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Nuts about APAC

We all agree that our social life at SIPA is just as crucial a part of our graduate experience as our academic pursuits. Because the friends we make here might one day be the one who gets you your next job, or - as Dean Andersen always reminds us - the one who becomes the next President of a nation!

APAC threw a Beer and Nuts Social on October 15 to give students a chance to mingle and network with future policy makers who will steer Asia's economic development and shape Asia's security policy.



A selection of Asian beers and a variety of nuts brought over 60 students to the party. But don't be

mistaken, the beer was not the draw, wasabi nuts were the crowd pleaser of the night!

APAC would specially like to thank Sidney Nakahodo and the Latin American Student Association (LASA) for donating a beer

keg to the party. Muchas gracias LASA! APAC will host more social events in the coming months. Don't miss out on



them, because they really are an important aspect of the overall SIPA experience.

Up and Coming Events...

APAC

- **Brownbag lecture on "Malaysia under Badawi: Treading Water or Swimming"**
Bridget Welsh, Assistant Professor of SE Asian Studies, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University
Thursday, November 4, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, IAB 918
- **Taste of Asia !!!**
Join us for a culinary expedition in great tasting foods from all over Asia.
Tuesday, November 9, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, IAB 918

SEASI

- **Brown bag lectures on Human Rights Activism on Burma**
Thursday November 4, 4:00 - 5:30 pm IAB 1512

Korea Focus

- **Movie Night "The Way Home" (Jibeu-ro)**
Thursday, November 4, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, IAB 918

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

- **Language Table #3 and Social Hour!**
Friday, November 5, 2004, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, IAB 918

Zhongwen Luntan / China Forum

- **Mandarin Language Table** - all levels are welcome to attend! Drinks and snacks served. Only two more left this semester!
Fridays, November 12 & December 3, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, IAB 918

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Write your PAs!

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APAC cosponsors talk by China's AIDS activist with CAAN

Dr. Wan Yanhai, China's foremost AIDS and human rights activist gave a talk on AIDS, Activism and the Struggle for Human Rights in China on October 20. The talk was cosponsored by APAC and the Columbia Aids Action Network (CAAN), our first collaborative effort. Dr. Wan candidly shared his experience in working on AIDS prevention in China at the NGO *Aizhi* which



he founded. He also spoke about the politics of, and government attitudes towards, NGOs in

general in China. Dr. Wan kindly provided us with a directory of HIV/AIDS NGOs in China; interested students can contact the APAC PAs, or CAAN for more information. APAC hopes to have more opportunities in the future to collaborate with other student groups to bring lectures on diverse topics to our students.

Greater China Initiative launches first China Week program at SIPA

Greater China Initiative (GCI), a new student group at SIPA, held its first event this year called *China Week* on October 20. The first part of the China Week program was a photo exhibition on Images of Contemporary China displayed on the fourth floor of the SIPA building.



The second part of the program was a lecture series kicked-off by Professor Lü Xiaobo, Director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute who spoke about the rise of regulatory state in China. The talk was based on Professor Lü's research conducted in China and Hong Kong during his sabbatical leave last year. Over 40 students took advantage of this unique chance to hear Professor Lü's stimulating and comprehensive analysis of the changing role of the Chinese state. GCI is grateful to Professor Lü for taking the time to speak at its kick-off event, and also for being the group's advisor. GCI hopes to make *China Week* an annual program at SIPA to raise the awareness and interest of students in the dynamic Greater China region. Lastly, GCI would like to thank Dean Lisa Anderson and Professor Lü again for their support of the photo exhibition.



Do you want to try Malaysian, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai, Korean, Chinese, Burmese, Filipino, and Tibetan food all at the same time? Then don't miss APAC's Asian Culinary Extravaganza!!!

TASTE OF ASIA

Tuesday, Nov 9, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

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.

Wednesday, November 3

4:00 - 5:30 pm

New Horizons in Japanese Historywriting

A book talk by *Andre Schmid*, author of *Korea between Empires, 1895-1919* (Columbia, 2002)

Co-sponsored by the Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

Thursday, November 4

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, November 9

The International Crisis Group (ICG) and Conflict in East Asia

Robert Templer, Asia Program Director, ICG

Co-sponsored by the SIPA Program on Conflict Resolution

Wednesday, November 10

4:00 PM-5:30 PM

New Horizons in Japanese Historywriting

A book talk by *Michael Bourdaghs*, author of *Geographies of Identities in Nineteenth-century Japan* (California, 2004)

Co-sponsored by the Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

Events @ Columbia

Columbia Law School presents the Distinguished Lecture in Japanese Law, featuring **Masahiko Aoki**, Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Professor of Japanese Studies, Stanford University. The lecture will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2004, 6:30 - 8:00pm in Jerome Green Hall Room 107. Cosponsored by the Center for Japanese Legal Studies. RSVP required, please contact ymt6@columbia.edu

The Center on Japanese Economy and Business presents the Alternative Investments Seminar Series: "Should Hedge Funds be Regulated?" Keynote Address by **Harvey J. Goldshmid**, Commissioner, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Dwight Professor of Law, Columbia University. Panelists include: **Peter Cohen**, Managing Member, Ramius Capital Group, LLC; **Frank Edwards**, Arthur F. Burns Professor of Free and Competitive Enterprise, Columbia University; **Jack Gain**, President, Managed Funds Association; **Nobuyuki Kinoshita**, Director, The Financial Services Agency of Japan. RSVP no later than November 10th, 2004. Please visit <http://www-1.gsb.columbia.edu/japan/>

The Center on Japanese Economy and Business presents a symposium on "Solutions for Japan's Economic Problems". 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

Other events around town

Performance: Rediscovering the Map: Tan Dun's Music Journey Home

Friday, November 5, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Asia Society, \$12 members/students/seniors; \$16 nonmembers

Rediscovering The Map is a 30-minute documentary film that traces Academy and Grammy Award-winning composer Tan Dun's numerous journeys to rural Hunan in southwest China over a 20-year period. Following the film screening, Tan Dun is joined by Long Xian-E, a Miao singer featured in the film and cellist Kristina Reiko Cooper for a performance/demonstration and discussion.

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

Special Event: Asian Contemporary Art Week 2004

Tuesday, November 9 – Sunday, November 14

Asia Society, Free Admission

A citywide focus on Asian contemporary art in galleries and museums in New York. Events include lectures, exhibitions, receptions and performances. See new art, learn about artists, galleries and collecting in this new field. For more information, visit www.acaw.net.

Special Event: Sadako Ogata—Human Security in Asia

Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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

Ogata, of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, examines the concept of human security, an expanded definition of traditional notions of international security that aims to encompass a human dimension—people's lives, livelihoods and sense of well-being in harmony with the environment within which they live.

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AsiaStore: Scholars' Rocks

Thursday, November 11 – Sunday, November 14, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Asia Society, Free admission

AsiaStore presents an expanded collection of newly acquired scholars' rocks from the collection of Kemin Hu. Scholars' rocks, or "spirit stones," have been cherished by the Chinese for generations and are gaining appreciation in the West for their beauty and spiritual meaning.

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

Special Event: Facing AIDS in Asia: Photographs by Malcolm Linton

Monday, November 15 – Tuesday, December 14, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Asia Society, Free with admission

This display of photographs by Linton takes a closer look at the people struck by the AIDS epidemic in Southeast Asia, India and China. Images move from rehabilitation centers and hospitals to ghettos and brothels, bringing viewers face to face with individuals confronting the social and economic hardships that contribute to the AIDS emergency in Asia.

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

Panel Discussion: No Place to Go: Internally Displaced Persons in Myanmar (Burma)

Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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

Panelists discuss the plight of the estimated 650,000 to one million Burmese who have been driven from their homes by the military junta, either to state-controlled relocation sites and satellite towns or into hiding in the forests. Speakers examine the implications of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) crisis in Myanmar (Burma), and frame it in terms of the international debate on how to protect IDPs. Panelists include Saw Kwe Say, Burma Issues; Veronika Martin, US Committee for Refugees; and Roberta Cohen, The Brookings-SAIS Project on Internal Displacement. Advanced registration is highly recommended.

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

The Adventures of the Monkey King: A Beijing Opera

November 11, 12, 13, 8:00 – 10:00 pm

China Institute, \$30 member / \$35 non-member/\$20 student

Renowned Beijing Opera performer Ghaffar Pourazar celebrates the end of the Year of the Monkey with 3 performances in New York. This exciting opera, presented bilingually, is complete with acrobatics and humor and recounts the journey from China to India taken by a Buddhist monk accompanied by a monkey with magical powers. In collaboration with Cornell University East Asia Program.

*Held at The Skirball Center for the Performing Arts, 566 LaGuardia Place at Washington Square South. To purchase tickets, call 212-992-8484

Lectures: The A-Bomb & the Arts

Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 pm

Japan Society, \$10/ \$8 Japan Society members & seniors / \$5 Students.

From its initial, devastating impact to its still lingering social and political repercussions, the dropping of the atomic bomb was a watershed in modern history. Featuring artists, curators and critics, this panel discussion examines the impact the atomic bomb has had on the arts, including Makoto Aida, whose painting *A Picture of an Air Raid on New York City* was one of the most talked about works in “The American Effect” exhibition at the Whitney Museum last year. Moderated by Prof. John Whittier Treat, Department of East Asian Languages & Literatures, Yale University. Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street
Tel: 212-832-1155

Voices Program: Balancing Acts with Ty Pak
Thursday, November 18, 7:00 pm

Korea Society, Members Free/ Nonmembers \$7
The first generation Korean American immigrants perform balancing acts on a daily basis. Singularly devoid of beauty or grace, they straddle the two worlds, the one left behind and the other not quite arrived at. The second generation is infected by the same

malaise that gnaws at the first—troubled by the first generation’s clinging Korean nativity and complexes.... Author of *Guilt Payment*, *Cry Korea Cry*, and *Moonbay*, Ty Pak is a voice from a generation torn apart by the ravages of the war.

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.

**Pacific Bridge, Inc
Associates**

Pacific Bridge, Inc. (PBI) is an international consulting firm focused on Asia. PBI has two divisions: Business Development and Regulatory Assistance in Asia for Medical Companies (www.pacificbridgemedical.com), and Recruiting and HR Consulting in Asia (www.pacificbridge.com). Positions are available in these two divisions. Recent college, graduate school or graduates with a few years of work experience are welcome to apply. The candidate will be involved in consulting projects; computer-related issues; and research. Candidate requirements: 1) Must have at least a 3.3 GPA or higher; 2) Must have strong interest in Asia; 3) Must be hardworking, dedicated, loyal, and able to multi-task; 4) Extremely detail oriented; 5) Foreign language skills (Mandarin, Korean, etc.) a plus, but not required. Please send your resume and detailed cover letter, including an explanation of why you are interested in this position, to Shawna Lepage at slepage@pacificbridge.com. Resumes received without cover letters

referencing our websites will not be considered.
No phone calls please.

Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC) Volunteer

Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC), is currently looking for two international volunteers to work in a project field office Mae Suai District, Chiang Rai province in the north of Thailand. The project provides support to HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children as well as delivers prevention training to young people from hill tribes who are at risk of HIV infection. The volunteer will be expected to contribute to capacity building in the field office. The project field team comprises of 8 local staff. Specific capacity needs include: learning English speaking and reading; basic accounting and financial management skills; computer, internet and general IT skills; presentations and communications skills. It is expected that the volunteers will spend half of their time teaching English and giving training to local staff. In the remaining time, the volunteers will have an opportunity to travel with the project staffs to the hill tribes, experience the local lifestyle, as well as learn about the socio-political issues and health problems in the north of Thailand. This is **unpaid** position and no travel assistance is provided. However basic accommodation in Mae Suai will be provided. Knowledge of Thai language is not necessary, although it will be helpful. Preferred time of commitment is at minimum 2 months. To apply please send email to Pae at JPuttacharoen@edc.org including your CV and cover letter expressing your motivation to participate in this program as well as indicating the period of your availability. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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)

Korea Focus

Mina Kim (mk2350), Sung-Min Cho (sc746), Mimi Do (md2214), Song-Hee Kim (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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