

Young dancers build a cultural bridge



Jinjutha Daengmankong, 10, entertained an audience of 500 Canberra school children at the Llewellyn Hall at the ANU on April 6. She was one of a group of eight dancers aged between eight and 12 selected from 5000 entrants in Thailand in an annual contest to receive training in classical Thai dance at the Department of Fine Arts in Bangkok. Brought to Australia by the Thai Association – NSW, this was their first visit to Canberra. The performance was organised by Chintana Sandilands and colleagues at the National Thai Studies Centre in the Faculty of Asian Studies at the ANU in co-operation with the Royal Thai Embassy, the Thai Community of the ACT Inc. and the ACT Department of Education. The venue was provided by the National Institute for Asia and the Pacific and the National Institute for Humanities and Creative Arts at the ANU. **Picture: Darren Boyd, ANU**

First summer school attracts researchers worldwide

In the first gathering of its type, upcoming professionals with developing expertise on Asia and the Pacific met at the ANU in Canberra in February.

The Asia Pacific Week summer school featured a program of collaborative events, intensive courses and workshops that brought together 250 researchers and scholars from Australia, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America.

Organised by the National Institute for Asia and the Pacific, the week provided participants with an



opportunity to enhance their research skills and gain access to the combined holdings of the ANU and the National Library of Australia – one of the world's most extensive collections of publications on Asia and the Pacific and over 70 per cent of Australia's resource material on the region.

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Faculty of Asian Studies group stimulates discussion

The Asian Studies Reading Group in the Faculty of Asian Studies meets every week to discuss a selected reading distributed a week in advance.

The group is composed of mainly postgraduates who are interested in Asia-related topics (from research methodology to current events/debates in the Asian region).

Group convenor Julius Bautista said the rationale of the group is to ensure scholars have a forum for discussion of ideas outside of their own research focus.

"It's very easy for postgrads especially to be contained in their own world and not interact with the wider scholarly community," he said.

The group also aims to promote a spirit of academic community among scholars of Asia.

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Collaborative online effort reaps rewards

The Asian Analysis web journal launched six years ago under the editorship of Dr Alison Broinowski at the Faculty of Asian Studies has recently experienced a surge in popularity. After the website was revamped mid way through last year, the number of hits a month went up from 20,000 to 34,000 in November.

Asian Analysis is a collaborative effort between the Faculty of Asian Studies and the ASEAN FOCUS Group, a corporate business group based in Sydney but with global links.

Subscribers include diplomats, government officials, bank financial planners, students and academics. In December 2003, 8.1 per cent of direct subscribers were registered at academic institutions; 20.2 per cent at business addresses in Australia; and at total of 41 per cent in Australia. Increasingly, subscribers were coming from international sources.

Each month the site publishes 8-10 short articles (of around 400 -800 words in length) on countries in Southeast Asia, China and India. The target audience is a general (global) business audience with interests in Asia. Editor Dr Deborah Johnson said that nonetheless, the material it publishes does not have a specific business content. Rather, the journal aims to give up-to-date analysis by experts of current

political, social, economic and cultural developments - a knowledge of which is important for expatriate and indigenous business people working in and outside the region.

Authors are experts in the field and are usually free to select their own topic. For countries in Southeast Asia, China and India the range of areas covered have included political issues, foreign affairs, economic developments, human geography, anthropological perspectives, culture and business. Archives are searchable by country, author and date.

The journal is free and can be found on the Internet at <http://www.aseanfocus.com/> Complimentary copies are sent to subscribers' email addresses each month.

Dean of Asian Studies, Professor Tony Milner, said it was striking how many top Asia specialists - not only at the ANU, but around the world- had agreed to contribute to this journal. He added, "Asean Focus is a business group that has been determined to make sure that academic in-depth knowledge reaches a far wider audience."

The Asean Focus Group was established in 1990 and has particular expertise in assisting companies in the markets of Australia, Southeast Asia and India.

US should cede control to UN in Iraq, says Thakur

The United States-led coalition must not "cut-and-run" in Iraq and as a first option should handover control to the United Nations, an audience at the ANU heard.

In his National Institutes public lecture on April 5, Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, Professor Ramesh Thakur, right, said the UN does have a legitimacy as a result of its position on the intervention in Iraq.

"We have been revalidated and reaffirmed by the people," he said in response to a question about whether the UN had lost credibility over Iraq. "My first option is giving control to the UN," he said.

Professor Thakur's lecture presented by the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy and the National Institute for Asia and the



Pacific filled out the 250-seat Coombs Lecture Theatre and was vigorously applauded at the conclusion.

The subject of his talk: "Iraq's Challenge to World Order" stimulated an extended question and answer session. He told the audience he was speaking in a personal capacity and not for the UN. Professor Thakur, who is also Senior Vice

Rector of the UN University in Tokyo, said Iraq was a distraction from the war on terror and that the US had lost much of the international support it had after the September 11 attacks.

Its actions at Guantanamo Bay and in working against the International Criminal Court and the rule of law was undermining the foundations of the western democratic system.

He said the priorities for Iraq were: stabilising the security situation (establishing law and order); recovery of domestic, regional and international legitimacy (for which the UN could provide a structure); reconstruction of Iraqi infrastructure, and; the drafting and adoption of a constitution for Iraq.

Taloi presents tradition with an innovative twist

Each year the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies awards a prize to the graduating student in the School of Art whose work on an Asia-Pacific theme in any media is judged the best. This year's award went to ceramicist Taloi Havini, right, who presented her work to the School at a ceremony on March 25.

Taloi incorporates knowledge of her cultural totems and clan designs as a means of delving into new frontiers in Bougainville and Melanesia today.

"The Malasang Potters in Bougainville taught me their traditional ways of making clay pots as they told me their histories of our Buka culture's totems and clan designs," Havini told *Muse*.

"With all this harnessed energy and knowledge, I decided not to mimic the art of my ancestors, but rather to celebrate the significance of my time amongst my people."

Taloi Havini has assembled her work by composing a ceremonial display resembling the *Tsigul* ceremony. The *Tsigul* is a Buka celebratory dance of acknowledgement and belonging. One can celebrate one's own personal space and roles within such ceremonies. The *Tsigul* is performed in a



spiral formation around a central chiefly participant who holds aloft the totem or item of ceremonial significance.

Taloi has employed the traditional *Tsigul* as a visual language of installation by suspending, in a 'watching over' custom, her own 'Reki' (flying fox) totem of the *Nakas* clan. In turn, the sculptural bird form of Tamana Sarenga's (Senior Potter) *Nakaripa* clan watches over their collaborative *tebele*.

The *tebele*, fulfilling one of its sacred duties of holding the clan's customary wealth in the form of *beroana* (white shell money) is therefore positioned in the central place below Taloi's ancestral totems. The spiral of

shields, representing concepts of Taloi's Bougainville identity, sit on black metal stands stemming from the earth upwards, beginning with the lowliest and spiraling to the tallest of 15 shields in total.

On first thought, a shield may appear defensive but, if held proudly with others, dancing shields encompass and protect from alienation.

Taloi has created her designs in response to Bougainville traditions. The designs are her own signature, made from clay and engraved with oxides and painted watercolors to achieve the customary effects she desired.

Asian Studies site tops the world

The world's top Asian Studies website celebrated its 10th birthday on March 24 – and is a sister-site to the world's oldest Asian Studies online research facility, established at ANU in 1994.

Google in March ranked the ANU Asian Studies Virtual Library, launched on March 24, 1994 (<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html>), number one out of 4,010,000 documents online dealing with Asian Studies.

The Library is a sister site to the world's first Asian Studies online research facility, known as Coombsweb (<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/>), which was established by ANU researcher Dr Matthew Ciolek on 25 January 1994. Coombsweb has since been visited more than 37 million times.

Dr Ciolek said online resources had assumed a vital role in academic life over the past decade.

"University websites now provide a treasure trove of information, not just for researchers and students, but also for the general public," Dr Ciolek said.



Head of the Internet Publications Bureau in RSPAS, Dr Matthew Ciolek, celebrates the 10th birthday of his leading website.

Picture: Richard Briggs, *The Canberra Times*

"These websites play an important role in helping fulfil the University's responsibility to become the nation's key repository for research and understanding about the Asia-Pacific.

"One of the key reasons for the establishment of The Australian National University in 1946 was to develop a research hub, enabling Australians to know more about their region.

"Today, the ANU is acknowledged as not only one of the top 50 universities in the

world, but also one of the globe's leading research centres on the Asia-Pacific region. These websites have a vital function in sharing that research with people around the world."

Dr Ciolek drew inspiration for these online research facilities following a meeting in Geneva in August 1992 with Robert Cailliau, who with Tim Berners Lee was a co-creator of the World Wide Web.

At the time of its launch the Coombsweb Server was the second Website at ANU, the fifth Website in Australia and the 850th Website in the world.

Coombsweb averages at least 10,000 visits a day and has attracted 21,940 external linkages, accounting for 19 per cent of all hypertext links leading to anu.edu.au urls.

In 2005, Dr Ciolek and his colleagues will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Pacific Studies WWW Virtual Library, <http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-PacificStudies.html>. In March Google ranked this site as number one out of 4,190,000 documents online dealing with the Pacific Studies.

EU and NAFTA models will not work in East Asia: Drysdale

By Adrian Rollins
PAFTAD Secretariat

A future East Asian Economic Community must become a force for sustained multilateral trade liberalization, the ANU's Professor Peter Drysdale told an international meeting of economists and politicians in Jakarta.

Speaking at the Pacific Trade and Development Conference on December 17, Professor Drysdale of the Australia-Japan Research Centre in the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government (APSEG) warned that the rash of preferential trade agreements being negotiated by Asia-Pacific countries, including Australia, offered limited economic benefit and could undermine political cohesiveness in the region.

The conference, "Reshaping the Asia Pacific Economic Order", brought together economists, politicians and political scientists from 17 Asia-Pacific countries including Australia, Japan, the United States, Canada, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Taiwan, Thailand, Mexico and Timor Leste, to discuss prospects for future economic cooperation and development within the region.

Professor Drysdale, who is also director of the Conference secretariat, said that models of regional integration and cooperation such as the European Union and the North America Free Trade Agreement would not work in East Asia, which has different needs and circumstances.

The growing web of bilateral and subregional economic links within East Asia was making a China-centred East Asian Economic Community more likely, Professor Drysdale said, but warned that this was not an outcome the Chinese themselves should welcome: "No region, not even East Asia including Japan, is big enough to accommodate the scale of China's economic ambition. China's choice must be a global choice".

In his keynote address to the conference, senior Chinese government official Mr Long Yongtu lamented the proliferation of preferential trade deals between countries in the Asia Pacific. Mr Long said APEC could play a crucial role rebuilding momentum for multilateral trade liberalization.

"APEC is close to my heart. It does have shortcomings, but it is also very unique and very important," he said. APEC was the only forum that brought together the countries of East Asia, North and South America and the South Pacific, he said, and a reinvigorated APEC could play a crucial role in seeing the stalled Doha Round of World Trade Organisation trade talks (also known as the Doha Development Agenda) brought to a successful conclusion.

Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Dr Dorodjatun Kuntjoro-Jakti, told the conference that the poor of the Asia-Pacific region had benefited greatly from the multilateral trading system, and the surest path to continued economic development lay in pushing the Doha Development Agenda forward, rather than negotiating preferential trade deals that might only put obstacles in the path of poor and developing countries.

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In a paper presented to the conference, the ANU's Professor Ross Garnaut and Dr Ligang Song warned that there was "huge momentum" behind the breakdown of multilateral trade, with worrying implications for economic development in the Asia-Pacific. A continuation of current trends towards formation of bilateral and regional free trade agreements would cut across the globalization of production, with components being sourced from many countries to minimize supply costs. This truncation of globalization would diminish East Asian growth and its contribution to the world economy, they said.

Other speakers, including Singapore's Dr Chia Siow Yue and Indonesia's Dr Mari Pangestu, argued that a mix of factors including a changing geo-political environment, the 1997 Asian financial crisis, the rise of China and dissatisfaction with multilateral institutions such as the WTO and the IMF, had encouraged East Asian

countries to pursue bilateral and regional trade deals.

APSEG Director Professor Andrew MacIntyre, in a joint paper with Indonesia's Dr Hadi Soesastro, pointed out that the Asia Pacific region enters 2004 considerably confused about future directions for regional economic cooperation. In the aftermath of the 1997 crisis, many in Asia felt let down by the US and other Western countries, and determined on the need for greater self-reliance within Asia to prevent or manage any future crises. Balanced against that was a desire to ensure that the US remained engaged in the region, if for no other reason than as a counter-weight to the growing dominance of China.

Professor MacIntyre and Dr Soesastro told the conference it was unlikely an inward-looking pattern of economic cooperation in East Asia would emerge to supplant that of economic cooperation across the Pacific. They said the development of East Asian trade and financial mechanisms were heading in two different directions, agricultural issues would impede East Asian trade cooperation, and East Asian nations would be increasingly nervous about the impact of a regional organization such as an East Asian Economic Community on US involvement in the region.

Other ANU participants at the conference included Dr Philippa Dee and Dr Alexandra Sidorenko, who presented a paper on the rise of services trade in the region, Professor Gordon de Brouwer, executive director of the Australia-Japan Research Centre and Professor Christopher Findlay of APSEG.

Professor Drysdale, who has been a central organizer of Pacific Trade and Development (PAFTAD) conferences since their inception in 1968, said PAFTAD, like APEC, had a crucial role to play in building and maintaining links between countries on either side of the Pacific.

Since 1968 there have been 29 PAFTAD conferences. The next conference, on the topic *Does Trade Deliver What It Promises?*, will be held in Hawaii in 2005. The Pacific Trade and Development Conference secretariat is based in the Australia-Japan Research Centre at ANU within the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government (APSEG). Its website is at: <http://apseg.anu.edu.au/paftad>

Malaysia mini-update wins praise

By Mary Kilcline Cody

The Faculty of Asian Studies' recent *Mini-Malaysia Update – Transition in Malaysia* conference attracted high praise for the ANU and the quality of its analysis of Malaysian affairs.

Hosted by the FAS and well attended by around 70 academics, federal bureaucrats and students, the conference was a timely opportunity for scholars to come together to consider the leadership transition from Dr Mahathir to Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi. As well as FAS scholars, there were speakers from the RSPAS, the School of Music, and the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government.

Following a scene-setting introduction by Professor Tony Milner, Dean of the FAS, Professor Clive Kessler, Professor of Sociology, UNSW, and long time Malaysia watcher, gave a spirited and challenging keynote address revealing the diverse range of issues faced by the Malaysian polity.

"Clive Kessler made the point to me that nowhere else would one find such high quality analysis of Malaysia, for outside Malaysia few were interested in Malaysian internal developments, except in Australia. As Malaysia transitions to a new leadership and heads toward elections, the enormous stake Australia has in Malaysia makes it critical we have a sound understanding of the new forces in play, as well as the changes and challenges ahead. The Update provided condensed and high quality presentations in a form useful for those with a serious interest."

Bill Paterson, First Assistant Secretary, South & South East Asian Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

There were scholarly presentations on the achievements and challenges of the Mahathir era, on the future for Malay politics, on state-Islam relations and on the view from Sarawak. Historical and

contemporary perspectives on Opposition politics were followed by stimulating presentations on the role of intellectual elites and on trends in the politics of pluralism.

The dark arts were not forgotten with Professor Hal Hill's stocktake of the making of "an economic development success story" and an incisive analysis on the outcomes of privatization in the Mahathir era.

Arguably, one of the major achievements of the Update was Professor Glenn Withers' paper on the smart growth imperative for Malaysia. His study on behalf of the Malaysian Prime Minister's Department revealed deficiencies in the Malaysian education sectors as well as high levels of flexibility in its labour market. Another first for the ANU.

For papers and more information on the Update visit <http://www.anu.edu.au/asianstudies/malaysia-update/>

If you never, never go...



Mention NARU, and most ANU staff or academics might be forgiven if they thought the speaker was referring to the island state in the South Pacific. In fact, it's a well-kept secret which stands for the North Australia Research Unit (NARU) located in Darwin and it's a campus of ANU in its own right.

The campus is focused on supporting researchers and is ideal for those collaborating with the adjacently located Charles Darwin University (CDU). NARU has been undergoing refurbishment and offers great value for those travelling to the Northern Territory to do project or field work. The campus offers a range of office space, accommodation and other resources

to assist researchers. These include four comfortably furnished units, 10 offices, a conference room and field equipment.

These facilities are provided at modest rates to help cover operational and equipment maintenance costs. This system has many benefits including providing a complete package of equipment and services thereby reducing the time taken for pre-fieldwork preparation, limiting the amount of equipment to be transported and providing quality, climate-suitable and well maintained equipment. The vehicles available at NARU are also equipped for our region including first aid kits, fire extinguishers and for longer journeys EPRIBS and satellite phones are available.

Six ANU researchers are based at NARU and four ANU research projects operate from the campus during their field seasons. Other universities and research organisations are supported through the services offered at NARU. Research at NARU includes Biology & Zoology, Indigenous policy research, Linguistics and Environmental Sciences.

The campus has four offices available for researchers and all other services are readily available.

For further information visit the NARU website at <http://naru.anu.edu.au/> or email enquiries to naru@anu.edu.au

Asia Pacific Week participants were from:

Australia

Australian National University
Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government
Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy
Centre for Cross Cultural Studies
Centre Islamic and Arab Studies
Faculty of Asian Studies
Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies
Research School Social Sciences
School of Music

AusAID

Australian National Library
Australia-Thai Association
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Department of Treasury, Federal
Department of Treasury, Queensland
Flinders University
Griffith University
Hassall and Associates
James Cook University
La Trobe University
Macquarie University
Melbourne College of Divinity
Melbourne University
Monash University
Murdoch University
Northern Territory University
RMIT

University of Adelaide
University of Canberra
University of New England
University of New South Wales
University of Queensland
University of Southern Queensland
University of Sydney
University of Tasmania
University of Western Australia
University of Wollongong
Victoria University, Melbourne

New Zealand

University of Auckland
University of Canterbury
University of Otago
Victoria University, Wellington

Asia

Chiangmai University, Thailand
Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
German Technical Co-operation Office, Hanoi
Hanoi University
Korea University
Mahidol University, Thailand
National University of Singapore
Seoul National University
Thammasat University, Thailand
Tokyo University

Europe

Free University of Amsterdam
Oxford University
School of Oriental and African Studies,
University of London
University of Helsinki
University of Hohenheim, Germany

Americas

George Washington University
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard
Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC
University of California, LA
University of Hawaii, Manoa
University of Washington

Fellow travellers



ANU Vice-Chancellor Ian Chubb opens Asia Pacific Week on February 2.

By Tina Jaskolski

The most commonly heard comment from participants during Asia Pacific Week was that it was reassuring to meet fellow researchers, many of whom were working in relative isolation and facing similar problems. They were generally deeply appreciative of the opportunity to share their experience, ideas and work.

While scholarships were provided for Australia-based honours and postgraduate students to attend the summer school, students and academics from other parts of the world also attended the gathering and presented their research interests and findings.

In total, 90 academics and 164 honours students and postgraduate researchers participated in the week-long program designed to make available the considerable research and teaching resources at the University. With over 70 per cent of Australia's Asia-Pacific resource material and the largest combined collections of publications in Canberra, the depth of academic support in Asia-Pacific Studies at the ANU is unequalled in Australia.

During the week participants in the seven programs gained practical advice on enhancing research skills from senior scholars in the fields of Asian and Pacific Studies. Co-ordinated by the National Institute for Asia and the Pacific, a rich program of activities and events was organised for the week to promote the ANU as a thriving centre for Asian and Pacific

Studies. These included keynote speeches, seminars and workshops, library sessions, film screenings, book launches, cultural performances and social events. The program groups were: China, Indonesia, Korea, Pacific Islands, Thailand, Vietnam, and Asia-Pacific Heritage.

Asia Pacific Week was opened by the Vice-Chancellor of the ANU, Ian Chubb, AO on Monday February 2 at the Coombs Lecture Theatre on the University campus in Canberra. Participants had a chance to meet at a reception later that day.

Among the highlights of the week were keynote addresses by Professor Thirayuth Boonmi of Thammasat University in Thailand, former director of cultural heritage at UNESCO Professor Lyndel Prott, and cultural heritage barrister Professor Patrick O'Keefe.

On Tuesday evening the acclaimed documentary film *Morning Sun*

on China's Cultural Revolution directed by Professor Geremie Barmé of the Department of Pacific and Asian History at the ANU was shown at the National Museum of Australia. On Wednesday the chair of the Senate Committee on Australia's Relations with PNG and the Pacific Islands, Senator Peter Cook, presented a speech on Australia's Relations with the Pacific Islands.



ers share their tales



Professor Jim Fox, Director of RSPAS and Convenor of the National Institute for Asia and the Pacific, which organised Asia Pacific Week, welcomes participants at the opening session.

That evening the Director of Folklife and Cultural Heritage at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC, Dr Richard Kurin, delivered an address for the Asia Pacific Heritage program. The week closed on a cheerful note with a cultural event led by traditional Thai and Pacific dancers and a concert at University House on Friday night.

As the inaugural Asia Pacific Week summer school the programs offered did not cover all areas of Asia-Pacific studies at the University. After extremely positive feedback on the event from students and other participants, the ANU will build on its experience to offer a more extensive set of programs next year.



Participants in the China program

By Tina Jaskolski

China

Sixteen postgraduate students from universities around Australia, seven ANU students and 13 ANU academics attended the Asia Pacific Week Chinese Studies Graduate Summer School (CSGSS).

The broad goals of the CSGSS were "to provide a forum for building networks among postgraduate scholars through the exchange of knowledge and experiences surrounding the study of China, Taiwan and Hong Kong", while providing students around Australia "with the opportunity to use the rich and diverse Chinese-language resources held at the ANU and the Australian National Library".

The program kicked off with sessions on the issues academics face in researching China today, the challenges associated with undertaking fieldwork in China and the process of publishing research. The program progressed with master classes on language and pedagogy and on the topics of minorities, gender and change in China. During these master class project workshops, postgraduate students introduced papers outlining their work in progress on specific research problems and received feedback on their ideas and approaches from experts and other students in subsequent discussion rounds.

After having been introduced to the China collections of the Menzies Library on Tuesday afternoon, participants explored the topics of faith and memory, environment and development, cultural interfaces and political economy. On Thursday morning, Kam Louie led a round table discussion addressing the future of China Studies in Australia. The program ended with an introductory visit to the National Library of Australia.



According to Dr Louise Edwards, left, convenor of the China Program, "Asia Pacific Week provided an excellent opportunity for Chinese Studies postgraduates from



around Australia to develop networks with their peers and ANU China scholars. This is the first time a national program dedicated solely to postgraduate training has occurred for Chinese Studies in Australia. The major feature of the week for the student participants was that ANU's outstanding resources and skills in this area were mobilised to their benefit,"she said.

Indonesia

Attended by 14 masters, honours and PhD students from universities all over Australia, several ANU students and a range of internationally acclaimed Indonesianists from the ANU, the Asia Pacific Week Indonesia Program offered an extensive program on current political and social developments, methodological approaches, and ethical and strategic questions relating to research on Indonesia.

With 'Reflections on Writing Indonesian History' Ann Kumar launched the week's program, followed by a lecture by Robert Cribb on the historiographical issues related to the 1965-66 killings in Indonesia. Jamie Mackie closed the first day with a session on the changing paradigms in Indonesian Studies. On Tuesday the focus of the program was Islam, with Greg Fealy addressing issues of judgement and subjectivity in studying Islam and Jim Fox pointing out challenges of researching Islam. The next day, Hal Hill and Colin Barlow discussed issues of economic and



resource management and Harold Crouch, left, addressed the study of contemporary politics. On Thursday, Kathy

Robinson and Ria Gondowarsito led a session on anthropological and gender issues, followed by a discussion on publishing and pursuing an academic career. On a more entertaining note, Jim Fox and Amrih Widodo presented the film 'Mbah Wali' that afternoon. Amrih Widodo and Christine Clark gave a session on arts and culture on Friday morning and the program closed on Friday afternoon with eight participants presenting short papers on their research. Throughout the week, ANU's Indonesia experts offered time for

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individual consultations. The participants also had a chance to explore the vast Indonesia collections of the Menzies and Australian National Libraries.

Greg Fealy, the coordinator of the Indonesia program, said the week proved stimulating for all involved. "It was certainly interesting for ANU academics to learn of the research findings of participants and I think everyone learned a good deal from these exchanges and discussions. The program also gave us a much better sense of the extent of research on Indonesia being undertaken at various universities across the country. At a time when the numbers of students studying Indonesia in Australia is in decline, it was reassuring to see the commitment and high quality of research of these students."

Korea

The Asia Pacific Week Korea program, carried out in the form of the First Korean Graduate Studies Conference in Australia and led by three ANU Korea experts, attracted 13 young Korean Studies scholars from Universities in Australia, New Zealand, Korea and Japan, seven ANU postgraduates and six academics from Universities around Australia. The program aimed to "provide a forum for graduate students devoted to the study of Korea to share their findings in a supportive and encouraging environment" and "to promote scholarly interest in Korea in Australia and the region".

After an introductory session on Korean study resources by Andrei Lankov, the first round of presentations included papers on Korean economy, industry, technology and management by postgraduate scholars. On Tuesday, the program focused on history and literature in the morning session and on politics and sociology in the afternoon



Screening of Geremie Barme's *Morning Sun*.

session. On Wednesday, the participants heard graduate presentations on language and linguistics, including aspects of Korean and challenges of Koreans in learning English. The graduate students then had an opportunity to explore the resources at the ANU Menzies Library and the National Library of Australia, which hold a combined total of some 40,000 volumes of works on Korea in Korean. This is the largest Korean collection in the entire region, and ranks among the top 10 collections outside Korea around the world. On Thursday, the program offered a session on anthropology and gender issues, which included presentations relating to tradition and modernity, gender, class and religion, followed by a presentation by Ruth Barraclough on the literary translation project. The week closed with presentations around the topics of religion and philosophy. Each day, the presentation sessions were followed by a discussion and feedback forums led by a number of leading academics in the field of Korean Studies from different Universities. Two prizes were awarded to the two finest graduate papers delivered at the Conference. The following winners were announced during the closing session on Friday:

1st prize - Tatiana Gabroussenko, PhD, Faculty of Asian Studies, ANU: 'Cho Kich'on: Poetry as an Example of Early Socialist Realism in North Korea'

2nd prize - Susan Sunwoo, UNSW: 'Moral Conflict in Lady Sa'a's Journey to the South'

3rd prize - David Hundt, PhD, University of Queensland: 'The Chaebols and the Development State during the Cold War'; and Byong-Yong Hong, PhD, Faculty of Asian Studies, ANU: 'Reading Yun Ch'ho in a New Light'

Thailand

The Asia Pacific Week Thai program, organised by the National Thai Studies Centre in the Faculty of Asia Studies, was delivered as a multi-disciplinary conference/workshop entitled 'Thailand - Current Research Perspectives'. The purpose of the program was "to promote postgraduate research on Thailand by bringing together current and intending postgraduate students and established scholars of Thailand from both Australia and overseas". The program drew together 11 postgraduate students from Australian and Thai universities, four ANU students, eight academics from universities in Australia and Thailand, and two ANU academics. The program included a mix of formal presentations and workshops focusing on a range of practical research-oriented topics, such as Thai Studies research methodologies, the practicalities of conducting fieldwork in Thailand, and the acquisition of Thai language skills.

The program was opened on Monday, 2 February by the Thai Ambassador to Australia, HE Miss Suchitra Hiranprueck, followed by a keynote address by Professor Thirayuth Boonmi entitled "Post-Western Thought and De-centring the West". On Monday afternoon, Dr Craig Reynolds held a session on planning and conducting research in Thailand, while the rest of the afternoon was reserved for presentations of PhD students.

The second day of the program took place under the heading 'Representations: Histories, Media, Theories' and contained presentations by archaeologist Dr Peter Grave and historian Dr Jean Mulholland as well as a presentation by keynote speaker Professor Chalong Soontravanich from Chulalongkorn University on post-WWII Thai society. The address was followed by an introduction to Thai language and student presentations in the afternoon. The topic of Wednesday's program was 'The Social and Cultural Impact of the 1997/98 Financial Crisis' and involved presentations by both academics and postgraduates, while in the afternoon

participants were introduced to the extensive Thai Studies resources at the ANU and National Library of Australia. Thursday's sessions addressed issues of decentralisation, deagrarianisation and modernisation, presented by both academics and students from different universities. The day ended with a Buffet dinner at the Royal Thai Embassy. The program ended on Friday with sessions on various social, economic and political topics, discussions between young researchers and experts and a plenary feedback session on the week's program.



During the course of the week, participating students were assigned a writing task related to their intended or current research, which they received feedback on from other participant and experts.

Vietnam

Vietnam is attracting increasing interest from students and researchers around the world, however scholars of Vietnam studies often encounter difficulties in accessing resources and expertise on Vietnam. The Vietnam summer school aimed to give scholars from the region an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with their peers, to make use of the Vietnam-related library resources of the ANU and the National Library of Australia, to gain feedback on proposed and current research projects from ANU-based Vietnam Studies specialists and



to develop links and explore collaborative research with Vietnam studies scholars based in different institutions. The program drew together 37 postgraduates from a wide range of Australian, European, American and Asian universities, 11 ANU students and 11 ANU academics.

The program kicked off on Monday morning with an introductory session on research experiences and methodologies led by program convener Philip Taylor.

Other thematic sessions offered during the week included presentations and discussions around: new directions in historical research later on Monday; research on institutional and organisational cultures as well as environmental management, conservation and knowledge on Tuesday; and political and economic practice on Wednesday. On Wednesday afternoon, participants attended introductory programs at the Menzies Library and the National Library of Australia. On Thursday afternoon, the participants met for a session on urban life and new social and cultural forms. On Friday, the program closed with a morning session on religious and ethnic cultures and a wrap up discussion in the afternoon. In the sessions throughout the week, participating students and academics gave presentations of research projects or findings, while subsequent discussions gave researchers an opportunity to obtain feedback from both experts and fellow scholars. Students were also able to consult on an informal basis with an ANU-based Vietnam specialist on aspects of their project during the week.

Pacific

Nine participants from Australian universities and government departments, 12 ANU postgraduate students and 7 ANU academics gathered at the ANU campus for the Asia Pacific Week Pacific Islands program.

The program was opened by Professor Hank Nelson on Monday with an opening address, followed by a presentation and discussion session entitled 'A National Interest in the Pacific?'. On Tuesday, the program sessions addressed the topics of structural reform in Papua New Guinea, as well as rights resources and the environment in the Pacific, followed by a lecture on 'Framing the Pacific' by Greg Fry and a late afternoon session dealing with

issues of foreign impact, foreign policy and migration. On Wednesday, the participants heard and discussed presentations around the topics of development, tourism and culture. On Wednesday afternoon, Senator Peter Cook spoke to the program participants on Australia's Relations with the Pacific. Thursday's program included addresses by several senior scholars in Pacific Studies such as Professor Geoff Hope, Dr Glenn Summerhayes, Professor Andy Pawley, Dr Jean Kennedy, Professor Matthew Spriggs and Mr Matiu Prebble, a tour of the pollen laboratory led by Dr Simon Haberle, a tour of the Lapita collections and the presentation of posters on the Pacific and island Southeast Asia. On Thursday afternoon, professor Margaret Jolly from the ANU spoke on gender and sexuality in Cook's voyages to the Pacific. The program, which was convened by Michael Morgan, right, wrapped up on Friday with a session on colonialism, Christianity and citizenship and a presentation by Anthony Regan on 'Recent Developments in Bougainville'.



Heritage

Attended by 20 ANU Postgraduate students, 11 ANU academics and 5 participants from several international institutions outside the academic context, the Asia Pacific Week Asia Pacific Heritage Program was held in the form of a 'Culture in Development Asia Pacific Update'. This annual event aims at "facilitating research and capacity building to locate culture and heritage in sustainable development" and at establishing "working partnerships with cultural and heritage industry partners". Convened by the Director of the ANU Graduate Studies in Sustainable Heritage Development Professor Amareswar Galla, the week-long program contained a variety of sessions and events involving several high profile international guest speakers.



The program was opened with a roundtable discussion led by academics and several industry leaders for part of the group, with a second group participating in the Art Museums in Development theme hearing a lecture on art museums in Asia and the Pacific. The program continued with a session on international instruments in heritage protection and an introduction program to inclusive cultural leadership. In



the afternoon, the participants visited the Canberra School of Art, while new students were given an opportunity to receive WebCT training at the Coombs PC Lab.

The Tuesday started with an introduction to the Gallery of First Australians by Margo Neale at to the National Museum of Australia for the museum group and a second session on inclusive cultural leadership for the rest of the group. While the Art Museums in Development group received a lecture at Old Canberra House and an introduction to Asian collections at the National Gallery by the National gallery head of Asian Art Robyn Maxwell, other participants explored further aspects of inclusive cultural leadership. On Tuesday night, participants heard a public lecture at the Australian War Memorial by Professor Lyndel Prott and Professor Patrick O'Keefe.

On Wednesday, there was a digital heritage forum and a roundtable discussion with participants from various stakeholder agencies, followed by several sessions on heritage, folklife, festivals and development and an evening Toyota Public Lecture at the National Library of Australia, presented by Dr Richard Kurin, below left, the Director of the Smithsonian Centre for Folklife and Cultural Heritage in Washington DC. His address was entitled 'Making Tangible the Intangible'.

On Thursday, the participants discussed several case studies of museum development and heard presentations on representation, art and heritage at museums by prominent figures of the museum scene in Asia and the Pacific. The program closed with a forum on the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and feedback and review sessions.



Comings and goings...

Pickering gives Toyota lecture



Director of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Professor Amin Saikal, left, with the Boeing Company's Senior Vice President of International Relations, Thomas R Pickering, and his wife Alice. A former Under Secretary for Political Affairs in the US State Department, Mr Pickering gave an address hosted by the Centre entitled: 'US Policy towards the Middle East: the Iraq War and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict' on March 4 as an ANU-Toyota Public Lecture.

Envoys join in Centre's tenth



Distinguished guests at the tenth anniversary of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies on March 30 were, left to right, Mr Karim Suliman, Charge d'affaires, Embassy of Syria, HE Mr Michel Bitar, Ambassador of Lebanon, Mr Ali Kazak, Head, General Palestinian Delegation, and HE Mr Assem Megahed, Ambassador of Egypt..

Cook addresses Pacific group



Chair of the Senate committee that looked into Australia's relations with the Pacific islands, Senator Peter Cook, centre, talks with Professor Jim Fox, left, and Greg Fry after his lecture to the Asia Pacific Week Pacific group at the ANU on February 4.

PNG parliamentary delegation calls in



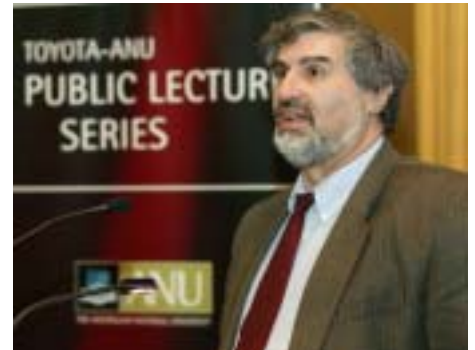
This parliamentary delegation from Papua New Guinea led by the Hon Brian Pulayasi, front (in white shirt), visited RSPAS on March 30. In the group are Hon Martin Aini, Hon Alphonse Moroi, Hon Carlos Yuni, Hon Francis Kunai, and Deputy Clerk, Don Pandan, far right. For ANU are the Director of RSPAS, Professor Jim Fox, centre rear, Pauline Kerr of the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy on his left, Kaye Eldridge of APCD, front, and Richard Thomson of NIAP, right rear.

All the way from Finland



Minna Hakkarainen set the long-distance record among those attending Asia Pacific Week at the ANU in February. A PhD candidate researching democracy in Vietnam, Minna is based at the University of Helsinki in Finland. She said it was extremely difficult raising funding for her trip, but the interaction with other researchers at Asia Pacific Week made it all worthwhile. "There are moments when you feel insecure when you wonder whether you are doing the right or wrong thing," she said. "When you meet the others here you realise most are pretty much the same as you are. I feel much more confident, my weaknesses are much clearer now and at least I can start modifying my research proposal," she said.

Kurin delivers lecture



Director of the Smithsonian Centre for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, Dr Richard Kurin, addressed the Asia Pacific Week Heritage group on February 4.

MOU with Renmin signed



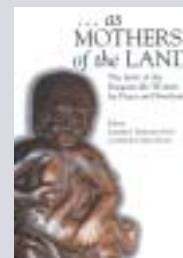
Vice-Chancellor Ian Chubb AO, exchanges a Memorandum of Understanding with the President of China's Renmin University, Professor Ji Baocheng, at the Scarth Room in University House on February 18.

Hot off the press...

A Fading Dream is the biography of Dr H Roeslan Abdulgani who rose through the ranks in Indonesia to become one of the country's most important policy-makers, and a trusted aide to President Sukarno.

This bestseller in Indonesia was researched and written by his daughter Retnowati Abdulgani-Knapp, a successful banker and now management consultant in the international banking industry. *A Fading Dream* will be launched in Australia at the ANU in June by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hon Alexander Downer. The event will be presented by the National Institute for Asia and the Pacific.

A Fading Dream: the story of Roeslan Abdulgani and Indonesia By Retnowati Abdulgani-Knapp, pp 272, ISBN: 981-232-423-2, Times Books International, Singapore. \$24.90 (incl. GST)



...as Mothers of the Land The birth of the Bougainville Women for Peace and Freedom By Josephine Tankunani Sirivi, Marilyn Taleo Havini (Eds) pp190 ISBN 1 74076 043 3 Pandanus Books, <http://www.pandanusbooks.com.au> AUD\$55 (incl. GST)

The Hmong of Australia Culture and Diaspora By Nicholas Tapp, Gary Yia Lee (Eds.) pp217 ISBN 1 74076 0417 Pandanus Books, <http://www.pandanusbooks.com.au> AUD\$34.95 (incl. GST)



Learning to play by the rules

Trade in services is growing rapidly, spurred by decreased transport costs, technological advances and policy initiatives. Services trade does not face the same impediments as goods trade. Where trade in goods is constrained by the imposition of tariffs on goods imports, the trade in services is influenced by regulation and competition policy in the importing country.



Regulation and Market Access published by Asia Pacific Press at the ANU comprehensively presents the theoretical aspects of regulation and market access, including the process of achieving good regulation, measuring impediments to trade in services, and the external effects of domestic competition policies. Case studies are presented of

regulation and deregulation of major sectors in both developed and developing country contexts, including electricity supply, airports, telecommunications and banking.

The new frontiers of services trade—cross-border trade in electronic finance, education and health services—are also analysed in depth. Increased services trade can yield many benefits, but

achieving these benefits depends on the ability of government to adopt coherent and considered policies on regulation, competition policy and market access.

Regulation and Market Access By Alexandra Sidorenko, Christopher Findlay (Eds.), 380pp., ISBN: 0 731 3768 8, Asia Pacific Press, ANU <http://asiapacificpress.com> AUD\$42 (incl. GST)



After Life a Dive Comedy By Donald Denoon 254pp (soft cover) ISBN:1 74076 059 X Pandanus Books, <http://www.pandanusbooks.com.au> AUD\$29.95 (incl. GST)

Forthcoming title:

Rural Development and Agricultural Growth in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand By Donald E Larson and Taka Akiyama (Eds), Asia Pacific Press, ANU <http://asiapacificpress.com>

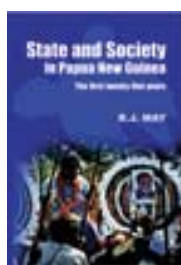


ANU E Press republishes Asia-Pacific titles online

In line with its policy to provide selected publications by ANU academics on the web and available for downloading and printing on demand, ANU E Press has recently republished a number of key Asia-Pacific titles.

Out of the Ashes is a collection of essays that examine the historical background to developments in East Timor and provides political analysis on the initial reconstruction stage in the country's transition to independence.

James J. Fox is Director of the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the ANU. A researcher on Timor since 1965, he was an international observer for the Carter Center in 1999 and was a member of the UN-World Bank Joint Assessment Mission to East Timor later in that year. Dionisio Babo Soares is a doctoral student in anthropology at RSPAS. His research is focused on



local political and social developments in East Timor during the transition to independence. He is currently working for the Asia Foundation in East Timor.

In *State and Society in Papua New Guinea The First Twenty-five Years*, Ron May brings together a number of papers written by the author between 1971 and 2001 which address issues of political and economic development and social change in Papua New Guinea. Dr May is a senior fellow in the Department of Political and Social Change, RSPAS.

In *Military and Democracy in Asia and the Pacific*, a number of regional specialists (Emajuddin Ahamed, Suchit Bunbongkarn, Stephanie



Lawson, R. J. May, Hasan-Askari Rizvi, Viberto Selochan, Josef Silverstein, Michael Vatikiotis and Yung Myung Kim) take a look at the military's changing role in selected countries of Asia and the Pacific, particularly with regard to the countries' performance against criteria of democratic government.

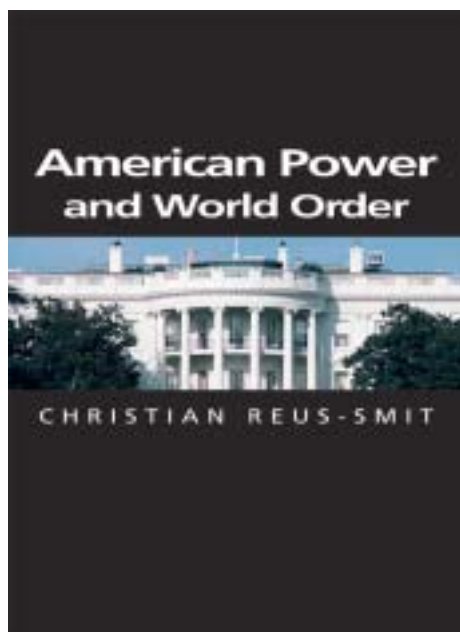
Brian Van Arkadie and Raymond Mallon of the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government analyse closely aspects of Viet Nam's reform process, enterprise development, income growth and poverty alleviation in *Viet Nam: a transition tiger?* They argue that Viet Nam's remarkable development is not readily explained by the more orthodox versions of the Washington Consensus.

For details on how to purchase and download these titles visit: <http://epress.anu.edu.au>



Upcoming...

Lectures, seminars and conferences



The Head of the Department of International Relations at the ANU, Professor Chris Reus-Smit, will deliver a public lecture entitled "American Power and World Order" on Thursday 13 May at 12.30pm in the Great Hall at University House in Canberra.

The lecture will coincide with the Australian launch of his book by the same name and will be presented by the National Institute for Asia and the Pacific and the National Institute for Social Sciences and Law.

A light lunch will be provided.

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Seminars at the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies:
<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/seminars.php>

Seminars at the Faculty of Asian Studies:
Baldessin Precinct Building 110
Room 4.44 2-3.30pm Fridays
<http://www.anu.edu.au/asianstudies/>

Seminars at the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government
<http://apseg.anu.edu.au>

For information on other ANU seminars and conferences check the ANU billboard at: <http://staff.anu.edu.au/Billboard/> and at: <http://ni.anu.edu.au/niap>

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<http://ni.anu.edu.au/niap>

Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies (RSPAS)
<http://rspas.anu.edu.au>

Faculty of Asian Studies (FAS)
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Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government (APSEG)
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APSEG forges ahead with new programs

The Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government is holding a series of briefings over the next three months. The topics will cover business, economics and governance in the Pacific Islands.

On May 3 APSEG will be holding a session on *Pacific Business* in conjunction with ANZ Banking Group in Melbourne.

The session will include topics of business opportunities presented by the ANZ Bank and updates on the economies of Samoa, Tonga, and the Solomon Islands. There will also be a panel on Governance and Transparency as a precondition for business growth in the Pacific. The follow-up session *Samoa, Tonga and Solomon Islands Update* will take place in Canberra on May 5.

On May 21 APSEG and the Lowy Institute will jointly host the *Papua New*

Guinea Update at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney. There will be presentations and discussions on topics of the PNG Economic Survey, Transforming good luck into policies for long-term growth, Financial Developments, Political Integrity and the Search for Stability.

APSEG is also undertaking new work in the Indonesian Presidential Elections 2004 with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta. A high-level Executive Briefing and Strategic Dialogue will be held in Jakarta on May 13-14.

The Indonesian Presidential Election 2004: Up Close and Up to Date will provide an opportunity to hear specific briefings on critical issues from leading analysts and practitioners, to serve as a forum in strategic dialogue and to attend meetings with Presidential candidates.

APSEG is currently hosting a special three-month training course in Treasury and

Finance Issues for public sector officials from the Solomon Islands and PNG. The program originated from ideas generated by the Australian Treasury Department and is part of the Australian Government's new Whole of Government policies towards the South Pacific region.

Funded by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), the program is convened by Dr Patrick Fontenay and Dr Satish Chand.

Participants commenced on March 27 and will be attending lectures and training on campus at ANU through June 11. They come from the National Reform and Planning, Treasury and Finance departments in their own countries and will be placed with AusAid, the Australian Departments of Treasury, Finance, and Planning. The lively and insightful group includes 10 participants from the Solomon Islands and four from PNG.