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Director's Message



This has been an eventful year at CAPI, with the Centre hosting or co-hosting a number of events on and off campus, and increasing the size of our Internship Programme from seven to ten participants. The Centre has also seen a number of short-term changes this year, with our secretary Stella Chan being injured in an accident in December 2005, and Project Officer Heidi Tyedmers away on maternity leave. Stella's absence was made easier for us to bear when Jittiya Dearden occupied the secretary's chair. Assistant Director Helen

Lansdowne took overall responsibility of the Internship Programme, which is usually managed by Heidi, aided first by Tara Nargang, and then, following Stella's return, by Jittiya. Managing without Stella and Heidi has made us all the more aware of their value to the Centre; we are glad to have Stella back, and look forward to Heidi's return in September.

The Centre's five-year review took place in October. The External Review Committee, comprising Drs. Timothy Cheek (Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia), Elizabeth Grove-White (Executive Director of Co-operative Education, University of Victoria) and James Tiessen (Degroote School of Business, McMaster University), was on campus for two days, and interviewed CAPI chairs, staff and associates, as well as others with connections to the Centre. We were delighted at their positive assessment of the Centre, and are bearing their recommendations in mind as we plan our activities. Their comments on the Centre focused on four main areas:

- *Recruitment and retention of exemplary faculty:* the Committee was impressed by the contributions made to the Centre and the University by the two new CAPI chairs, Andrew Harding (Southeast Asian Law Chair) and Guoguang Wu (China Chair) in their first year at the Centre and the University, and the continued outstanding work of Japan Chair Joseph Kess. Among our tasks for the coming year will be recruiting a Japan chair to join CAPI after Dr. Kess' retirement; while we all recognize that Joe Kess is irreplaceable, we will do our best to continue the record of outstanding hirings noted by the Committee.
- *Enhancement of international activities:* we were pleased to note a number of the people interviewed by the Committee drew attention to what the reviewers called an "infusion effect" and "interdisciplinary synergies" between CAPI and other scholars on campus. We intend to continue working with faculty members across disciplines, increasing (if opportunities permit) our collaborative enterprises with the science departments and professional schools as well as the faculties of Law, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences.
- *Research leadership:* we were gratified to note the appreciation of those whom we have been able to assist, through association with the Centre, release time, and infrastructure and administrative support, in mounting larger research projects than might have been possible had the faculty members been working alone. We hope to continue working with these and other faculty members as current projects continue and new projects are developed.
- *Community engagement:* We continue to regard it as an important part of CAPI's mandate to involve the community – by which we mean the faculty, students, and staff of the University, and the larger community of those interested in the Asia-Pacific Region – in activities which generally take place on the campus of the University. They include the recent Graduate Student Forum, at which graduate students from a wide range of disciplines reported on their research.

CAPI Awards and fellowships

CAPI Annual Asia-Pacific Service Award



Dr. Yuen-Fong Woon ~
Department of Pacific
and Asian Studies

This award is made in recognition of 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 community.

Anand-UVic Fund Graduate Scholarship



Montra Tayakepisuth
~ MBA student in the
Faculty of Business

The Anand-UVic Fund was established in 1996 in honour of H.E. Anand Panyarachun, LL.D. (UVic 1993), one of Thailand's most respected public figures and UVic's Honorary Patron in Thailand. All donations to the Fund have been made by Thai business leaders and companies in honour of Khun Anand.

Student Research Fellowship



Yuji Matson ~ MA student,
Department of Pacific and Asian
Studies

Project: *"The Search for Identity" in Modern Japanese Literature & Cineman: The Collaborations between the Writer Abe Kobo and Film-maker Teshigahara Hiroshi"*

Student Essay Prize

Student Essay Prize Winner:



Jun Tian, Department of Linguistics ~
The ba Construction in Mandarin Chinese: A Syntactic-semantic Analysis

Student Language Fellowship



Chandler Vandergrift ~
Department of Pacific & Asian
Studies

To study Thai language at the Advance Alliance Academy Thai Language Center in Bangkok, Thailand.

Student Essay Prize Honourable Mention:

Laura Hawkes, Department of Linguistics ~ *Where Are U?: The Disappearance of Prevocalic /u/ Following Dentals in Standard Mandarin and Rongcheng Dialect*

Jennifer Preston, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies ~ *'Anatta' A Conceptual Tool for Understanding Nibbana*

Performing Language: International Conference on Drama and Theatre in Second Language Education

February 3-5, 2006

CAPi hosted and sponsored an international conference on the role of theatre in second language education on February 3-5, 2006. This conference, entitled, Performing Language: International Conference on Theatre and Drama in Second Language Education, was one of the pioneering endeavors exploring the power of drama and theatre in second language education. We brought together more than 50 scholars and practitioners from Canada, the U.S., Japan, and Israel, who share a keen interest in the role of drama and theatre in second language education. The conference presented Oriza Hirata, world-renowned Japanese playwright and advocate of drama education, one keynote speaker as well as a workshop leader. This conference was so successful that we received requests for a sequel to be organized in the near future.

Zhao Ziyang and China’s Democratic Future Symposium

June 1, 2006

On June 1st, 2006 CAPi hosted a one-day symposium to honour Zhao Ziyang, Premier of China from 1980 to 1987 and the Communist Party General Secretary from 1987 to 1989. Zhao Ziyang, who died January 2005 after 15 years of living under house arrest, is remembered as a spiritual leader of China’s forces within and outside the Communist Party supporting radical reforms of the existing Chinese political system, and was a symbolic figure refusing the military crackdown in Tiananmen over protesters. The one-day symposium sought to examine Zhao Ziyang’s legacy, and whether his reformist policies are having any lasting effect in China today or perhaps in the future.



Among the recommendations of the Review Committee were that we should make every effort to integrate our activities with those of other research centres and teaching units on campus, and increase our network of connections and collaborations with research centres elsewhere. Members of the Centre have taken these recommendations to heart: in their travels in Asia, Europe and North America, the Chairs, Director and Assistant Director have been cultivating relations with research centres and scholars. In November, CAPi will join with King Prajadhipok’s Institute in Bangkok as co-hosts of a major conference on “Thailand’s Constitutional Reforms in an International Perspective,” with Andrew Harding leading a delegation of University of Victoria legal scholars to Bangkok.

We were also able to discuss with the Review Committee our thoughts on expanding the Centre by recruiting a fourth research chair; their advice was that the resources of the centre, both in terms of the physical space we occupy and our administrative infrastructure, were currently stretched to the limits of their capacity, and that expansion of the Centre should probably be postponed for a few years.

Certainly there has been no shortage of activity here; we have presented an evening “lantern slide” lecture by Andrew Harding on heritage buildings of Asia, and lunchtime lectures on subjects as diverse as the conservation of turtles in the South Pacific, shellfish rearing in Korean coastal waters, population trends in Japan, Hawai’i and Vancouver Island, a presentation by a Japanese diplomat currently based in Ottawa on Japan’s role in the Asia Pacific region, and a talk on the food industry in Japan (the last of these, by Joseph Kess, presented to an audience that packed one of the University’s larger classrooms). In the fall, we hosted two very different sessions on the issue of human rights in China: the first of these was by a Chinese lawyer whose defense of human rights cases, including those involving adherents of Falungong, led to his being forced to leave the country; the second presentation, by the Canadian diplomat at our Embassy in Beijing responsible for monitoring human rights issues, described the situation in China, the dialogue on human rights between the two countries, and Canada’s policies for fostering adherence to international conventions on human rights.

Our final activity of the academic year was an international symposium organized by Wu Guoguang, examining the legacy of the late Chinese premier and Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, and the prospects for the political reform that Zhao attempted to introduce in tandem with the country’s highly successful economic reforms.

At the time of writing, our most recent group of ten interns funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, our largest group to date, has finished an intensive week of orientation, and the interns are preparing to head off for destinations in Southeast Asian and the island states of the Pacific. For the first time this year, one of the internships has a First Nations emphasis; also for the first time, we will be sending interns to Vietnam and Cambodia. The success of the internship programme, in securing funding, recruiting excellent candidates and placing them in suitable non-governmental organizations in the Asia-Pacific region, is the result of the hard work of Heidi Tyedmers and Helen Lansdowne over a number of years; it is a time-consuming and difficult endeavour, but one that brings enormous benefit to a group of outstanding young Canadians.

For the second half of 2006, Joseph Kess will assume the duties of Director while I am on study leave; I will rejoin the Centre for what promises to be an even busier year in 2007.

Richard King

Keep in Touch

Asia-Pacific News

CAPi’s newsletter *Asia-Pacific News* is published twice a year in Spring and Fall, and contains interesting articles on the Asia-Pacific region as well as updates on CAPi’s initiatives and events. Issues of *Asia-Pacific News* are available on-line: www.capi.uvic.ca or by contacting the CAPi office.



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Mission and Objectives

CAPI was established in 1987 as an important element of the University of Victoria'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 research facility to the University and to the larger community.

More specifically, CAPI was established to fulfill six functions:

- To organize and administer long-term, cross-disciplinary programs in collaboration with other relevant groups and institutions, on and off campus;
- 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;
- To promote publication and public information activities appropriate to the University;
- To organize and conduct short- and medium-term teaching, training and research projects;
- To participate in networks of organizations and individuals sharing similar goals and interests; and
- To serve as a clearing house for the collection and dissemination of information regarding activities on campus, and in the community.

To learn more about CAPI visit our website at: www.capi.uvic.ca.

CAPI Student Events



CAPI Student Coordinator:

Chandler Vandergrift,
Pacific & Asian Studies

Wednesday, March 1, 2006 ~ CAPI Graduate Symposium on the Asia-Pacific

Every two years, CAPI hosts the CAPI Graduate Symposium on the Asia-Pacific to enable graduate students from across campus to present their research on Asia-Pacific focused work. This year's event was organized by the CAPI Student Coordinator, Chandler Vandergrift and was a full evening of presentations and discussion at the Graduate Centre. Contributors to the Symposium included:

Yuji Matson, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ *An Exploration into the Work of Abe Kobo and Teshigahara Hiroshi*

Ping Guo, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ *Anti-Confucian Themes in the Language Reforms of China and Japan*

Kefen Zhou, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ *The Contemporary Chinese Male Intellectuals' Struggle and Suffering in Zheng Xianliang's Work*

Jun Tian, Dept. of Linguistics ~ *The Syntactic Analysis of the BA Construction in Mandarin Chinese*

Xianghua Wu, Dept. of Linguistics ~ *Perception of Mandarin Tones by Speakers of Tone and Non-tone Languages*

Qian Wang, Dept. of Linguistics ~ *An Instrumental Study of Mandarin Rhythm: A Comparison of Mandarin, EFL English and English Production*

Dwayne Cover, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ *Outside the Classroom: A Holistic Approach to English Language Acquisition in Japan*

Gigi Lee, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ *Family Value of Single Daughters in Contemporary Urban China: An Exploratory Study*

Machiko Oya, Dept. of History in Art ~ *Artworks by Yoko Takashima*

Arbinder (Angie) Mallhi, Dept. of History in Art ~ *The Illusion of Secularism: Mani Ratnam's Bombay and the Consolidation of Hindu Hegemony*

Chris Maclure, Dept. of History in Art ~ *Propaganda Project #1: Posters: A Case Study, Foshan City, PRC*

CAPI Sponsored Events

2005 Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education (CAJLE) Conference

August 19-21, 2005

CAPI hosted and sponsored the 2005 Annual Conference, Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education (CAJLE) here at the University of Victoria on Aug. 19-22, 2005. The Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education, or CAJLE, is the only national organization which is dedicated to the promotion of Japanese language education in Canada, and as such, is the most important forum for advancing the cause of the study of the Japanese language in Canada. This conference thus served as the touchstone for not only celebrating the growth of Japanese language study in Canada, but also for the discussion of pedagogical and policy issues and why Japanese matters very much as an object of academic study. We have brought together more than 100 Japanese and Canadian scholars and practitioners who specialize in the teaching of Japanese language and culture. The participants were actively engaged in exchange of opinions and experiences as well as building networks among the colleagues in the field of Japanese language education.

International Opportunities Fair

November 24, 2005

CAPI sponsored and participated in the International Education Week at UVic drawing in many interested visitors from on- and off-campus. There were also other organizations hosting exhibits such as the Pacific and Asian Studies Students Society, the UVic Co-op, UVic Career Services, UVic's International Exchange and Student Services, Simon Fraser University Internationals. Presentations were given by a number of participants including CAPI.

CAPI On-Campus Activities

Lectures and Brown Bag Seminar

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005

Peter Leyland, School of Law, Governance and International Relations, London Metropolitan University, and

Andrew Harding, CAPI Law Chair and Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Title: *Watchdogs, Grievance Chains, and Thailand's Public Law Reforms*

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005

Joseph F. Kess, CAPI Japan Chair and Dept. of Linguistics, University of Victoria

Title: *Food Fight! Change, Choice and Challenge in Japan's Culinary Culture*

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005

Guo Guoting, Chinese Lawyer

Title: *Chinese Advancements in Human Rights and the Rule of Law: The Assessment of a Senior Chinese Lawyer*

Monday, Nov. 7, 2005

Chantal Meagher, Counsellor (Political), Canadian Embassy, Beijing, PRC

Title: *Engaging with China on Human Rights: Challenges and Opportunities*

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005

Beng-Lan Goh, Dept. of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Victoria

Title: *Of Malay-Muslim Spirits, Ethno-cultural Politics, and Malaysian Capitalist Modernity*

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006

Carl Mosk, Department of Economics and CAPI's first Japan Chair

Title: *A Tale of Three Island Frontiers: Japanese Migration to Hokkaido, Hawaii and Vancouver Island*

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006

Ken MacKay, CAPI Associate and Director, International Development, LGL Limited, Sydney, B.C.

Title: *Community Conservation for Endangered Marine Turtles Lessons from Vanuatu*

Friday, Feb. 17, 2006

Robby Tulus, CAPI and BCIC Associate

Title: *Post-Tsunami and Post MOU in Aceh: Rebuilding Economic Democracy and Peace through Co-operatives*

Thursday, Mar. 2, 2006 – Special Panel Presentation

Zoë Bake-Patterson, CAPI Intern, Cook Islands

Katie Bisaro, CAPI Intern, Bangkok, Thailand

Larry van der Est, CAPI Intern, Bangkok, Thailand

Title: *Human Rights in Internship Context*

Friday, Mar. 10, 2006

Sung-Jae Kim, Dept. of Marine Environmental Engineering, Gyeongsang National University, Korea

Title: *Marine Environmental Degradation in the Southern Coastal Area of the Korean Peninsula*

Thursday, Mar. 23, 2006

Tsukasa Hirota, First Secretary and Chief of the Political Section, Embassy of Japan in Canada

Title: *East Asian Dynamism: The Role of Japan*

People at CAPI

Director and Staff:

Richard King ~ Director

Helen Lansdowne ~ Assistant Director

Heidi Tyedmers ~ Program Officer (on leave)

Tara Nargang ~ Program Officer

Jittiya Dearden ~ Program Officer

Stella Chan ~ Secretary

Chairs and Program Professors:

Andrew Harding ~ Faculty of Law and CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

Joseph Kess ~ Department of Linguistics and CAPI Chair in Japan and Asia-Pacific Relations

Guoguang Wu ~ Departments of Political Science and History, and CAPI Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations

CAPI's Executive Committee advises on policy directions and contributes to achieving the goals and objectives of the Centre.

Executive Committee:

Richard King (Chair) ~ CAPI

Jim Anglin ~ Director, Office of International Affairs

Philip Dearden ~ Department of Geography

Chris Garrett ~ Physics and Astronomy

Radhika Desai ~ Political Science

Andrew Harding ~ CAPI Legal Chair in Asia-Pacific Relations

Peter Keller ~ Dean of Social Sciences

Martin Taylor (Ex-Officio) ~ Vice-President Research

Jeremy Webber ~ Faculty of Law

Visitors

Oct. 7, 2005 ~ James Rockett, Asian Development Bank Resident Director in New York

Apr. 26, 2006 ~ Debra P. Steger, founder Director of the EDGE Network

May 15, 2006 ~ Delegation from Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency

Associates:

Ercel Baker
James Boutilier
Christine Bradley
Connie Carter
Xiaobei Chen
Timothy Craig
Philip Dearden
Derek Ellis
Nicholas Etheridge
Randall Garrison
Geoff Hainsworth
Ralph Huenemann
David Lai
Isabel Lloyd
Gordon Longmuir
Lu Ding
Kenneth T. MacKay
Peter Maidstone
Ted L. McDorman
Chris Morgan
Catherine Morris
Linda Pennells
Randall Sach
Anne Park Shannon
David Strong
Tad Suzuki
Chris Tollefson
Robby Tulus
Stephen Tyler
Art Wright
Francis Yee

CAPI Associates are attached to CAPI through projects and through their involvement in the activities of the Centre. They are drawn from the campus and the community.

CAPI External Advisors serve as a valuable resource to the Centre, provide feedback on our work and help us to extend our network.

External Advisors:

Do Duc Dinh
Jingjai Hanchanlash
Timothy Lindsey
Lawrence Liu
Kimitada Miwa
Masafumi Nakahigashi
Murray Smith
Yuen Pau Woo
Shoichi Yokoyama



Laura McLennan ~ Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

Laura McLennan of Vancouver, British Columbia, has a Bachelor of Arts, First Nations Studies, from the University of British Columbia. In late August, Laura will also be joining the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum Asia) for a six month placement. She will be based in Bangkok, Thailand working as Forum Asia’s Indigenous Rights Program Officer. As the Indigenous Rights Program Officer for Forum Asia, Laura will be involved in regional program development focusing on the rights of Indigenous Peoples including indigenous rights program development, producing advocacy and policy papers in the Anti-Discrimination, Minorities and Vulnerable Groups Programme, assisting Forum Asia staff in organizing advocacy campaigns and strengthening solidarity networks, and liaising and networking with relevant UN human rights treaty bodies such as the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.



Jeannie Patterson ~ Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development

Jeannie Patterson from Toronto, Ontario, has a BA in Comparative Religion and a Bachelor of Law, both from Dalhousie University. Most recently Jeannie participated in an International Human Rights Law exchange in Sweden. Jeannie will be working for eight months (July 2006 to February 2007) as the Women Human Rights Officer with the Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development (APWLD) in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Launched in 1988, the Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development (APWLD) has been at the forefront in the effort to strategically mobilise legal and democratic processes for the empowerment of women in the Asia-Pacific. APWLD works with a range of state and non-state actors, as well as regional and international bodies, in a highly diverse, complex and multi-cultural context. As the Women Human Rights Officer, Jeannie will conduct legal social research, assist in policy analysis and advocacy, and will support the ongoing work of the Secretariat to address the issues facing poor and marginalized women. Jeannie will work closely with the manager of the Violence Against Women and Women’s Human Rights Programs and will be responsible for conducting independent research and policy analysis.



Angus Wong ~ Helen Reef Resource Management Program

Angus Wong has a BA in Economics from McGill University and most recently, a Masters of Planning from Dalhousie. Although from the west coast, Angus has been living in Nova Scotia for the past several years. Angus will be joining the Helen Reef Resource Management Program (HRRMP) in Palau and working as the Income Generation Sustainable Development Specialist. HRRMP’s aim is to manage sustainable marine resources that assist in species recovery, to protect local ecosystems and biodiversity and to improve the local community’s livelihood through small-scale economic development and the sustainable use of marine resources. As the Income Generation – Sustainable Development specialist, Angus will identify, evaluate and plan for income generating and sustainable financing activities that will integrate the effective management of marine resources for the long-term benefit of the local community. Angus will conduct research, feasibility studies, and business plans and work with local community to innovate and implement small scale economic development.

Quotes from interns 2005-06:

“I would say my own experience has exceeded my expectations – Maire [Placement Supervisor] has been nothing but encouraging and engaging to work for/with...Working on a subcommittee of the Cook Islands National AIDS Committee, I was responsible for the entire World AIDS Day media campaign for the Cook Islands. These projects took me well beyond my usual media/communications work. I was able to coordinate and execute and entire media campaign – with great success, based on coverage – for a national event.”

~ Zoë Bake-Patterson

“I have applied for a multitude of jobs in the last few weeks. I would not have felt qualified for these positions before, but my experience at CSP has increased my confidence in my abilities to handle an international position and expanded my skills...I also believe I have gotten a glimpse into the field with the connections I have made...This position united all of [my] experience and applied it to the conservation field, which my degree relates to. I am pleased to say that I cannot imagine a better position that I could have had.”

~ Carla Taylor

Officer. PIAF is the first regional non-governmental organization focusing solely on HIV/AIDS in the Pacific region. It aims to improve the quality of life of Pacific Islanders living with AIDS through research, community-based and policy advocacy, as well as public awareness campaigns and activities. PIAF's CEO Maire Bopp Dupont has been recognized internationally with one of four UNDP Race Against Poverty Awards for her extraordinary work in the fight against AIDS. As the Health Promotion Research Officer, Yi Ching will be involved in researching the social-economic impact of HIV/AIDS on people after their diagnoses and analyzing these findings. This research will be instrumental to the future activities and actions of PIAF in the region. Yi Ching's work will contribute to extending PIAF's ability to conduct research and policy analysis on areas of crucial concerns to people living with AIDS in the Pacific.



Julie Ham ~ Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

Julie Ham of Toronto, Ontario, is a graduate of the University of Toronto having earned a Master of Social Work in the area of Diversity and Social Justice. Julie will be joining Forum Asia in Bangkok, Thailand where she will be working as their Women's Rights Program Officer. Forum Asia, established in 1991, is the leading regional organization supporting collaboration among human rights organizations in Asia, and the promotion of human rights and democracy in the region. Collaboration between members of Forum Asia is based on the understanding that human rights and fundamental freedoms are indivisible and interdependent. They include not only civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights but also the rights of peoples to pursue freely their economic, social and cultural development. As the Women's Rights Program Officer, Julie will be involved with Forum Asia's Women's Rights and Gender Issues Program, which focuses on violence against women and women in armed conflict, women human rights defenders, gender and poverty, and gender mainstreaming.

Martin Laycock ~ Micronesia Conservation Trust

Martin Laycock of Prospect Bay, Nova Scotia, has a BA in International Development Studies from Dalhousie University and recently completed his Master of Arts in Development Studies from St Mary's University. As part of his studies, Martin completed a three month stay in Kenya. Martin is going to work for six months for Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) as their Environmental Project Management Officer. He will be based in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. Established in 2002, MCT supports biodiversity conservation and related sustainable development initiatives for the people of Micronesia by providing long-term funding and programming support. As the region's only conservation trust fund, MCT works with local resource owners, traditional leaders, and local governments to develop and fund projects that focus on improving management skills and addressing key threats to the highest priority ecological sites. MCT was established by a consortium of regional environmental groups in order to

support innovative, local-level conservation efforts. As the Environmental Project Management Officer, Martin will be involved in evaluating new projects, monitoring ongoing projects and directly working with communities to provide technical training and support. Martin will work directly with communities throughout Micronesia and will be responsible for ongoing projects and training initiatives.



Florine Lawrance ~ Ministry of Education and Training Vietnam and the World University Service of Canada

Florine Lawrance of Vancouver, British Columbia, completed her Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Victoria. Florine is going to work for eight months as an Education Resource Analyst with the Ministry of Education and Training-Vietnam (MOET VN) and the World University Service of Canada's Uniterria Program. Florine will be based in Hanoi and Tra Vinh, in Southern Vietnam. Florine will join MOET's implementation team, responsible for Primary Education for Disadvantaged Children (PEDC), a large, long-term project. It focuses on strengthening parent associations to support community schools, including direct support to minority communities and with a particular focus on girls. Florine will work with PEDC staff to research existing supports and barriers to education, conduct needs assessments, and will document and analyze this information. Florine and PEDC staff will work with communities and officials to set priorities, using this information and will participate in making recommendations. All of these activities will contribute to the development of Vietnam's strategy to address children's rights to education.

Kierin Mackenzie ~ Conservation Society of Pohnpei

Kierin Mackenzie of Victoria, British Columbia, has completed a BA in Anthropology from the University of Victoria and a Masters of Science in Ethnobotany from the University of Kent. Kierin will be joining the Conservation Society of Pohnpei for eight months as their Environmental Program Officer – Forestry. The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) is internationally recognized for its work in protecting Pohnpei's forest and marine resources through the promotion of community-based management, compatible economic development and effective government policy. Working closely with key partners in the region, such as The Nature Conservancy, the mission of CSP is "to protect and preserve the natural heritage of Pohnpei State by promoting community-based management and compatible economic development". As the Program Officer – Forestry, Kierin will be primarily responsible for compiling a report and making recommendations on the protection of local biodiversity, particularly as it relates to the sustainable management of forest resources. Kierin will also be responsible for engaging with local communities and for education and awareness activities.



Loss of a Colleague and Friend

Douglas Millar Johnston, LL.M., MCL., JSD, the founding Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations at CAPI from 1987-1995, succumbed to recurring prostate cancer on Saturday, May 6th, just having celebrated his 75th birthday.

Born in Dundee, Scotland, he immigrated to Canada in 1955, after graduating from St. Andrews University. Earning post-graduate degrees from McGill and Yale Universities, he went on to teach at the New School for Social Research in New York City, the University of Western Ontario, Louisiana State University, the University of Toronto, Dalhousie University, the National University of Singapore, and UVic. In retirement he held the title of Emeritus Professor at UVic Law School.

Demonstrating a passion for writing, he wrote over 30 books and 90 articles in the theory and history of international law, law of the sea, marine and environmental policy studies, comparative law, modern Chinese studies and public policy issues. He died, pen in hand, completing the finishing touches on a comprehensive history of international law.

It was CAPI that attracted Professor Johnston to move coasts from Dalhousie in Halifax to Victoria. CAPI, newly created by the University, looking for direction and emphasising interdisciplinary work promised and delivered an opportunity for Professor Johnston to revisit and reinvigorate the Asia aspects of his career.

His knowledge and insights in Asian history (particularly that of China), modern Asian politics, Asian legal systems, and Southeast Asian ocean law and policy brought to CAPI a broad-ranging Asianist. Professor Johnston created an intellectual vigour for CAPI important in firmly establishing the Centre (and the then new idea of campus centres and institutions) at UVic.

Professor Johnston also brought to CAPI its first major externally-funded project the Southeast Asian

Programme in Ocean Law, Policy and Management (SEAPOL). While started in Dalhousie in the early 1980s, SEAPOL was refunded by the International Development and Research Centre of Canada (IDRC) as a CAPI project in 1987 and continued as CIDA-CAPI project (through UBC) in 1991. SEAPOL was centred in Bangkok but was a regional project holding workshops and other activities throughout Southeast Asia. Amongst other things, the SEAPOL project created the professional literature that now exists on ocean law and

policy matters in Southeast Asia, influenced countless academics and government officials, and played a significant role in modernizing the ocean laws and policies of the States in Southeast Asia.

Together with Gerry Ferguson of the Law School, Professor Johnston conceived and edited Asia-Pacific Legal Development (UBC, 1998), a collection of essays encompassing a large number of legal perspectives and subject matters. In the Introduction, Professor Johnston wrote that one of the challenges of his CAPI

Legal Chair was "Asianizing" the Law Faculty. The book, which involved ten members of the Law School, is a testament to the success of that endeavour.

Bill Neilson, UVic Dean of Law from 1985 to 1990 and CAPI Director from 1992 and a longtime friend, described Johnston as a wonderful scholar and a hugely engaging teacher who inspired a number of graduates who are now themselves prominent in the field of international law.

Noting that Johnston's first job in Canada upon arriving from Scotland in 1955 was as an executive trainee at Eaton's, Neilson said the world of ideas owes a debt to Johnston's subsequent lack of interest in retail.

"Thank God he didn't end up staying on at Eaton's," said Neilson. "I'm sure he was always far more interested in ideas than sales figures."



CAPI Program Initiatives

Japan Program,

Joseph Kess, Department of Linguistics, CAPI Japan Chair

An important initiative of the Japan Program this year is our collaborating with the China Institute at the University of Alberta to organize a major international conference on Japan/China relations for the first weekend in March of 2007, namely, March 2 and 3, 2007. Together with Guoguang Wu, our Chair in China and Asia Pacific Relations, and Wenran Jiang, the Director of the China Institute at the University of Alberta, we are inviting a dozen outstanding scholars to a joint international symposium on Japan-China relations. Our plan is to invite prominent Chinese, Japanese, and North American scholars to comment on the immediate past history, current state, and future directions, in the evolving relationship between these two great powers. We are also inviting their comments on how that relationship affects Canada and its international role on the world stage, as well as its impact on domestic affairs such as defence and security, economic placement, and trade policy in general. The conference itself would be a two-day event and would be held on the UVic campus on Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3, as we will need to access the largest room on the campus, since we expect a large attendance for a public event of this importance.

As of this writing, we have confirmation from the distinguished North American scholars Michael Donnelly, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Toronto, and Joshua Fogel, Canada Research Chair at York University. Dr. Fogel, who is the CRC Chair in the History of Modern China at York University and an expert in Sino-Japanese Cultural Interactions, will give a historical perspective in a keynote address Friday night by reviewing 1500 years of *Sino-Japanese Cultural Relations: The Long View*, while Dr. Donnelly is scheduled to give the opening keynote address first thing Saturday morning on the topic of *Apology as Politics: Japan and East Asia*. The conference ends with a final session which will focus on the Canadian perspective and policy implications for Canada's role in East Asia in respect to a series of central issues. We have assembled a panel of North American experts in their respective fields, and they will be dealing with topics and themes as diverse as

energy (Wenran Jiang of the University of Alberta), human security (Robert Bedeski of the University of Victoria), international trade (Carin Holroyd of the Asia-Pacific Foundation), media and the press (Jonathan Manthorpe of CanWest and the Vancouver Sun, as well as a member of the Japan-Canada Forum appointed by former Prime Minister Chretien), and society and cultural stereotypes (Satoshi Ikeda). Canada obviously has a stake in each of these matters, and the purpose here is not only to review the current state of affairs in each area, but also to call attention to potential policy implications for Canada.

For our Japanese scholars, we have confirmation from Ambassador Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, the Former Japanese Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, as well as from Dr. Akiko Fukushima, a human security expert who is also the Director of Policy Studies and Senior Fellow at the National Institute of Research Advancement in Tokyo, and from Dr. Heita Kawakatsu, Research Professor of Comparative Economic History at the International Center for Japanese Studies in Kyoto and Executive Vice President of NIRA. Dr. Wenran Jiang, Director of the China Institute at the University of Alberta, is currently negotiating with several prominent scholars from China, and we look forward to having Ambassador Wu Jianmin, President of China Foreign Affairs University, Dr. Zhang Rongzhuang, Director of the Nankai University Center for American Studies, and Dr. Jin Xide of the Japan Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. We also have had positive indication from the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo informing us with the news that the current Canadian ambassador to Japan, Joseph Caron, will attend and actively participate in the conference by giving the banquet address on the final evening of the conference.

Returning to the Japan Program, one of the other highlights of this last year has been my appointment by Premier Gordon Campbell's office to serve on the Japan Market Advisory Group for the Asia Pacific Trade Council of the Province of British Columbia. A little more on the academic side of things, I also organized and chaired a panel on *Change and Challenge in Japan's Food Culture* at the Japan Studies Association of Canada annual meetings in Edmonton last September. The month before I was part of Hiroko Noro's organizing committee for the Annual CAJLE Conference of Canadian Association of Japanese Language Educators which held its meetings on the campus here in August of last year. A little further removed from Asia was my service as



CAPI International Internship Program

CAPI's International Internship Program has continued to thrive and grow through 2005-06. Our group of seven Foreign Affairs funded interns – Zoë Bake-Patterson (Cook Islands), Katie Bisaro (Thailand), Rachel Rouhana (Thailand), Devon Peavoy (Vanuatu), Michelle Rogers (Malaysia), Carla Taylor (Federated States of Micronesia) and Larry van der Est (Thailand) – completed their placements in February 2006. All of these talented young people have gone on to new jobs or graduate studies. Four of this group have stayed in the region to work, either with their host organizations or with other non-governmental organizations in the area. Overall, the program was a resounding success, both from the perspective of our interns and from their host organizations.

In February 2006 we were very pleased to learn that we had received funding for ten placements for our 2006-07



Chantal Beaubien ~ Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights

Chantal Beaubien of Montreal, Quebec is a graduate of McGill University, Law Faculty with a B.C.L. and an LL.B in both Common and Civil Law. Chantal is going to work for 8 months from late July 2006 until late February 2007 with the Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights (LICADHO), in Phnom Penh, Cambodia as the Children's Rights Officer. LICADHO is a non-governmental, non-profit and non-political human rights organization established in July 1992. With a central office and 12 provincial offices, LICADHO aims to promote human rights and the rule of law. To this position, Chantal brings not only her vast academic qualifications, but also volunteer experience in the area of advocacy, particularly focusing on human rights issues. She speaks fluent French, which will be extremely useful in Phnom Penh and she has had past experience helping to coordinate human rights workshops and assisting with media relations.



CAPI 2006-07 interns ~ back row, from left to right: Pia Bustos, Yi Ching Chua, Jeannie Patterson, Kierin Mackenzie, Angus Wong, Martin Laycock, Florine Lavrance; center row, left to right: Laura McLennan, Julie Ham, and Chantal Beaubien.

Pia Angela Bustos ~ Legal and Human Rights Task Force of the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation

Pia Bustos of Richmond, British Columbia is a graduate of the University of British Columbia with a BA in English, a minor in Commerce, and an LL.B. in Law. Pia is going to work for 8 months with the Legal and Human Rights Task Force of the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation (PIAF) in Suva, Fiji from July 2006 to February 2007. The Legal and Human Rights Task Force of PIAF is based in Suva, Fiji and PIAF's Secretariat is in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. PIAF is the first regional, non-governmental organization focusing solely on HIV/AIDS in the Pacific region. It aims

to improve the quality of life of the Pacific Islanders living with AIDS through research, community based and policy advocacy as well as public awareness campaigns and activities. As the Legal and Human Rights Researcher, Pia will play a leadership role in legal literacy and rights based training of people living with HIV/AIDS, and will coordinate and contribute to the development of resources on the complex legal and human rights issues associated with HIV/AIDS, specifically targeting policy makers and legislators in the region.

program from Foreign Affairs Canada. Recruitment started immediately and after another very competitive selection process in April 2006 – over 90 applications were received from across Canada – ten new interns were selected for our program. In late June this diverse group of talented young people joined us at UVic for an intensive week-long orientation. Sessions focused on a variety of topics including culture shock, safety and security, regional issues, as well as a session on living and working overseas with CAPI Associate Art Wright and a session on the myths and realities of non-governmental organizations with CAPI Director-Emeritus Bill Neilson. Following the orientation, eight of our interns headed straight to their placements in the Cook Islands, Fiji, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. Our final two interns will be heading off to their placements in Thailand and Pohnpei, the Federated States of Micronesia in late August 2006.



Yi Ching Chua ~ Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation

Yi Ching Chua of St. Catharines, Ontario, is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario having earned a Bachelor of Health Sciences this year. Yi Ching is going to work for 8 months from July 2006 to February 2007 with the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation (PIAF) in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, as their Health Promotion Research

6. *Asian Law Programme 2007* ~ Much effort has been expended planning and organizing an Asian law teaching program in the Law Faculty on Asian law for summer term 2007. This program will also involve an academic conference under CAPI on 'New Courts in Asia', to be held in Victoria in July 2007, at which around 20 eminent Asian law specialists have agreed to deliver papers. This conference will be co-hosted by CAPI and the Asian Law Centre, Melbourne University.

7. *Travel* ~ An extended visit to Asian countries from May-August 2005 involved visits to several institutions in Thailand, Malaysia, and Philippines, as well as additional research visits to Cambodia and Vietnam. This visit led to my delivering a CAPI 'Lantern Lecture' on 'Heritage Buildings of SE Asia' in March 2006. In May 2006 I did an extensive briefing on SE Asia for the EU in Brussels. In May-June 2006 I visited three universities in China, delivered talks and discussed co-operation programs. These visits have led inter alia to plans to mount a Chinese law and language program in Xiamen/ Hangzhou for UVic students of various disciplines. In June I traveled with Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne to Pullman Washington where we made a presentation to the Executive Board of the Association of Asian Studies Pacific Coast Chapter to have CAPI host the 2008 ASPAC Conference. We are happy to report that CAPI has been awarded this project. Travel is also planned for my research leave period (July-December 2006) to Singapore, Malaysia, China and Thailand.

8. *Scholarly Recognition* ~ Zhejiang Gongshang University in Hangzhou has offered me an honorary professorship, and this will be awarded formally in October 2006. I have been invited to deliver the Professor Ahmad Ibrahim Memorial Lecture at the International Islamic University in Malaysia in September 2006. I was invited by the Nathanson Centre at Osgoode Hall in March 2006 to share my expertise on preventive detention and Asian law at a series of meetings to reformulate the function of Centre.

Vietnam Legal Reform Assistance Project (LERAP)

Over the past year, CAPI Director Emeritus Bill Neilson and Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne continued CAPI's involvement with the Vietnam Legal Reform Assistance Project, now in its penultimate year of operation in partnership with the Ministry of Justice of Vietnam. Professor Emeritus Neilson serves as the Team Leader of the Comparative Law and Civil Judgment Enforcement Components and in that capacity directed a major program on legislative codification processes involving experts from Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Canada and China and a separate program on judgment executors' training methodologies. Ms Lansdowne contributed to LERAP report writing for CIDA and took principal responsibility for the reception of visiting Vietnamese lawyers who audited selected courses in the Law School and prepared comparative law research papers under the supervision of Professors Neilson and Jeremy Webber. In November, Neilson was awarded the Medal of Merit by the Ministry of Justice of Vietnam in recognition of his services to the justice system since 1992."



Thanks for your support . . .

This year CAPI received financial support from the following organizations:

Foreign Affairs Canada

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Vancouver, and

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

an external referee for promotion to Full Professor for the University of the United Arab Emirates in Dubai.

In respect to grants and funding support, I managed to land a University of Victoria Faculty Research Grant both last spring and this spring for my own research to continue the examination of contemporary Japanese use of the katakana syllabary in the Japanese media. At the same time, I managed to find funding support from both the Asia-Pacific Foundation and Maritime Forces Pacific to realize our Japan China relations conference next March. As of this writing, I also have grant proposals in with both the Security and Defence Forum of the Department of National Defence under its program for Special Projects Funding and the International Security Research and Outreach Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs. And the Japan Foundation kindly covered my travel expenses to attend the annual meetings of the Japan Studies Association of Canada in Edmonton last fall.

Over the year I gave a few invited conference presentations, including January talks on *Wundt, Bloomfield, and Chomsky: Metaphor and metaphysics in the history of psycholinguistics* at the Strategic Research and Education Center for an Integrated Approach to Language, Brain, and Cognition at the 21st Century Center of Excellence (COE) Program, at Tohoku University in Sendai, and *The Net Results of Canadian Language Policies: Origins, Attitudes, and Future Predictions* at the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies of the same university. Before that, in the fall, Yuko Igarashi and I gave presentations on *A Not-so-Dry Economy: Thirsting after Japan and Food Fight! Change and Challenge in Japan's Culinary Culture*, at the Japan Studies Association of Canada meetings in Edmonton. Those same meetings were the venue for a final report at the JSAC business meeting on CAPI's much-praised 'JSAC Anniversary Year 2004' Conference that we had held the preceding year in Victoria, as well as a official book launch of our two-volume epic *Why Japan Matters!*.

During the summer of last year Yuko Igarashi and I gave a paper entitled *Are Katakana Words Difficult for Learners of Japanese? The Investigation of its Reasons from the Linguistic Perspective*, for the Conference of Canadian Association of Japanese Language Educators, held here in the campus in August. The following month of September we served up a three-course offering consisting of Food, Drink, and a Homily under the rubric of *Food Fight! Change and Challenge in Japan's Culinary Culture AND Thirsting after Japan: A Not-so-dry Economy* for the CAPI Brown Bag Series. And we have just received word that

our paper on *Creating Transliteration Rules from Katakana Loanwords to English Originals* has been accepted by the highly selective International Conference on Japanese Language Education to be held at Columbia University in New York City in August of this year.

On the University of Victoria campus itself, I continue on as a member of the Shastri Committee and also served as the internal reviewer for a University-wide review of the Centre for the Study of Religion in Society in December of last year. The normal requirements of committee work both in the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives and my home department of Linguistics continue to see my presence for this last year of activity on the UVic campus.

Papers and publications by the Japan Program Chair for the last year include the following:

Book Chapters

Kess, J.F., and T. Miyamoto. The Issue of Phonological Activation in Chinese and Japanese Lexical Access. In *Phonology, Morphology, and the Empirical Imperative: Papers in Honor of Bruce Derriving*, edited by G. E. Wiebe, G. Libben, T. Priestly, R. Smyth and H. S. Wang. Taipei: Crane Publishing, 2006. Pp. 457-482.

Kess, J. F. An Example of Applied Psycholinguistics: Comparing Ambiguity in Japanese and English. *Report on Linguistic Informatics Research Project, The 21st Century COE Program* No. 9, 2006, submitted to the Japanese Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Culture by the Center of Excellence, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Pp. 33-57.

Refereed Articles

Igarashi, Y., and Kess, J.F. Language Maintenance Practice vs. Internationalization Policies in Japan. *Working Papers of the Linguistic Circle of the University of Victoria*, 2006, 18, 13-20.

Kess, J.F. On the History, Use, and Structure of Japanese Kanji. *Glottometrics*, 2005, 10, 1-15.



China Program

Wu Guoguang, Department of Political Science and History, CAPI China Chair

The China Program organized a conference in June on ‘Zhao Ziyang and China’s Democratic Future’, to which nine leading scholars from North America and Asia presented their papers with the topics ranging from the former Chinese leader’s contribution to grassroots liberal movements to the technology revolution policy under his leadership in the 1980s. Now two more conferences are under preparation for the next academic year. A conference to discuss China’s social problems and the political constraints to tackle them will be held in October 2006, and a conference jointly organized with the CAPI Japan program on Sino-Japanese relations is on the agenda of March 2007.

The volume manuscript based on the 2004 conference papers concerning China’s diplomacy of multilateralism, under the editorship of CAPI China Chair Guoguang Wu and CAPI Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne, was finalized in early February, and it is now under peer review process with Routledge.

The fundraising effort in the past academic year yielded, mainly, two conference grants (US\$25,000 + US\$35,000) to support the June and the October conferences. The China Program Chair’s visit to Hong Kong in April also widened the network of future fundraising for potential project grants.

In the academic year the Chair also traveled to Cambridge of the UK, Edmonton, Whistler, Sydney of Australia, and New York City for conference participation, and delivered five papers on those occasions and to the BC China Scholar Symposium held at Simon Fraser University in March.

The major publications of the China Chair in the reported period included one refereed-journal article and two books: one is a single-authored volume in English that came out after delays through a Singaporean publisher, and another a co-edited collection of Chinese political essays published in Hong Kong in June 2006. Besides, over a dozen of essays and opinion pieces appeared in various Chinese journals, including the Guangzhou-based popular weekly *Nanfang Zhoumo*. Also, the Chair was invited to foreword a biography of the former Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang, which was published in Hong Kong in early 2006.

The China Chair’s individual research and academic writing in the past academic year were extensive, resulted in four individual papers, an introduction to a co-edited volume, and two chapters of a book manuscript, as well as five proposals (two for conferences, two for books, and one for a SSHRC individual research project).



Besides teaching responsibilities including: classes in both departments of Political Science and History, supervision of senior thesis, participation of thesis defense, providing of recommendation letters to students, student advising, composition of degree examination reading lists, etc., the China Chair also kept himself busy in services to academic communities, primarily through memberships in journal editorial boards and reviewing of peers’ manuscripts. He continuously sits on the editorial board of four international journals, including *East Asia: An International Quarterly* (based in Durham, UK), *China Perspectives* (a journal with both English and French editions based respectively in Hong Kong and Paris), *China: An International Journal* (based in Singapore and edited by two leading scholars in the China field, Dr. Wang Gungwu and Dr. Zheng Yongnian), and *Modern China Studies* (Princeton, USA), while being invited to join the editorial board of a newly initiated, Sydney, Australia-based electronic journal on Chinese affairs, *The Truth*. In the year he reviewed articles for various journals including *China Perspectives* (twice), *China: An International Journal*, *East Asia: An International Quarterly*, and *Journal of International Integration and Migration*, and a book manuscript for the Cambridge University Press.

As before, the China Chair was frequently sought by international media for comments on China affairs. The media organization that interviewed him in the last year included some major outlets like the BBC, AFP, Reuters, Radio France (each for several times in the year), and some local and specific media, such as the *Baltimore Sun*, a French journal, and the Vancouver edition of the *World Journal* (a major North American Chinese newspaper). In May when attending a conference in New York, he sat in the broadcasting room of the New Tang Dynasty TV for a live show of conversations on the fortieth anniversary of China’s Cultural Revolution.

On the domestic front, the service included (besides those rendered to departments and faculties): chairing of the CAPI Student Fellowship Committee, the involvement in the preparation for a Global Studies Centre’s project on national security and defense, and various outreach activities, such as: the inviting of Mr. Hirota, the political head of the Japanese embassy in Ottawa, to give a lecture at CAPI; the meetings with visitors from Greater China, including Professor Zeng Fanren, former president of Shandong University, Dr. Thomas Chen, Taiwan ambassador to Ottawa, Dr. Michael Kau, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of China; and the meetings with Canadian Federal and local figures and international visitors who were interested in China affairs.

Governance and Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Program

Andrew Harding, Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations



On 1 July 2006 I celebrated two years at UVic/CAPI. The following report covers activity between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2006.

1. **Law, Governance and Constitutional Reform in Thailand** ~ This major research programme has moved forward considerably over the last year. Plans for the KPI Congress VIII, to be co-hosted with CAPI in Bangkok 3-5 November 2006 are now complete. A meeting with Dr Jingjai of KPI in Victoria in June 2006 finalised the program. This conference will be attended by around 600-700 people, will be opened by the Crown Prince of Thailand, and will include keynotes by former Canadian Foreign Minister Dr Lloyd Axworthy and former Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai. It will be covered extensively in the media and will involve papers by four UVic faculty, including CAPI’s Dr Wu Guoguang and myself. Several articles and conference papers have been published or delivered, or are in press, including papers at the University of Malaya in July 2005; at the University of the Philippines in August 2005; Harvard Law School in October 2005; at the Barnes seminar at the University of S Carolina in February 2006; at the University of Washington in March 2006; at SOAS, London, in April 2006; at the East China University of Politics and Law in May 2006; at ASPAC, Washington State University in June 2006; and at Xiamen University in June 2006. An article on the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand was published in mid-2005 in the *Journal of Comparative Law*, on whose editorial board I was invited to sit as an Asian law expert. A book chapter is also in press with Routledge Curzon in a book on Asian law and development post-1997 (‘Two Case Studies in the Politics of Law and Development’ (Malaysia/Thailand)). Work is continuing on the Constitutional Court of Thailand.



2. **Access to Environmental Justice: a Comparative Survey** ~ This book, edited by myself, is now in press with Martinus Nijhoff. It includes coverage of eight Asia-Pacific states/regions (Malaysia, Thailand-

PRC, South Pacific, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Indonesia). The Malaysia chapter is written by myself with Dr Azmi Sharom of the University of Malaya and the Introduction is written by myself. Editing and updating work was completed in January 2006.

3. **Constitutional Landmarks in Malaysia** ~ This volume of 20 chapters is designed to mark 50 years of Malaysia’s independence Constitution. Eminent contributors have been signed up and the book will be published by the *Malayan Law Journal* in Kuala Lumpur to coincide with the ‘Merdeka’ 50th anniversary celebrations on 31 August 2007. The book is to be edited by myself with Professor HP Lee of Monash University and will include historic photographs and biographies of prominent figures. Research for my own contribution to this book, relating to the ‘Rukunegara amendments’ and the New Economic Policy of 1970-1990 is now under way.

4. **Hart Series: Constitutional Systems of the World** ~ In January 2006 Hart Publishing of Oxford issued to me and Professor Peter Leyland of London Metropolitan University a contract to edit a new series of books with the above title. Since then we have signed up noted authors to cover many countries, including the following Asia-Pacific states: China, India, Thailand, Malaysia, and Vietnam. We expect also to cover Japan and Indonesia within the first three-four years of the series in addition to non-Asia-Pacific states such as France, Canada, South Africa, Brazil and the USA.

5. **Constitutional Courts: JCL special issue** ~ In May 2006 the Faculty of Law awarded my project on constitutional courts the Fraser Milner Casgrain Summer Fellowship, under which first year student Joana Thackeray undertook extensive research under my supervision in May and June 2006, comparing constitutional courts, which work will lead to a special issue of the *Journal of Comparative Law*, edited by myself and Professor Leyland, to be published in early 2008, and which will include essays on the following Asia-Pacific states: S Korea, Indonesia, and Taiwan; and an essay on Thailand and a theoretical essay written by the editors.