



# APAC News

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## Noted Chinese Film Producer Visits Weatherhead Institute



On Wednesday, March 29, students and faculty turned out to view “The Village Documentary Project,” a film that looks at grassroots politics and budding democracy in rural China, and listen to producer Jian Yi talk about his experience in arranging the project. The event began with a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the recruiting and training of several Chinese villagers, who were selected from a pool of applicants for the originality behind their film proposals and their enthusiasm toward learning the tricks of the trade. After a brief talk and question and answer period with Jian Yi, the film itself was screened, a series of unpolished yet poignant vignettes depicting political life in small villages and the aggregate project of the amateur filmmakers. “The Village Documentary Project” will be released to DVD in the near future, so if you were unable to attend the event, keep an eye open at your local video store!

## Up and Coming Events...

### Asia-Pacific Affairs Council (APAC)

#### ▪ **East Asia End-of-year Graduate Reception**

Wish your grad student peers and Weatherhead Institute faculty an enjoyable summer!

Wednesday, May 10, 5:30 – 7:30 pm,  
Rm. 555 (Satow Room), Lerner Hall

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*:** This is a strictly monitored event for Columbia graduate students. We will be serving alcohol; therefore, you must present your Columbia ID AND a government-issued ID at the door to prove that you are over 21. This is fair warning, so no exceptions will be granted.

### Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/JEF)

#### ▪ **Annual Sushi-Salsa Celebration**

Co-sponsored with Latin American Student Association (LASA)

Thursday, April 27, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Ansell Plaza (outside IAB 6th floor)

Questions? Suggestions? Write your PAs!

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## Private Sector Career Panel

Below are some pictures from APAC's lively Private Sector Career Panel, which was held the evening of Monday, April 10 at Weatherhead. The event was well attended, and even the panelists had a good time meeting and speaking with enthusiastic Columbia students!



## Asia-related Student Groups

Below is a list of SIPA's East Asia student groups. If you are interested in getting involved with one, please contact them directly.

### ***Nihon Benkyokai/Japan Exchange Forum***

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Yi Su (ys2179), Qinghong Zou (qz2108)*

### ***Korea Focus***

*Christina Hwang (jh2383), Mike Park (mlp2115)*

Come and say goodbye to your grad student friends and Weatherhead faculty! Drinks and Asian hor d'oeuvres will be served.

**EAST ASIA  
GRADUATE RECEPTION**

**When:** Wednesday, May 10,  
5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Where:** Rm. 555 (Satow  
Room), Lerner Hall

## **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. To learn more, visit:  
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/events.html>

### **Thursday, April 27**

#### **"Contemporary Ramifications of 11th Century Sino-Tibetan Contacts and Conflict"**

*Bo Chen*, Visiting Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, formerly of Beijing University

## **Other Events at WEAI**

### **The Borton-Mosely Distinguished Lecture on Eurasia: "The US and Northeast Asia: A New Balance of Power? A New Concert of Powers? A New Asian Community?"**

*Michael Armacost*, former US Ambassador to Japan

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

5:00 - 6:30pm (reception to follow)

International Affairs Building, room 1501

This inaugural lecture honors Hugh Borton and Philip Mosely, the founders, respectively, of the East Asian and Russian Institutes.

## **Events around Town**

### **Lecture: Zheng Shiling--Contemporary Architecture and Growth in Shanghai**

*Date:* May 2nd

*Time:* 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

*Location:* Asia Society, 725 Park Ave.

*Cost:* \$5 students/faculty w/ID; \$7 members; \$12 nonmembers

*Contact:* 212-517-ASIA

<http://www.forumforurbandesign.org/>

Sponsored by the Forum For Urban Design and the Lincoln Institute. Zheng Shiling, Tongji University and Honorary President of the Architectural Society of Shanghai and Chief Curator of EXPO 2010 Shanghai presents a keynote address as part of the 2006 Journalists' Conference entitled Shanghai: Exploding Growth, co-hosted by the Asia Society and sponsored by the Forum For Urban Design and the Lincoln Institute. Zheng Shiling commands a unique perspective from which to explore contemporary Shanghai's astonishing transformation as he gives survey of current architectural developments in one of Asia's most dynamic cities and offers glimpse of Shanghai's rapidly unfolding future ([www.asiasociety.org](http://www.asiasociety.org)).

### **"The Evolving U.S.-Japan Alliance," with J. Thomas Schieffer, U.S. Ambassador to Japan**

*Date:* April 27th

*Time:* 12:00 – 2:00 pm

*Location:* Japan Society, 333 East 47th St.

*Admission:* Society individual members at the Patron level and above pay the discounted corporate member rate of \$45 for lunch and lecture, \$10 for lecture only. Nonmember admission: \$65 for lunch and lecture, \$15 lecture only. The academic and government admission rate is \$30 for the luncheon and \$10 for lecture only. When payment is required, prepayment must be made, or registration secured, with a credit card. All registrations and cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to the event. Substitutions are welcome.

*Contact:* 212.832.1155

The U.S. – Japan alliance is facing an increasing number of challenges early in the 21st century. Japan has responded to many of these issues, including continued tensions on the Korean Peninsula and China's extraordinary economic growth and increased defense investments, by demonstrating an increasingly proactive role in regional and global security. Perceptions of American unilateralism in economic and military matters throughout Asia raise questions of America's future ability to defend its economic and military interest in

the region. The shifting economic and political landscape in Asia, restructuring of U.S. military assets worldwide, threats presented by international terrorism, and energy security are among matters that make close and harmonious relations between the U.S.-Japan more critical than ever. U.S. Ambassador to Japan, J. Thomas Schieffer will highlight many of the issues affecting bilateral U.S. - Japan relations today and point out opportunities for closer collaboration in the coming years ([www.japansociety.org](http://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](mailto:kjb2111@columbia.edu).

### **English Teacher Positions in Refugee Camps on the Thai-Burma (Myanmar) Border**

Positions: English Teachers (2) to work in refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border.

Duration: The positions will start at the end of May 2006. A minimum commitment until the end of the school year in late March 2007 is required.

SEP: Specialized Education Program (SEP) is a senior secondary level school located in Umpiem Mai, which is a 90 minute car ride south of Mae Sot in Tak Province, Thailand. SEP is a secular school and was established in 2000. In the 2005-6 school year, there were 100 students and 10 teaching staff from diverse backgrounds. SEP is a three-year program and students are spread over 5 classes, with class sizes averaging 20 students. Students with a higher level of education can complete the program in two years.

KnPT: Karenni Post-10 (Arts and Sciences) is a senior secondary school located in Karenni Camp 1, approximately one hour from Mae Hong Son in Northern Thailand. It has a staff of six teachers and approximately 50 students,

mostly from Karenni and Shan States in Burma. KPT is a two-year program, with class sizes of around 25.

These courses are general academic programs, preparing students to be community workers, high school teachers and for further study in university preparation programs. Subjects currently taught include: English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Community Development. These positions require living in refugee camps. Schools will provide food and accommodation.

Duties and responsibilities:

- Teaching approximately 15 classes per week of English language.
- Planning lessons, preparing activities and adapting material to the local context.
- Planning and administering assessments including assignments and exams.
- Monitoring and evaluating student progress.
- Liaising with management in Chiang Mai, communication with local and international education organisations, report writing and feedback.

Selection criteria:

- Experience teaching English as a second language.
- A high level of fluency in written and spoken English.
- Degree from an English speaking university preferred.
- Experience in high-stress environments.
- Ability to blend into the camp environment (Asian background preferred).

Salary: 12,000 baht per month. The schools will cover visa costs and provide health insurance. For more information or to apply, please send a CV (with photo) and cover letter to [info@curriculumproject.org](mailto:info@curriculumproject.org)

### **Teach China Program Associate**

Teach China, China Institute's professional development for K-12 educators, is seeking a dynamic and experienced program associate to help plan, coordinate and administer various educational initiatives. The ideal candidate will

have an academic background in Chinese history, literature, art history, anthropology or international studies; as well as experience dealing with teachers and administrators in the public and private educational systems. Duties include workshop coordination, planning group travel to China, liaison with the New York Board of Education After School Professional Development Program, assisting in outreach efforts, as well as assist in applying for grants and reporting on grants. An MA degree is required, as are excellent writing and interpersonal skills, close attention to detail and a readiness to travel to China. Chinese language proficiency highly desirable. Minimum 2-3 years of related experience.

Send resume, cover letter and salary requirements to:  
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No phone calls please. Only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted. China Institute is an equal opportunity employer.

### **Travel Grants to China for Young Scientists and Policy Experts**

The U.S.-China Cooperation Program in Science Policy, Research, and Education is a decade-long initiative. It is built on the experience gained from more than twenty years of cooperation between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China in science and engineering. The productive, long-standing relationship between the [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) in the United States (and the [NSF Tokyo Regional Office](#) in Japan) and the [National Natural Science Foundation of China \(NSFC\)](#) is a cornerstone of this cooperation.

#### Young Scholars Program – October 2006

Travel grants will be awarded to four young scholars for a study trip to China and to participate in the U.S.-China Forum on Science

and Technology Policy, October 16-17, 2006 in Beijing. The deadline for receipt of applications is June 1, 2006. For more information go to <http://www.law.gmu.edu/nctl/stpp/pubs/YoungScholarsProgramflyer3-14-06.pdf>. Complete information available at: [http://www.law.gmu.edu/nctl/stpp/us\\_china.php](http://www.law.gmu.edu/nctl/stpp/us_china.php).

### **Asia Foundation Summer Internships in Mongolia**

The mining sector holds promise and potential for economic development and job creation in Mongolia. But mining also impacts social, environmental and alternative economic values. The Asia Foundation is launching a major new programmatic thrust that will seek to advance mining in the national interest and mitigate its negative impacts.

The Asia Foundation is working with a six-member coalition of river movements to protect Mongolia's rivers and lakes. The Foundation has traveled extensively with movement leaders to learn about the issues. As a result, the Foundation is funding four pilot projects: Environmental Awareness which pairs the Uughul Movement with Gobi Wave regional radio; Public Participation led by Toson Zamar; Advocacy and Community Mobilization in Bayanhongor; and potentially Environmental Law with the Onon River Movement. These pilot projects will assist the Foundation, and the private and NGO sectors to ensure that development is balanced with environmental and social stewardship. The Asia Foundation has three internships this summer in Mongolia as follows.

#### *Environmental Advocate:*

The Asia Foundation is recruiting an environmental advocate to assist the Coalition and individual river movements. The intern will provide capacity-building support and technical assistance that will strengthen internal operations, improve advocacy skills, and support implementation of advocacy and campaign strategies and tactics. The intern will be based at The Asia Foundation or at one of river movements' offices.

*Environmental Lawyer:*

The Asia Foundation is recruiting an environmental lawyer to assist the Coalition and individual river movements to review the body of Mongolian environment, natural resources, mining and other relevant law. The lawyer will assist in preparing comment on existing laws, and amendments or drafts of laws that are currently under discussion. The lawyer will assess and evaluate international law, particularly related to international waters, and the implications for mining in Mongolia which discharges into surface and groundwaters that cross international boundaries. The lawyer will provide input and counsel to the Coalition and to the individual movements on matters related to legal advocacy.

*Environmental Communications and Education:*

The Asia Foundation is recruiting an environmental communications and education advisor to assist the Coalition and individual river movements to develop public awareness, advocacy and educational materials. Public awareness materials may target domestic and foreign audiences and could include print, broadcast or electronic media to influence behavior. Training and education efforts could comprise materials that will improve the river movements' advocacy skills, or which introduce participatory research models that enlist and mobilize the public in monitoring and oversight, for instance.

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**2006 U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium in Washington, DC**

The U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium is a three-day, in-depth examination of American foreign policy that will feature many exciting, knowledgeable speakers. It is comprised of lectures, panel discussions, group exercises, and

site visits. It is designed to be informative, but also interactive, with opportunities throughout for dialogue between students and speakers. The FPC will be held at the Elliott School of The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. It will begin with a keynote speech and reception late in the afternoon of Wednesday, June 7 and end with optional sightseeing on the morning of Saturday, June 10. For more details, please refer to our website (<http://www.ncuscr.org/FPC/FPCHome.htm>).

We encourage students from any academic discipline to apply. Competence in spoken English is required. Those who participated in the 2003, 2004, or 2005 FPC are NOT eligible to participate again. Application materials and additional information about submission are available at the following URL:

[http://www.ncuscr.org/FPC/fpc\\_application.htm](http://www.ncuscr.org/FPC/fpc_application.htm)

Should you have any questions, please consult our website or contact Meredith Champlin at [mchamplin@ncuscr.org](mailto:mchamplin@ncuscr.org). Application Deadline: May 1.

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This is the last issue of *APAC News* for the 2005-2006 school year. The East Asia PAs – Amy Ahn, Lisa Karz and Kevin Burgwinkle – would like to thank the Weatherhead Institute for the opportunity to serve as leaders in the East Asia community at Columbia, and students for their suggestions, contributions to and participation in APAC events. Best of luck to all graduates in your future endeavors!