
Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

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Mandate and Objectives

CAPI was established in 1987 as an important element of the University's plan to expand and strengthen its links with universities and other institutions in the Asia-Pacific region, especially with China, Japan, Southeast Asia, Korea and the developing island states of the Southwest Pacific. The Centre's primary mandate is to conduct and facilitate research on policy issues related to the Asia Pacific region. In addition, the Centre serves as a regional resource facility to the University and to the larger community. More specifically, CAPI was established to fulfil six functions:

- (i) To serve as a **clearing house** for the collection and dissemination of information regarding activities on campus, and in the community;
- (ii) To provide a **forum** for the exchange of ideas and information among interested persons at the University, and to organize and publicize visits by specialists and other visitors with Asia-Pacific expertise;
- (iii) To promote **publication and public information activities** appropriate to the University;
- (iv) To organize and conduct short and medium-term teaching, training and research **projects**;
- (v) To organize and administer long-term, cross-disciplinary **programs** in collaboration with other relevant groups and institutions, on and off campus; and
- (vi) To participate in **networks** of organizations and individuals sharing similar goals and interests.



Director's Report

Bill Neilson, Director and CAPI Professor of Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

For as long as I can remember, the academic year at Canadian universities ends in June and begins in July. This past June, I attended no less than six retirement functions honouring faculty and staff who were leaving UVic, often after many years of service. Every university and college will watch a record number of retirements in the next several years. "Faculty renewal", as I wrote in our January *Asia-Pacific News*, "is the buzz-word these days for the fast-track hiring of new faculty to replace the many professors who will be retiring in the next five years".

How we handle faculty renewal in Asia-Pacific Studies in Canadian universities and colleges is an issue we must address. This concern is not unique to Canada. In a recent survey, more than 80 per cent of the members of the Asian Studies Association of Australia declared that Australian universities face a "crisis of renewal" in the next five years. The Australian Association's recent report, *In Maximizing Australia's Asian Knowledge*, gloomily identified "an overall sense of diminution of resources, opportunities and expertise", concluding "that the spread of useful knowledge of Asia among Australian university students is stalled".

The situation in Canada, I am more certain, is no better and, indeed, probably worse. By any measure, the Australian investment in Asian studies in multiple disciplines over the past 25 years has substantially exceeded the Canadian experience. This reality puts extra pressure on our need for a systematic and pervasive investment in Asian Studies faculty renewal, if only to maintain the status quo. At UVic, this affects a wide range of Departments and Faculties from Anthropology, Pacific & Asian Studies, Geography, Economics, Linguistics, Political Science to Law, Business, and Fine Arts, not to mention the specialist librarian needs of the McPherson Library. Asia Pacific studies are spread through diverse academic units, with often only one or two faculty in a given unit having Asia-Pacific expertise. If their regional capacity and interests are not replaced through new faculty recruitment, then Asian Studies literally fall away from the unit's research and teaching agenda. In faculty renewal terms, the results will be catastrophic for UVic and its students.

For its part, CAPI experienced its own faculty gains and losses this past year. On the plus side, we were most fortunate to recruit **Professor Joseph Kess** (Linguistics) to the Japan Chair. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Dr. Kess exudes boundless energy and enthusiasm for his CAPI work. Readers will see from his Program Report that he has quickly made his mark as one of our busiest senior scholars. We are fortunate and delighted to have him with us.

On the loss side, after 15 years of service to CAPI, including being our first Director, **Dr. Ralph Huenemann** moved over to the Faculty of Business on a full-time basis on July 1st. Readers might recall that he began his UVic career in 1987 with a shared appointment between the School of Public Administration and setting up CAPI, initially with the help of emeritus professor and CAPI Law Chair, Dr. Douglas Johnston. Dr. Huenemann has twice served as Associate Dean in the Faculty of Business and received their Master Teaching Award several times in recent years. We wish Ralph well and thank him for his service to CAPI since its inception under the leadership of then President, Dr. Howard Petch.

Dr. Huenemann's departure, of course, means that we will now move to find a new China Chair. Our CAPI Chair appointments in recent years have been 3-5 year appointments, shared with a host academic unit on the campus and in the case of both the Japan and China Chairs, the appointments are not tied to a particular discipline or professional school. In the meantime, we have been fortunate in attracting an experienced and well published China/Singapore comparative economist, **Dr. Lu Ding**, to CAPI for the period December 2002 - March 2003. A recognized expert in comparative economic systems and industrial organization, Dr. Lu holds a tenured position in the Department of Economics, National University of Singapore. We are looking forward to his arrival this coming December. He and his family will live in Victoria for the four month visit. He will be giving guest lectures in various departments across the campus, plus a CAPI seminar, and organizing a major CAPI Conference on the *Challenges of West China Development*, scheduled for early March 2003.

One of UVic's most beloved Professors, **Dr. Harry Hsiao** (Pacific & Asian Studies), retired on June 30 after more than three decades of service to the University and countless students. A modest and much respected figure, Dr. Hsiao could never turn down a request to teach more hours, to take on a bigger class or to undertake even more service on behalf of UVic. CAPI, I am more than a little pleased to report, presented its first CAPI *Asia-Pacific Service Award* to Dr. Hsiao "in recognition of his exemplary service in fostering knowledge of and experience with the Asia-Pacific region, including teaching, research, scholarship, collaborative programs, international education, student support and service to the University of Victoria community". Dr. Hsiao was the unanimous choice for our first Award. He was awarded his certificate and a gift on the evening of April 12 at a special retirement party given in his honour by his Pacific & Asian Studies colleagues. If CAPI did anything right this year, it was picking Dr. Hsiao for this first Award.

You will read elsewhere in this Report about our various campus support programs, including our Research Fellowships, Faculty Research Grants, Student Fellowships and Student Essay Prizes. We have been putting increased emphasis on our student support programs, both at the undergraduate and graduate level. In the coming year, we will launch our CAPI Student Internships for 2-3 senior students/grad students chosen by CAPI to get field experience with selected NGOs in Southeast Asia. The first placements will likely go to Cambodia and Thailand. Assistant Director **Helen Lansdowne** is in charge of the Internship Program and has been putting together the first year's program following lengthy interviews in Phnom Penh and Bangkok with likely NGO partners.

CAPI served as the Secretariat and host Centre for *Communities in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Responses*, a joint Conference of the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies and the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, held at the UVic Cadboro Commons Conference Centre on October 26-27, 2001. The Conference's Keynote Address on *Indonesian Histories and Current Conflicts: Aceh and Other Identity Problems* was delivered by renowned UCLA historian and our 2001 Lam Visitor, **Dr. Anthony Reid**. Over 60 researchers and scholars from more than 20 universities and 12 countries presented papers on a range of topics. Selected papers are now being edited for CAPI publication by **Helen Lansdowne, Philip Dearden** and **Bill Neilson**.

In October, CAPI Program Professor **Dr. Robert Bedeski** organized a Research Roundtable on *Information Technology and Human Security in Mainland China and Taiwan: New Dimensions in Government and Citizen Interaction*, whose papers have now been edited by Helen Lansdowne and Professor Bedeski and published by CAPI.

As I remarked in last year's Report, "CAPI spells 'Initiatives' in real terms". We bring a variety of visitors and programs to the campus and we are also constantly in the field, meaning anywhere and everywhere in the Asia-Pacific region in the person of our Chairs, Associates and staff. In the past year, you would have found us in Cambodia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, China, the United States, Japan, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Funding support for our work and programs came from a number of sources, including the International Development Research Centre, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Dorothy and David Lam Endowment Fund, the federal Department of National Defence, SSHRCC, the National Association of Japanese Canadians, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, the B.C. Ministry of Multiculturalism, the Japan Foundation, the RIIM Centre for Excellence, DFAIT and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Vancouver.

I completed the Chairmanship of the Council of Centre Directors, after a two year term, this past May. The Council represents the shared interests of the Senate-approved, stand-alone research centres, presently some 14 in number. I also serve on the Advisory Boards to the Office of International Affairs, the Centre for Global Studies, Camosun College's Pacific Rim Studies Program and the Asia-Pacific Research Network, organized by the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Over the past year, our efforts have been most ably supported and facilitated by our core staff, founding secretary, **Stella Chan** and Assistant Director, **Helen Lansdowne**, whose faithful contributions are hereby most gratefully acknowledged. We also want to thank the members of the Centre's Executive Committee for their counsel and direction, our **External Advisors** for their support and assistance and, most definitely, the Vice-President for Research, **Dr. Martin Taylor**, for his forward-thinking advice and quiet guidance throughout the year.

People at the Centre

The Executive Committee advises on policy directions and contributes to achieving the objectives of the Centre. The Committee also functions as the evaluation committee for the CAPI Faculty Research Development Grant Program, the Program Professorship, the Fellowship Award, appointment of Associates, and collaboration on new projects. Chaired by CAPI's Director, the committee includes the Associate Vice-President Research as an *ex-officio* member, one of the Chairholders, and other UVic faculty members, who serve three-year terms on a staggered basis to provide continuity.

The 2001–2002 members were: **Drs. Greg Blue**, History; **Leslie Butt**, Pacific & Asian Studies; **Christopher Garrett**, Physics & Astronomy; **Ralph Huenemann**, CAPI/Business (6 months); **Joseph Kess**, CAPI/Linguistics (6 months); **Hiroko Noro**, Pacific & Asian Studies; **Hua Lin**, Linguistics; and **Anthony Welch**, International Office. The Director of CAPI, **Bill Neilson**, chairs the Committee. **Dr. Martin Taylor**, Associate Vice-President, Research, is an *ex-officio* member, and the senior member of the Administration through whom the Director reports.

External Advisors serve as a valuable resource to the Centre for feedback on our work and extending our network. Members for 2001–2002 were: **Dr. Do Duc Dinh**, Director of the Consultancy Department, Institute of World Economy, Hanoi, Vietnam, Vice Editor-in-Chief, Vietnam Economic Review; **Dr. Jingjai Hanchanlash**, First Senior Vice President, Loxley Public Company Limited, Bangkok, Thailand; **Dr. Timothy Lindsey**, Director, Asian Law Centre, The University of Melbourne, Australia; **Professor Lawrence Liu**, Professor, Graduate Institute of Law, Soochow University, Taipei; **Dr. Kimitada Miwa**, Director Emeritus of the Institute of American and Canadian Studies, Sophia University (Japan); **Mr. Murray G. Smith**, former Director of the Centre for Trade Law and Policy in Ottawa, and currently Vice-President of Ticon Holdings Inc.; **Mr. Yuen-Pau Woo**, Vice President, Research and Chief Economist, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada; and **Dr. Shoichi Yokoyama**, Professor of Graduate Program for Japanese Language Studies,

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, The National Institute for Japanese Language, Tokyo.

Faculty and staff at CAPI include **Professor Bill Neilson**, Director and Chair of Asia-Pacific Legal Relations; **Dr. Ralph Huenemann**, Chair in Economic Relations with China and half-time appointment in the Faculty of Business; **Dr. Joseph Kess**, Chair in Japan Relations with half-time appointment in the Linguistics Department; **Dr. Robert Bedeski**, CAPI Program Professor (Human Security & Peace in the Asia-Pacific Region); **Ms Helen Lansdowne**, Assistant Director; and **Ms Stella Chan**, Secretary.

Attached to CAPI through their projects and involvement in the regular activities of the Centre, such as conferences and publications, CAPI Associates strengthen and build CAPI in new areas. Associates for 2001/2002 were: **George Abonyi**, Asia Strategy Forum, Bangkok, Thailand; **Jim Boutilier**, Special Advisor (Policy), Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters; **Philip Dearden**, Geography; **James Dickson**, Consultant; **Derek Ellis**, Associate Emeritus; **Randall Garrison**, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; **Douglas M. Johnston**, CAPI Law Chair Emeritus; **Garrett Lambert**, Business; **Isabel Lloyd**, Southeast Asia Fund for Institutional and Legal Development, Bangkok; **Gordon Longmuir** former Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia; **Peter Maidstone**, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; **Ted L. McDorman**, Law; **Chris Morgan**, Pacific & Asian Studies; **Catherine Morris**, Lawyer and Consultant; **Linda Pennells** Consultant; **Charles Philpott**, Consultant; **Chris Tollefson**, Law; **Stephen Tyler**, International Development Research Centre; **Art Wright**, Consultant; and **Francis Yee**, Department of Social Sciences, Camosun College.

Programs

PROGRAM 1: Sino-Canadian Trade and Investment in the Global Context

Program Director: Dr. Ralph Huenemann,

My CAPI activities in 2001-2002 can be summarized in three broad categories, plus a miscellaneous category:

Transportation Issues: Our CIDA project on urban transportation problems in the city of Lanzhou was originally scheduled to expire this year, but the funding has now been extended into 2003. While I was in Lanzhou in July 2001, I presented a number of lectures and seminars on project evaluation methodologies to faculty and graduate students at Gansu University of Technology. The Cities Alliance, a multi-donor initiative managed by the World Bank, has recently allocated US\$900,000 to city development strategy work in five Chinese cities, one of which is Lanzhou; I am assisting my colleagues at Gansu University of Technology to become participants in this research. My paper "Are China's Recent Transport Statistics Plausible?" was published in the *China Economic Review* 12 (2001). My colleague Anming Zhang of UBC and I are preparing a paper on competition policy for the airlines industry in the APEC region, which we will present at the Pacific Forum on Trade and Development (PAFTAD) in Manila in September.

Poverty Issues: My paper entitled "Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Rural Roads in Poverty Areas of Western China" has been submitted to a major journal in the field of development studies. I have been invited to participate in the International Symposium on Equity and Social Justice in Transitional China, jointly sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the China Center for Economic Research, to be held at Peking University in July 2002.

International Business: My proposal (with co-author Liang Neng) to write an MBA textbook in International Business for the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University is still under consideration. To try out some of the ideas for this textbook, I taught an intensive course in international business for the Executive MBA program of the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS) in May.

Miscellaneous: In September I presented a CAPI Brownbag Seminar entitled "China's Silk Road: A Traveller's Report." In October I chaired a day-long panel on financial issues at the Asia-Pacific Summit in Vancouver and then represented CAPI at the two-day Canada-Taiwan Higher Education Conference at UBC. Later that month I chaired a panel at Bob Bedeski's CAPI workshop on the IT industry in China. I continue to serve on the editorial boards of *Pacific Affairs*, the *Hong Kong Bank of Canada Papers on Asia*, and the *Journal of Asian Business* and on the International Steering Committee of PAFTAD, and I continue to review books and evaluate articles for many of the journals in my field.

PROGRAM 2: Governance and Economic Law Development in Southeast Asia

Program Director: Professor Bill Neilson

My program has research, teaching, advisory and conference components that I delivered over the past year in Cambodia, Thailand, the United States, Japan, Mongolia and 'virtually' in Singapore, Indonesia and Vietnam.

In early July 2001, I was invited to present a paper on *Competition Laws for Asian Transitional Economies: Adaptation to Local Legal Cultures* to an International Conference on 'Law Reform in Developing and Transitional Economies', convened in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia by the Asian Law Centre of the University of Melbourne and the Mongolian Ministry of Justice. A revised version of the paper is now awaiting publication by our Melbourne hosts. I then went on to Tokyo to take part in the Second APEC Research Conference on Competition Law and Economic Development hosted by Chuo University's Institute of Comparative Law where UVic colleague Robert Howell, Sophia University's Souichiro Kozuka and I presented our co-authored paper on *Intellectual Property Rights – Competition Law Interface: Comparing the Japanese and Canadian Approaches*, which will be published shortly in Washington University's Global Law Review.

A few days later, I delivered three guest lectures in the new Southeast Asian LL.M. program at Nagoya

University's Graduate School of Law. The visit provided the ideal opportunity for signing a Faculty Exchange Agreement with our hosts with whom we have been cooperating on research projects for several years.

Apart from teaching my senior Law course in Asia-Pacific Comparative Law, supervising M.A. students in the Dispute Resolution Program and Law 399 research paper students, an inordinate part of my time this past year has been devoted to the preparation and submission (both successfully, as it turns out) of the lengthy applications and other bidding documents for the two major CIDA Technical Assistance Projects in which CAPI will be heavily involved for the next five years.

We are partners with the Parliamentary Centre, Ottawa in the Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project, a \$5M, five year Project in cooperation with and support of the Parliament of Cambodia. The stated goal of the Project is to contribute to good governance and democratic development in Cambodia through the capacity development of both the National Assembly and the Senate and their respective Secretariats. My program has particular responsibilities for enhancing the capacity of the Parliament and the Secretariats to effectively review, monitor and supervise government legislative proposals, including public consultation and education. In 2001, we completed our Inception Mission, produced our Project Implementation Plan and First Annual Workplan and in the first half of 2002, we delivered two series of Legislation Workshops, resulting in the publication, *inter alia*, of *Rule of Law Norms Guidelines for Cambodian Legislators* (Bill Neilson) and *Principles of Gender Impact Analysis of Draft Legislation* (Helen Lansdowne).

For a good part of the fall semester, Helen Lansdowne and I were much involved in putting together CAPI's part of the bid for a similar sized project, called the Vietnam Legal Assistance Project, partnered with the Ministry of Justice in Hanoi. CAPI is part of a four party Consortium and some seven months after submitting our bid, we were finally awarded the contract by CIDA. We are now finalizing the Consortium contract and preparing for our Inception Mission which will most likely take place in early October. I will serve as the Chief Technical Advisor for this \$5M, five year project and I will also be responsible for the third element in the Program, namely the practical relevance of comparative law analysis, working with the Ministry's Institute of Law Research and Hanoi Law University. The other parts of the Project will concern WTO legal

compliance obligations and the creation of a viable system for the enforcement of civil judgments, a subject that appears esoteric on the surface but, in fact, speaks to a very serious deficiency in the justice system of most transitional economies. We have assembled a cross-Canada team of legal experts, including a number from UVic Law, UBC, the University of Ottawa and private practitioners. Suffice to say that it is always a pleasure to win a bidding contest.

In my capacity as Law Chair, I also serve on the Editorial Advisory Committee of the Asian Law Abstracts Program, operated by the Asian Law Centre at the University of Washington, as well as the International Editorial Committee of the Australian Journal of Asian Law published by Melbourne University. Several times a year I serve as an External Referee of Asian Law-related proposals submitted to the Australia Research Council. In this reporting year, I also was the External Referee on two Ph.D. theses and two LL.M. theses submitted to the Asian Law Program at the University of Melbourne. I was also pleased to be invited to present in the 'Rule of Law' Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Asian Law Center at the University of Washington, Seattle, in early February. Finally, I presented my annual course in Asia-Pacific Trade & Investment Law in May to the International Business Law LL.M. Program at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.

PROGRAM 3: Japanese Program

Program Director: Dr. Joseph Kess

I served as Acting Chair in Japan and Asia-Pacific Relations from July 1 to January 1, and then was appointed as Chair in Japan & Asia-Pacific Relations as of January 1. One of my main activities has been the organization of an innovative international conference on the theme of "Changing Japanese Identities within Multicultural Canada" scheduled for August of 2002. Together with Drs. Hiroko Noro and Michiko Midge Ayukawa, funding support has been obtained from the National Association of Japanese Canadians, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, the BC Ministry of Multiculturalism, the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society, and the Japan Foundation, as well as the President's office, the Vice-President Academic's office, the Dean of Continuing Studies, the Dean of Humanities and the Humanities Centre, CAPI, and the Centre for the Study of Religion in Society on the campus. Most of the above associations will be represented by participants at the

conference, and we will also have panels including the Consul General from the Japanese Consulate, the Japanese Canadian National Museum, the BC Heritage Language Association, and various Nikkei associations and Japanese heritage language schools. One hundred participants are listed on the program in 28 panel sessions, and two hundred may attend. A copy of the tentative program is on the CAPI website.

Research continues on the project entitled "The Role of Japanese as a Heritage Language in Constructing the Japanese-Canadian Identity in British Columbia", supported by an \$8500 grant awarded to Hiroko Noro and myself by the RIIM Centre for Excellence based at SFU and UBC under the Federally-funded METROPOLIS research initiative. Work continues on assessing the framework of heritage language schools in this province, and Drs. Noro and I have also been funded to present their results at one of the next national METROPOLIS conferences.

Another initiative centers around an invitation for the Japan Studies Association of Canada to hold its annual meetings here at the University of Victoria, and that proposal has been accepted for 2004. To this end, I attended the October meetings of JSAC in Saskatoon to confirm the plan, and also delivered a paper entitled 'Discourse Analysis of Japanese Newspaper Advertisements' at the Japan Studies Association of Canada, University of Saskatchewan, Oct. 13, 2001.

In May, I spent three weeks in Japan. The first five days of his trip was spent accompanying the City Manager, and a delegation from the City of Victoria to its sister city, Morioka, in Iwate prefecture in northern Honshu. Contacts were made at Morioka's City Hall, the Bank of Iwate-ken, and the Rotary International Clubs of the area. I also spent a day apiece at Iwate National University and at Iwate Prefectural University as the delegation's University representative. Returning to Tokyo, I spent a day in Sendai visiting the President of Tohoku Gakuin and touring its facilities, and the Vice-President of Research at Tohoku National University and touring its facilities (and visiting the famous Wundt psychology collection in the Tohoku library). I then continued on to Tokyo, visiting the National Language Research Institute and Kinokuniya Publishers in relation to a new research project on internet access to Japanese I have been asked to participate in. I have also arranged for Dr. Shoichi Yokoyama, Head, of the Second Division, the Department of Language Information Services, National

Institute for Japanese Language, and Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, to visit UVic. I then visited the Kyoto/Osaka research labs at NTT (Nihon Telephone and Telegraph) and ATR Media Information Science Labs, and have arranged for Dr. Norihiro Hagita, Director of ATR to visit UVic. This research was funded by a University of Victoria Faculty Research Grant to examine Japanese linguistic protocols for internet access, and I have been asked to serve as External Advisor to the project currently underway at the National Institute for Japanese Language and Kinokuniya Publishers.

In addition, while in Tokyo I also met with members of the Office of International Programs at Meiji University and the Business School Meiji University. I also met with the editorial staff at Seibido Publishing in Tokyo to discuss plans for a fourth textbook with that publishing house, and heard reports on the success of the third one just out in Japanese universities.

In addition, while in Kyoto/Osaka/Kobe area I also met with the Dean of Humanities at Doshisha University, and the President and Dean at Kobe Yamate University, where I also gave a talk on Canadian language laws federally and provincially. I then met with the current President of the Nihon Kanada Gakkai, the Japanese Association of Canadian Studies, to propose having their annual meetings here at CAPI and UVic in the near future.

In respect to scholarly work, specifically in terms of publications, the last year also saw an article, a new book, and a book chapter appear, as well as a brief article in the CAPI newsletter. They are as follows:

1. Kess, A. M. Copeland, and Kess, J. F. 2001. Using Group Learning Activities in the Task-based Composition Class. *Foreign Language Teaching Abroad*, 4.1-4. Shanghai: East China Normal University.
2. Kess, J. F., Kess, A. M., and H. Hatori. *Real-life Scenes of Young Americans*. Tokyo: Seibido Publishing, 2001.
3. Kess, J. F., and Miyamoto, T. "Kanji Knowledge as Read-only vs. Write-only: The Effect of the Computer Age". *Japan in the Global Age*, ed. by M. Nakamura, Centre for Japanese Research, University of British Columbia, 2001, 175-187.

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4. Kess, J. F. Changing Japanese Identities. Asia-Pacific News, Newsletter of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria. Volume 15, No. 1, January, 2002.
 5. "Language as Information Technology: English as the Lingua Franca of the Internet", in *Information Technology, New Dimensions of Government and Citizen Interaction, and Human Security in Mainland China, and the Taiwan Experience*, Robert Bedeski and Helen Lansdowne, eds. 2002.

I gave two papers this last year, the JSAC one mentioned above, and "Language as Information Technology: Language as Lingua Franca, Language as Power" in the Workshop on Information Technology, New Dimensions of Government and Citizen Interaction, and Human Security in Mainland China, and the Taiwan Experience (University of Victoria, Oct. 19, 2001). Together with H. Noro and M. Ayukawa, I outlined the conference on 'Changing Japanese Identities in Multicultural Canada' at the Annual General Meeting, Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society (January 27, 2002). I chaired the panel session on Linguistics and Education, Southeast Asia Studies Conference, October 26, 2001, and chaired the CAPI-Military Security Working Group Symposium on 'Maritime Security in the Asia-Pacific Region' March 15, 2001.

On the local CAPI front, I has continued the organization of the of Roundtable Seminars to do with UVic scholars informally reporting on their research in Asia and the Pacific. This series, called the CAPI Research Roundtable, has as its goal a venue for those with Asia-Pacific interests to talk about what they are currently doing or thinking of doing, in the context of a contextual setting. I am a member of the Executive Committee for CAPI as well. This last summer, I also brought a computer grant from the Personal Computer Acquisition and Enhancement Fund at UVic into CAPI to purchase an IBM platform capable of accessing Japanese and Chinese websites in the kanji/hanzi.

And on the local UVic front, I remain active in terms of committee work, serving as Vice-Chair to the Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee in the Faculty of Humanities, and Chair of the Committee on Committees in the Faculty of Humanities. I am actively involved in Graduate Studies, and this semester have been a supervisor, committee member, or external examiner for 19 graduate students in my own Department of Linguistics, and the Departments of

Psychology, Education, Educational Psychology, English, and Pacific and Asian Studies, as well as an External Examiner for a PhD in Japanese psycholinguistics at the University of Alberta.

PROGRAM 4: Human Security and the Asia-Pacific

Program Director: Dr. Robert Bedeski

October 19, 2001: CAPI sponsored the Workshop "Information Technology, New Dimensions of Government and Citizen Interaction, and Human Security in Mainland China, and the Taiwan Experience". Funding was provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Canada) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Vancouver. Proceedings of the Workshop were edited by Robert Bedeski and Helen Lansdowne, and published.

March 15, 2002: Joint CAPI-Maritime Security Working Group (MSWG) Symposium, Maritime security in the Asia-Pacific region, with funding from the Canadian Consortium on Asia Pacific Security (CANCAPS). Robert Bedeski, Chair of the MSWG, organized the event, with assistance from Helen Lansdowne and Stella Chan.

PROGRAM 5: CAPI Administration and Publications

Helen Lansdowne, Assistant Director

We have had a busy year at CAPI, full of conferences and project development. As Assistant Director, I undertook the primary responsibilities for administration within the Centre. Organizing CAPI activities over the past year have included a full program of Brown Bag Luncheon talks, monitoring the Faculty Research Development Grant program, overseeing the CAPI Student Committee activities and coordinating the Student Fellowships and Essay Competition.

My responsibilities also included participating in the organizing committee that put together the Joint Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies and the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference entitled, "Communities in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Responses", October 25-27, 2001 and chairing a panel at the conference. In

conjunction with this conference, my responsibilities extended to organizing our Dorothy and David Lam Lecture, which brought Dr. Anthony Reid to the University as the conference Keynote speaker.

Other conference duties included assisting Dr. Bedeski with the mounting of a one-day workshop at the University entitled, "Information Technology New Dimensions of Government and Citizen Interaction, and Human Security in Mainland China, and the Taiwan Experience." The CAPI publication of the conference proceedings, under the same title, has been completed with Dr. Bedeski and myself as editors.

Preparatory work with respect to upcoming conferences has included assisting Dr. Kess and Dr. Noro with their upcoming conference entitled, "Changing Japanese Identities in Multicultural Canada", to be held August 23-24th, 2002.

Other publishing duties have included co-editing the Southeast Asia Conference proceedings with Dr. Dearden and Professor Neilson, which will be completed within the next few months. Our conference proceedings from CAPI's 1999 Conference entitled, "Women's Lives, Women's Work, Culture and Development in the Pacific" was published early this reporting year with Michael Dobell and myself as editors. CAPI published one Occasional Paper this past year, the Student Essay Prize winner, Series #25 entitled, "Recent Amendments to the Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law in the People's Republic of China: Any Hope for Those Facing the Death Penalty?" by Meaghan Sunderland, Faculty of Law Student. Other editorial duties included the January 2002 CAPI Newsletter.

This past year, I have been developing a new program at CAPI, the Student Internship Program. This Program is being designed to offer sponsorship to upper-level students with the placement of an internship with a non-governmental organization in one of the developing countries of Asia. In developing this Program, I visited many NGOs in Phnom Penh and Bangkok in late Spring, developing a registry of potential partners who wish to offer student internships to UVic students. Some of the organizations that I visited included, the Documentation Center of Cambodia, Child Workers of Asia, Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Center for the Protection of Children's Rights Foundation, Development Support Consortium Thai Fund

Foundation, and the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development.

Project development duties have included assisting with the Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project, our five-year bilateral CIDA funded project, in the role of CAPI team gender analysis and research assistant and administrator. Duties have included assisting in the preparation of and presenting materials at two workshops in Cambodia with the Secretariat staff of both the National Assembly and the Senate. As well, I participated at the Presidents' Forum in Phnom Penh and follow-up meetings with the Permanent Standing Committee of both the National Assembly and the Senate. Research was undertaken while in Cambodia, focusing on potential Case Study materials for future activities. This research included visiting several non-governmental organizations such as Women For Prosperity, the Women's Media Center, the Centre for Social Development, the Cambodian Bar Association, and the Cambodian Institute for Peace and Cooperation.

Other Project development duties have included assisting with the Vietnam Legal Reform Assistance Project, our recently awarded five year bilateral CIDA funded project in partnership with KPMG of Vancouver, and Macleod Dixon and Ticon Holdings of Ontario. Duties have included assisting with the preparation of the initial Project Proposal and preliminary contract negotiations. As well, I assisted with Dr. Huenemann's CIDA/urban transportation project with administrative duties.

As CAPI's Assistant Director, I attended various CIDA workshops and information sessions during the course of the year as well as welcoming and hosting the many visitors that came through our Centre.

In conjunction with my CAPI duties, I undertook teaching responsibilities for the Department of Pacific & Asian Studies as well as for Camosun College in their Pacific Rim Program.



CAPI Activities On-campus

BROWN BAG SEMINARS:

Dr. Ralph Huenemann, Chair in Economic Relations with China, CAPI / Faculty of Business – *“China’s Silk Route: A Traveller’s Report”*, Sept. 27, 2001.

Dr. Daniel Bryant, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies – *“Why Cultural Studies Won’t Tell Us What We Need to Know about Chinese Poetry”*, Nov. 20, 2001.

Mr. Anthony Burger, Canadian Consul General, Hong Kong – *“Hong Kong Five Years Later”*, Feb. 18, 2002.

Dr. Christopher Morgan, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies – *“Fisherman Without A Boat: Observations on the Clans System in Contemporary Fiji”*, Mar. 12, 2002.

Mr. James Fox, Director, Japan Division, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa – *“Change in Japan’s Security Policy and Implications for Canada”*, Mar. 25, 2002

Ms Kanjana Adulyanukosol, Phuket Marine Biological Station, Thailand – *“Marine Conservation and the Endangered Dugong in Thailand”*, Mar. 26, 2002

Dr. Derek Ellis, CAPI Associate and Professor Emeritus Biology Dept. – *“The Code for Environmental Management of Marine Mining - What Is It, How It Was Generated, and What It Means to the Asia-Pacific Region?”*, Mar. 28, 2002

Dr. Noritah Omar, Dept. of English Language, Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, Universiti Putra Malaysia – *“Women and Islam: Between Theory and Practice”*, Mar. 28, 2002

Mr. Wonyoung Koh, Curator of the Gallery of Korean Art, Royal Ontario Museum – *“Korean Punch’ong of the Early Joseon Dynasty: A Quintessential Ceramic Art of Korea”* May 6, 2002

STUDENT BROWN BAG SEMINARS:

Sarah Turner, CAPI 2000-2001 Student Research Fellowship Recipient – *“Mothers, Infants, Disability and the Japanese Macaques of Awaji Island”*, Jan. 31, 2002

Kristin Lunn, Geography – *“Research in Marine Protected Parks in Southeast Asia”*, Feb. 7, 2002

Johanna Hood, Pacific & Asian Studies; and **Gabe Wong**, School of Physical Education – *“Backpacking Tour, Teaching and Studying Experience in China”*, Feb. 12, 2002

Adam Starr and Jennifer Wykes, Political Science – *“Village Life in Southeast Asia”*, Feb. 27, 2002

Scott McMillan, Pacific & Asian Studies – *“Backpacking Tour Throughout Post-War Vietnam”*, Mar. 6, 2002

Peter Edmonds, Pacific & Asian Studies – *“Teaching, Studying and Travelling Experience in Taiwan”*, Mar. 13, 2002

Jeanie Lanine, Law – *“Fundraising and Medicine Delivery to Children Living in Poverty in Russia”*, Mar. 20, 2002

ROUNDTABLES

Martin Taylor, Vice-President, Research – *“Asia-Pacific Research at UVic”*, Sept. 19, 2001.

Donna Signori, Head of Collections; and **Cheryl Lumley**, Reference Services Librarian, McPherson Library – *“The Asia-Pacific Research Collection at UVic”*, Nov. 22, 2001.

Anthony Welch, Executive Director, Office of International Affairs – *“International Academic, Research and Development Activities”*, Jan. 24, 2002

Robert Florida, Emeritus Fellow at Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, and former Dean of Arts, Brandon University – *“Buddhism and Militarism”*, Feb. 26, 2002

Joe Moore, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies – *“Jazz in Japan”*, Mar. 21, 2002

FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS

Grants were awarded in an annual campus-wide competition as seed money for new research projects or for the development of courses. The awards are tied to visible outputs, such as the preparation of a larger grant proposal submission or a working paper completed within one year of receiving the grant.

Three grants were awarded in 2001/02:

Dr. Peter Liddell, Humanities Computing and Media Centre, "*Information Technologies in Higher Education in S.E. Asia*"; **Dr. Olaf Niemann**, Geography, "*Using Radarsat to Survey and Monitor Stationary Fishing Gear on the Eastern Gulf of Thailand*"; and **Dr. Astri Wright**, History in Art, "*Where 'urban' meets 'rural' and 'free imagination' meets 'imagined traditions': Women artists in South India*".

STUDENT LANGUAGE AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

CAPI awards an annual research travel grant and a language study grant, each valued at \$2000, to provide opportunities for students to further their studies in the Asia-Pacific region. This year the Research Fellowship was shared by two recipients, namely: **Kristin Lunn**, Geography, "*Assessing the Role of Thailand's Marine Protected Areas in Local Fisheries Management*"; and **Michele-Lee Moore**, Geography on "*Introducing Microbial Culture to Shrimp Farming*".

Jordan K.S. Anderson, Faculty of Business, is the recipient of the Language Fellowship. Jordan will be an exchange student at the Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, where he will study Malay language and culture courses.

STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE

The Student Essay Prize competition encourages excellence in student research focussed on the Asia-Pacific. "*Cambodian Constitutionalism – Constituting A Fiction: A Relativist on Universalism*" by **Tracee Auld**, Law, received the Essay Prize. **Rob Mackie**, Pacific & Asian Studies, received honourable mention for his paper "*Les Supplices Chinois, A Genealogy of the Chinese Communist Individual*".

ANAND-UVIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Each year, CAPI manages the Anand-UVic Scholarship Fund, the product of donations by the Thai business community to strengthen UVic's dozen cooperation agreements with Thai universities. The Fund is jointly administered by **President David Turpin** and UVic's Honorary Patron, former **PM Anand Panyarachun**, LL.D. This year support will go to Ph.D. candidate, **Marut Diparos**, Geography, to assist him in completing his doctoral program.

DOROTHY AND DAVID LAM LECTURE October 25, 2001

On the evening of October 25th, 2001 CAPI had the pleasure of hosting the Dorothy and David Lam Lecture entitled, "*Indonesian Histories and Current Conflicts: Aceh and other Identity Problems*", presented by **Dr. Anthony Reid**, then Chair of Southeast Asia Studies, UCLA. Dr. Reid is the author of the two-volume seminal work entitled, *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1480-1650*. Before an audience of approximately 300, Dr. Reid's lecture questioned whether the strong nation state is appropriate to Indonesia, in particular, and Southeast Asia in general, and whether a weaker form of state may yet prevail in island Southeast Asia in the future, just as it did in the pre-colonial past.

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

The CAPI Newsletter, *Asia-Pacific News*, is published each September and January with the objective of chronicling UVic Asia-Pacific-related projects and research outputs. Contributions to the Newsletter are sought from across campus. In addition to circulation on campus, over 600 copies are delivered around the world.

The *Occasional Paper Series* facilitates the dissemination of research on the Asia Pacific which may not be published elsewhere or reflects work in progress.

Activities Sponsored by CAPI

CAPI STUDENT COMMITTEE SYMPOSIUM March 7th, 2002

During the evening of March 7th, the CAPI Student Committee sponsored a symposium entitled, *Asia: Post September 11th and Contemporary Issues*. Three guest speakers addressed an audience of about fifty people. **Catherine Morris** discussed the Cambodian English-language media representation of September 11th; **Dr. Andrew Andersen** offered insights into the political implications of September 11th with respect to the Muslim minority in Eastern China and **Dr. Mary-Wynne Ashford** provided first hand impressions of North Korea and the social conditions of this society in light of President Bush's criticism of North Korea as an "axis of evil". The three talks were followed by a lively discussion period.

JOINT NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES AND CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE October 26-27, 2001

Last October, CAPI was the lead organizer of a joint conference between the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies and the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies entitled, *Communities in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Responses*. Attracting approximately 150 participants, the two-day event included the presentation of 60 different papers ranging from economic issues to gender and development, to environmental concerns and legal questions. The Keynote speaker, **Dr. Anthony Reid** (also the Lam Lecturer) presented a talk on the Thursday evening entitled, *Indonesian Histories and Current Conflicts: Aceh and Other Identity Problems* to a large audience of about 300. The conference was considered a tremendous success, bringing a large number of Southeast Asia-oriented scholars to UVic and thereby raising awareness of Southeast Asian Studies on campus and in the wider Victoria community. The Organizing Committee included: **Bill Neilson, Philip Dearden, Michael Bodden** and **Helen Lansdowne**, with the able assistance of **Stella Chan**. Funding for the Conference was

provided by the Ford Foundation, the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, SSHRC, and CAPI.

CHINA IT CONFERENCE OCTOBER 19, 2001

On October 19, 2001, CAPI, under the direction of **Dr. Robert Bedeski**, organized a one-day workshop entitled, *Information Technology, New Dimensions of Government and Citizen Interaction, and Human Security in Mainland China, and the Taiwan Experience*. Held at the Cadboro Commons, this event brought together participants from the University of Victoria, the University of Toronto, Harbin Institute of Technology, Central University, Taiwan, and the National Political University, Taiwan. Funding was provided by the John Holmes Fund, administered by the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Vancouver).

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Meaghan Sunderland, Faculty of Law Student/2001 CAPI Student Essay Prize Winner

"Recent Amendments to the Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law in the People's Republic of China: Any Hope for Those Facing the Death Penalty?", CAPI Occasional Papers No. 25, 2001