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Welcome and 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 holds a variety of activities that are aimed at enhancing the community's awareness of East Asia economically, politically, and culturally. These activities range from cultural nights to social happy hours, from career and internship panels to lectures. Keep your eyes posted for further information on these events and other activities!

First APAC Social Event



APAC would like to invite you to our Welcome Back celebration, to be held on Wednesday, January 25 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the ever-popular Rm. 918 common room. The get-together will be an opportunity for us to catch up with fellow students and wish friends and colleagues a happy new year. The APAC PAs will also share their ideas for the upcoming semester and announce tentative dates for upcoming events. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions regarding what we might plan in the future and what we can do better! APAC programming is designed with student interest in mind, so if you have an idea for an activity or event, please let us know.

Up and Coming Events...

Asia-Pacific Affairs Council (APAC)

- **APAC Welcome Back Party**
Join us as we ease into the new semester and kick off an exciting season of APAC events! Pizza will be served. To be followed by happy hour at Radio Perfecto.
Wednesday, January 25, 6:00-7:00 pm
Rm. 918, IAB
- **Lunar New Year Party**
Come experience a New Year celebration Asia-style!
Tuesday, January 31, 6:30-7:30 pm
Rm. 918, IAB
- **Movie Night: "Yi Yi" (Taiwan)**
The poignant story of everyday life in a Taipei family. Food will be served.
Tuesday, February 7, 6:30-8:30 pm
Rm. 918, IAB

and don't forget..

- **Weatherhead East Asia Fellowships Information Session**
Friday, January 27, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Rm. 918, IAB

Questions? Suggestions? Write your PAs!

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Asia-related Student Groups

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

Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum

Stephanie Saulsbury (ss2803), Shu Tamaura (st2274), Kiyoto Tsuji (kt2193), Tomoyuki Oshino (to2138)

Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/Japan Exchange Forum) is open to everyone interested in Japanese politics, economy, culture, and language. Our goals are to: (i) establish a mutually-beneficial friendship between Japanese students and those from other countries by hosting seminars and social events; (ii) supply students who seek job opportunities in Japan with information for recruiting and internships; (iii) help students in their study of Japanese language; (iv) increase the level of interest and awareness of Japan. Visit us at www.geocities.com/nihonbenkyokai/.

China Forum/Zhongwen Luntan

Linda Li (wl2164), Manfred Elfstrom (ime2106), Yuan Wu (yw2184), Todd Osmundson (two2102), Alice Xie (afx1)

Zhongwen Luntan (China Forum) provides Chinese-speaking students an opportunity to practice their language skills and shares 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.

Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)

Michael Roston (mr2302), Kathleen Keiser (kek2112)

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.

Greater China Initiative (GCI)

Yi Su (ys2179), Qinghong Zou (qz2108)

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

Christina Hwang (jh2383), Mike Park (mlp2115)

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.



APAC News is produced by the Weatherhead East Asian Institute Program Assistants. If you would like to advertise your event or submit an article, send an email to Kevin at kjb2111@columbia.edu.

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Feature: Asia in the Apple



Martial Arts in NYC

By **Jonathan Fox**
APAC Investigative Reporter

Are you new in town and interested in Japanese martial arts? If you are, and like me not well acquainted with the area, let me tell you about some of the many opportunities available.

I had been practicing Aikido for some time before I came to SIPA and desperately wanted to keep it up. Martial arts fill different needs for different people, from the highly technical forms of Japanese swordsmanship to self-defense or just fun for those masochists who wish to become one with the mat.

As anyone who has ever tried to work out knows, it is very difficult to keep it up unless you have some form of structure. That structure is best provided in a Dojo, literally “hall” in Japanese, but used to denote martial arts centers. Since SIPA life is excellent in providing excuses why not to train (“its late, I have a paper due, where could I possibly go?”), I have put together a short list of different forms of martial arts going on around New York. New York is home to many schools, offering a wide range styles, techniques, and traditions of Japanese martial arts, all able to help us get our dilapidated bodies out of the library and on the tatami. In the words of Morihei Ueshiba, there are many paths up Mt Fuji, but one must stay on it. Below you will find your answers.

Aikido:

Columbia University:
<http://www.seventhstorm.com/aikido/>

Bond St. Dojo: <http://www.bondstreet.org>

New York Aikikai: <http://www.nyaikikai.com/>

Japanese Swordsmanship:

The Japanese Swordsmanship Society:
<http://www.ny-jss.org/>

New York Budokai:
<http://www.newyorkbudokai.net/>

Columbia University:
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/kendo>

Judo:

OISHI Judo Club: <http://www.oishi-judo.com/FRAME.htm>

(List of NY judo dojos):
<http://www.hudsonjudo.org/dojos/ny.html>

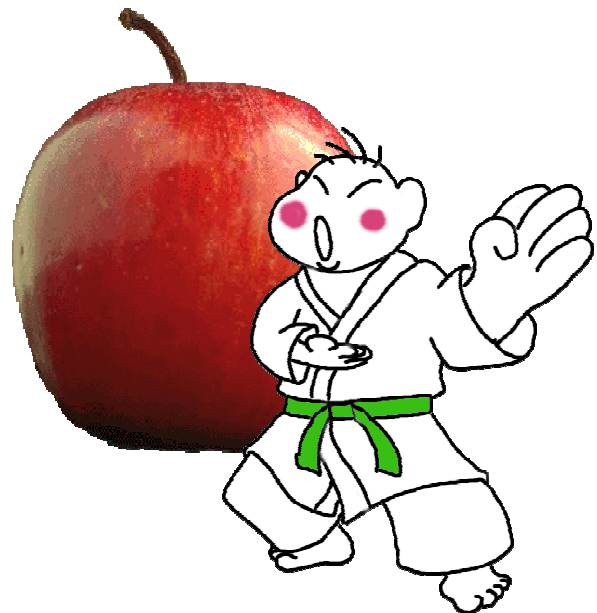
Karate:

Columbia University:
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/jka/>

Japan Karate Association (New York):
<http://www.jkany.org/>

(List of NY karate dojos):
<http://www.martialartsny.com/manhattan/karate.html>

Interested in more? Feel I left anything out?
Please contact me at JF2285@columbia.edu



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. For more information, please visit:
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/events.html>

Wednesday, January 25

“Going Public in the Thailand Securities Market before the Asian Crisis”

Fumiharu Mieno, Professor of Economics, Kobe University
Co-sponsored by the APEC Study Center

Thursday, January 26

“Islam and Modernity in China: Between Imperialism and Nationalism”

Zvi Ben-Dor, Assistant Professor of History and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at New York University and Remarque Institute Fellow.
12:30 PM-2:00 PM
1118 IAB

Presented in partnership with the Middle East Institute, Columbia University

Thursday, February 2

"Laughing Their Way Through the War: Newspaper Cartoons and Truth Syndromes during the Japanese Occupation of China, 1937-1945"

Timothy Brook, University of British Columbia
Part of the “Legacies of the Past” series.

Tuesday, February 7

"Honoring the Dynasty's Dead: Commemorative Practice in 19th Century China"

Tobie Meyer-Fong, John Hopkins University
Part of the “Legacies of the Past” series.

Other Events at WEAI

Weatherhead Policy Forum

Detuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia

Tuesday, January 31
4:00 PM-5:30 PM (reception to follow)
Faculty House, President's Room
400 West 117th Street, NY, NY 10027
RSVPs recommended and are given seating priority; contact ga2158@columbia.edu

Weatherhead Arts & Programming:

Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series *Floating Lives: Documentary Films from Contemporary China*

Thursday, March 23 - Friday, March 24, 2006
Schapiro Hall, Davis Auditorium (subject to change)

Floating Lives features three films from China's growing documentary film movement. The film's directors will visit Columbia to introduce their films and participate in Q&A sessions following screenings. An interdisciplinary panel discussion will further explore the films, the rise of the documentary form in contemporary China, and the social issues addressed in the films. All films are in Mandarin Chinese with English subtitles. For more information, please visit our website: http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/floating_lives_doc_film_series.html

Weatherhead Policy Forum: Ambassador Sun Zhenyu, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the WTO

Wednesday, April 5, 2006
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (reception to follow)
Faculty House, Presidents room
RSVPs recommended and are given seating priority; contact ga2158@columbia.edu

Weatherhead Fellowships

Weatherhead East Asian Institute Funding for Summer 2006/Academic Year 2006-2007

WEAI offers funding for East Asia-related research, internships, and language study for summer 2006 and academic year 2006-2007 through a variety of fellowships. The application deadline is March 3, 2006. For complete information on the many fellowships available, please visit our website at <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/funding.html>.

A general information session for graduate-level fellowships will be held as follows:

East Asia Fellowships Information Session
Friday, January 27, 2:30 PM-4:30 PM
Rm. 918, IAB

WEAI Undergraduate Training Grant

Weatherhead offers undergraduate funding for internships or research in East Asia. Students in Barnard College, Columbia College, and the School of General Studies may apply. Funding is available for summer 2006. The application deadline is March 3, 2006. Complete details including eligibility requirements and application forms are available at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/student_resources/whug_training.html

An information session at which 2005 award recipients will talk about their projects will be held as follows:

Undergraduate Grant Information Session
Friday, January 27, 12:30 PM -1:30 PM
Rm. 918, IAB

Other Events Around Columbia

The Seventh Annual Mitsui USA Symposium: Agents of Change: Women CEOs of U.S.-Based Japanese Subsidiaries

Monday, January 30, 2006
5:00-6:30 p.m. (Reception to Follow)
Feldberg Lounge, Warren Hall
1125 Amsterdam Avenue (at 115th Street)
Columbia University

Speakers: Melanie Hart, *President, Tsuchiya North America*; Yuki Hattori, *President, Dentsu Communications Inc.*; Discussant: Schon Beechler, *Associate Professor of Management and Director of the Columbia Senior Executive Program, Columbia Business School*; Chairs: Hugh Patrick, *Director, Center on Japanese Economy and Business*; R.D. Calkins *Professor of International Business Emeritus, Columbia Business School*

As major players in their industry, Tsuchiya, a key plastic molding supplier to global auto makers, and Dentsu Inc., the world's largest single-brand advertising agency, have promoted women to top positions in their U.S. operations. Melanie Hart, President of Tsuchiya North America, and Yuki Hattori, President of Dentsu Communications Inc., belong to an elite class of women at the helm of Japanese firms in the U.S. According to Teikoku Databank, of the 1.2 million companies surveyed, only 5.6% in Japan had female presidents. So why did these two companies set themselves apart? Hart and Hattori will share their personal success stories and discuss how they are managing the challenging dynamics they face today in their respective industries.

****Advance Registration REQUIRED**** Space is limited, so RSVP early to guarantee a seat.

To register, please email Jennifer Olayon at jo2147@columbia.edu or visit our website at www.gsb.columbia.edu/cjeb/events

Events around Town

Business Writers' Series featuring Tom Doctoroff – *Billions: Selling to the New Chinese Consumer*

Date: January 24th

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm program; 8:30 pm – 9:00 pm reception and book signing

Location: Asia Society, 725 Park Ave.

Cost: \$15 members; \$30 nonmembers; \$10 NGO/academic

Contact: 212-517-ASIA

Billions cracks the supposedly indecipherable code of marketing to the New Chinese Consumer—all 1.3 billion of them. Join author Tom Doctoroff as he discusses insights from his new book, which aims to both illuminate the critical role of Chinese “culture” in shaping buying decisions and translate consumer insights into strategies for long-term success in the Middle Kingdom. A reception and book signing will follow (www.asiasociety.org).

Forum with David Kang: “Emotion is Not the Problem: The US-ROK Relationship in Perspective”

Date: February 2nd

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Korea Society, 950 Third Ave. 8th fl.

Cost: \$10 members; \$15 nonmembers

Contact: RSVP required; visit

www.koreasociety.org or call 212-759-7525

The tension in U.S.-R.O.K. relations over recent years has been unmistakable. Why is it there? Diverging interests, explains David Kang. Although both South Korea and the U.S. want to remain strong allies, the partners aren’t seeing eye-to-eye on regional priorities and long-term strategies. Apocalyptic concerns about the end of the U.S.-R.O.K. alliance are overblown. In fact, despite the gloom, both countries have done an excellent job cooperating on Iraq and maintaining the alliance so far. However, the tension does mean that both the U.S. and South Korea need to find a new basis for their relationship. South Korea also needs to find a way to integrate North Korea into the region, move beyond shrill nationalism and ultimately co-exist with Japan and China (www.koreasociety.org)

Shamisen Festival! Agatsuma: Contemporary Shamisen Fusion

Date: February 8th and 9th

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Japan Society, 333 East 47th St.

Cost: \$30 members; \$35 nonmembers

Contact: 212-832-1155

Don’t miss Hiromitsu Agatsuma, the “messiah” of Japanese traditional instruments! A virtuoso

on tsugaru-shamisen (a three-stringed lute played in the fast aggressive style which originated in northern Japan), Agatsuma performs with a lively ensemble of traditional Japanese taiko drum, cello and piano, in a vibrant acoustic set—a testament to his constant exploration of the range of his instrument. Agatsuma’s trademark bridging of rock and traditional music creates an appealing pop sensibility from this new instrumental fusion without losing the essential Japanese folk spirit. Now a pop star in Japan, Agatsuma performed at Lincoln Center in 2004, following his sold-out U.S. debut at the Japan Society in 2003. The concerts will feature a world premiere piece by an American composer, written especially for the band (www.japansociety.org)

East Asia Opportunities

From time to time, *APAC News* will compile internship and employment opportunities for its readers. If you are interested in advertising an East Asia-related position, please email kjb2111@columbia.edu.

Two Positions at the Korea Society

Program Associate, Contemporary Issues and Corporate Affairs: The Korea Society, midtown nonprofit seeks a program associate to assist in coordinating and producing business and contemporary issue programs as pertain to Korea and U.S.-Korea relations and provide support for the development activities focused on corporate membership, marketing and fundraising programs. Duties include administrative support, research, communications and solicitations. Must have excellent communication (writing, reporting and computer) skills, be extremely organized/resourceful and team oriented with high energy level combined with an interest and understanding of U.S.-Korea contemporary and business issues. Bachelor’s degree and at least three years related experience in program planning and fundraising for a non-profit organization preferred. Resume and cover letter

MUST include salary history/requirements to: Human Resources, fax 212-759-7530 or susan.ny@koreasociety.org

Program Manager, Korean Studies: The Korea Society, nonprofit seeks a qualified person to assist in coordinating outreach educational programs and producing educational resources of Korean Studies. Duties include administrative support, research, editing and writing curriculum materials for print and website, communications and solicitations. Must have excellent communication (writing, reporting and computer) skills, be extremely organized/resourceful and team oriented with high energy level combined with an interest and understanding of history and culture of Korea. Master's degree in East Asian studies or Korean studies and experience in program planning and coordinating for a non-profit organization preferred. Resume and cover letter which MUST include salary history/requirements to: Human Resources, fax 212-759-7530 or e-mail susan.ny@koreasociety.org.

All applications for positions at The Korea Society should include a resume and an English cover letter with salary history and requirements. Applications should be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to: Human Resources, The Korea Society, 950 Third Avenue, Eighth Floor, New York, NY 10022; Fax: 212-759-7530; E-mail: susan.ny@koreasociety.org

Committee of 100 Internships

The Committee of 100 is a national, non-partisan organization that brings a Chinese American perspective to issues concerning Asian American and U.S relations with China. Founded in early 1990, it speaks out in a strong and unified voice for Americans of Chinese heritage on both domestic and international issues. The Committee pools the experience, knowledge and resources of Chinese Americans who have achieved prominence in a variety of fields. The two main missions are to promote full participation of Chinese Americans in all fields of American life; and to encourage constructive relations

among the peoples of the U.S. and Greater China.

Research Intern

Responsibilities: Assist Research Committee Co-chairs and Research Associate in developing (1) a new report card on APAs in senior management positions in the field of higher education and (2) a new report card on APA corporate directors for the Fortune 500 companies; assist in analyzing the results of the new C-100 survey; help execute and organize the results of the membership survey; draft proposals, solicitations, and reports.

Qualifications: Must: have previous research experience (questionnaire construction, data analysis, and report writing) – majors desired include the following: political science, sociology, psychology, and economics; be detail-oriented and have strong organizational and project management skills including the ability to keep multiple deadlines; have excellent communication, research, analytical, writing, and presentation skills; be familiar with MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Internet research tools; be either working on obtaining or have already obtained a graduate degree; be an Asia and Asian American enthusiast with lots of energy and creativity; be flexible and be able to manage multiple projects.

Schedule/Compensation:

.Candidates should be available to work 20-30 hours a week. Hours are flexible.

.This is a paid internship; course credit may be available.

Program/Office Intern (Full-Time and Part-Time Positions Available)

Responsibilities: Assist with general office duties and interface with C-100 members and the general public; update our database by using various programs including Raiser's Edge; create Excel spreadsheets and perform mail merge for special projects and special events; play an important supporting role in upcoming Annual Conference in San Francisco (April, 2006); participate in substantive social science research and public relations project as needed.

Qualifications: proficiency in MS Office Suite; familiarity with or willingness to learn Raiser's Edge; undergraduate or graduate student with initiative and ability to work independently; good telephone skills (previous experience working in an office environment is helpful); some level of maturity and initiative; respect for confidentiality of our members; highly organized, detail-oriented, and outgoing personality is preferable; energetic, creative, and analytical Asia and Asian American enthusiasts are strongly favored; ability to work on multiple projects concurrently in a fast-paced environment; some working knowledge of Mandarin is helpful; undergraduate degree in Asian American Studies, East Asian Studies, Ethnic Studies, Business, International Relations, or related fields preferred.

Schedule/Compensation:

.Candidates should be available to work 10-20 hours a week (part-time) or 40 hours a week (full-time). Hours are somewhat flexible.

.This is a paid internship

Please describe your availability in your cover letter and highlight why you would like to intern at the Committee's office. Submit cover letter and resume to: Kristine Young, Committee of 100, 677 Fifth Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10022; E-mail: kyoung@committee100.org; Fax: 212-371-9009

National Committee on American Foreign Policy Northeast Asia Projects Spring 2006 Internship

The National Committee on American Foreign Policy (NCAFP) was founded in 1974 by Professor Hans J. Morgenthau, Dr. George D. Schwab and others to serve as a nonprofit, independent foreign policy think tank to help shape U.S. foreign policy within the framework of political realism. It seeks to identify and to allay the gravest challenges to U.S. and global security.

Internship Description and Responsibilities: Must be an undergraduate senior or graduate

student. Students studying at local universities and those spending a semester in New York will be considered. Must be able to work a minimum of 12-15 hours per week. Internship will pay a \$600 stipend and/or may also be taken for school credit for the semester. U.S. citizens and international students eligible to apply.

In addition to assisting with the day-to-day activities of the Project Director and Assistant Project Director, we expect the intern to work with the Research Assistant on grant research and grant-writing. More specifically, the intern's time will be divided roughly as follows:

1. Researching grant-making organizations, general research related to current projects, and any other research requested by the Project Director (30%).
2. General administrative work such as filing, copying, faxes and answering phones (30%).
3. Grant-writing and editing (20%).
4. Conference and meeting planning (20%); currently we have three active track II Northeast Asia projects: U.S.-China-Taiwan relations and Breaking the China-Taiwan Impasse; Conference on Northeast Asian Security and the North Korean Nuclear Crisis; and Future of the Bilateral Alliances (US-Japan and US-ROK). Interns are encouraged to attend Northeast Asia Project meetings, as well as general NCAFP public programs and events.

Requirements: At least one year administrative experience. Knowledge of Northeast Asian security issues, preferably on the China-Taiwan cross-Strait issue and/or the North Korean nuclear issue. Strong research, writing, communication, organizational, facilitation and computer skills. Ability to multitask and attention to detail a must.

Requested Items: Cover Letter and Resume

Please send by email or fax to: Tiffany Chan, Research Assistant at EastAsia@ncafp.org or (212) 224-2524. No phone calls please.