educational exchange and cooperation on terrorism. Personally determined to strengthen the emerging relationship between the U.S. and Vietnam, Ambassador Ninh has been a key leader in the country's efforts to integrate itself with the contemporary world.

Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue at 70th Street
Tel: 212-517-ASIA

Film: Small Toys (Xiao Wanyi) 1933

Friday, December 3, 6:30-9:30 pm

China Institute, \$5 member / \$7 non-member

Directed by Columbia University-educated film director, Sun Yu, *Small Toys* is a silent drama about an ordinary woman whose life is torn apart by war and economic exploitation. The film stars two Chinese screen divas - Ruan Lingyu and Li Lili - as a mother and daughter who flee their small town and move to Shanghai. This gripping melodrama features stunning performances by Ruan and Li set against the type of progressive, patriotic background typical of the silent masterpieces pioneered by Shanghai's Lianhua Studios.

China Institute, 125 East 65th Street, New York, NY

Tel: 212-744-8181

Business Roundtable: Cross-Border M&As and Joint Ventures: Practical Considerations for Acquiring or Starting Joint Ventures with Korean Businesses with Nelson K. Ahn, Esq., Partner Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood, LLP

**Thursday, December 2, 11:30–Noon
Registration • Noon–2:00 pm Luncheon & Presentation**

Korea Society, \$20 member /\$25 non-member

Notwithstanding the Korean government's continuing effort to create a better legal and regulatory environment for foreign investment, making acquisitions or starting joint ventures remain significant challenges for U.S. investors. Nelson K. Ahn will discuss investment procedures in Korea to help investors navigate through the unfamiliar, but potentially rewarding, process, from the pre-acquisition phase to the closing. Registration required, please visit <http://www.koreasociety.org/>. Korea Society, 950 Third Avenue, Eighth Floor (entrance on the SW corner of 57th Street)

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 jmc2111@columbia.edu.

The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)

Leadership and Advocacy Program Manager
The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) seeks an experienced trainer, technical assistance provider, and public-policy advocate to serve as a full-time "Leadership and Advocacy Program Manager" based in Washington, DC. SEARAC is the national organization dedicated to advancing the interests of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans through leadership development, capacity building, and community empowerment. For more information about SEARAC visit <http://www.searac.org/>.

Responsibilities: Provide training and technical assistance services in leadership development to leaders of diverse refugee organizations nationwide; serve as the main organizer for the annual "Leadership-Advocacy Training," which gathers together fifty Southeast Asian

Americans and friends in Washington, DC, for training in leadership, advocacy, and strategic communications, and for meetings with Members of Congress and Administration officials. Supervise volunteers and temporary staff brought in for the training; conduct policy analysis and advocacy on issues such as immigration (including deportation), education, health, and economic empowerment; assist with fundraising and reporting for programs under the position's management; supervise between one and three interns each summer; represent SEARAC in coalition meetings as appropriate.

Qualifications: Two or more years of experience in technical assistance and training with refugee and/or immigrant leaders or organizations; Two or more years of experience with policy analysis and advocacy; Undergraduate degree; Excellent writing skills; Experience with drafting reports to funders; Extensive knowledge of Southeast Asian American communities, cultures, and languages.

Application Procedure: Please submit a cover letter and resume to: Southeast Asia Resource Action Center. Attn: Project Manager Search 1628 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009 Fax: 202/667-4690, E-mail: searac@searac.org
* No phone calls please.

BGS Interpretation Services Linguist Positions

Exciting opportunities for linguists! BGS Interpretation Services, a world leader in language services, is currently looking for candidates to fill linguist positions for federal clients in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Available positions offer flexible work hours with competitive pay. Work includes, but is not limited to: transcription, translation, interpretation and other related work. The following languages are in high demand for legal aliens or U.S. citizens: Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, German, Italian, Arabic, Balochi, Creole, Kurdish (Kurmanji, Sorani, Gorani), Tagalog, Ilocano, Serbian, Farsi, Hebrew

The following languages are in high demand for U.S. citizens ONLY: Indonesian, Korean, Malay, Urdu, Dari, Dutch, Pashto, Uigur

Minimum Requirements: Able to pass a criminal background check, credit check and drug screening; Bachelor's degree in a related field and/or at least five years experience as a linguist/translator or related work; Typing speed in English of 30-40 wpm; Preferred **Requirements:** Security Clearance, State Interpreter Certification or a language certification; previous linguist/intelligence gathering experience.

Gourmet Magazine Freelance Research Editor Position

Duration: One Week (Mon. Nov. 29-Fri. Dec. 3); **Hours:** 10 am-6 pm; **Location:** Gourmet offices, Conde Nast Building, 4 Times Square

Duties: Fact-check a feature article, "Food Lover's Guide to Shanghai." Telephone restaurant owners, store owners, chefs, hotel managers, etc., in Shanghai and verify that the information in the article is accurate. Using the magazine's library and other resources, check the spelling of all geographical names, the spelling and description of all foods mentioned in the piece, and so on.

Necessary Qualifications: Fluency in Mandarin (Wu dialect a plus) and English

Ideal Qualifications: A knowledge of Shanghainese cuisine or of Chinese cuisine more generally; a knowledge of the city of Shanghai; journalism experience

Deadline: ASAP -- EMAIL RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO: Beth Kracklauer
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Asia-related Student Groups

Below is a list of student groups that operate independently under the APAC umbrella. If you are interested in getting involved in one of these groups, please contact them.

China Forum/Zhongwen Luntan

Daniel Lee (del2103), Jenna Wimberley (jmw2110), Cheng "Rex" Hong (ch2203), Ivy Yang (isy2101), Le Li (ll2178)

Greater China Initiative (GCI)

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

Korea Focus

Mina Kim (mk2350), 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 Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum

Aikojean Lane (al2220), Yumi Shindo (ys2073), Daniel Lee (del2103), Emi Nakane (en2114), Haruhisa Ohtsuka (ho2109)

Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)

Jenna Capeci (jac2113), Tu Dang (td2119)

Taiwan Focus

Jimmy Zou (jz2107)

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