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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 to facilitate research on policy issues related to the Asia Pacific region. In addition, the Centre serves as a resource 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.
This year marked the completion of the Centre’s first decade as the University’s first interdisciplinary research and activities centre. September also saw the return of Sandra Schatzky to our professional staff after three years’ residency in Beijing. Sandra returned to her Assistant Director post, sharing the position with her replacement Barbara Duffield. Ms Duffield took responsibility principally for student and NGO liaison, communications and a pilot Civil Society Program. Ms Schatzky handles budgets, lectures, workshops, campus liaison and CAPI’s participation in a major CIDA proposal to support the implementation of the Women’s Law in China.

On the faculty front, we welcomed the arrival of Dr. Tim Craig (Business) as our Japan Program Associate and Mark Kremzner (Law) as our China Program Associate. With the able assistance of senior Commerce student Darci Yeo, Dr. Craig organized the tremendously successful CAPI Conference on Japanese Popular Culture in early April. It featured over 40 presentations by scholars and commentators from around the world on various genre of Japanese pop culture. Its success has prompted plans to mount an Asian Pop Culture Conference, in the spring of 1998, in partnership with the Faculty of Fine Arts. For immediate output, look for a special CAPI Occasional Paper containing a complete set of abstracts of papers presented at the Conference. Early next year, Dr. Craig will produce a book featuring selected Conference papers and presentations.

For his part, Mark Kremzner organized a fascinating one day Workshop, held in Vancouver at the end of May, on Property and Land in China: Development, Law and Markets, which attracted an excellent group of presenters from Shanghai, Seattle, Calgary, Victoria and Vancouver. Again, the best papers and discussion summaries will be carried in a forthcoming CAPI Occasional Paper. Plans are now being made by Assistant Professor Kremzner for a Spring 1998 Conference on issues of civil society and the limits of law.

In late January, I had the pleasure of working with four global trade experts from the US, the Philippines, Indonesia and Canada on APEC After the Manila Summit. We were able to organize the Roundtable at the tail end of the first Victoria meetings of APEC’s Senior Officials.

I cite these three CAPI-organized academic meetings as illustrations of how the Centre strives to enrich our collective experience with various Asia-Pacific communities on a variety of fronts whether they be in the performing arts, economic relations, public administration, communications or educational policy. Our efforts to reach out to the region, to work with scholars, to discuss and compare our research and to offer opportunities for both

"APEC After the Manila Summit" - Sherry Stephenson, Bill Neilson, Florian Aburo, John Klassen, and Mari Pangestu
faculty and students to collaborate with fellow institutes and other academics in the Asia-Pacific all testify to CAPI's facilitative mission in the University.

Each Chair, the Director and Program Associate is responsible for both a research and outreach program. The outreach side extends into field projects, training programs, conference organization and working with the President and Development Office in selected Asian countries. To these activities are added teaching and graduate supervisory responsibilities in our host Faculties since we hold joint appointments.

For the first time, two campus colleagues - Dr. Kathlyn Liscomb (History in Art) and Dr. Michael Bodden (Pacific & Asian Studies) - joined the Centre as Research Fellows for the year. Joint winners of our annual Faculty Research Fellowship, each colleague was able to complete their respective research agendas and present a CAPI research-in-progress seminar in the Spring term. Our next Research Fellow (1997-98) will be Dr. Joseph Kess (Linguistics) whose fellowship will be spent assessing the degree to which linguistics and psychology complement one another in the study of language activities targeted by Japanese psycholinguistics.

CAPI is able to offer the Research Fellowships and, indeed, up to eight Faculty Research Development Grants each year to qualified faculty colleagues by drawing on our Program Development Fund. The Fund also provides the wherewithal for CAPI's Student Prizes, Forums, Occasional Papers and the Lam Lecture. The money for these investments comes from administrative and other overheads captured from externally-funded projects developed by the Chairs, Director and Program Associates. However, faced with annual cuts by the University Administration, a plight suffered by other academic units on the campus as well, the Centre is hard pressed to sustain its Program Development Fund especially since the foundations, aid agencies and other providers of research funding are putting fewer funds into the global research network. As I mentioned last year, "without compromising our academic and professional integrity, we must continue to access third party funding support for our research and outreach programs. This remains our biggest challenge at this time".

You will find elsewhere in this Annual Report the full details of our several Research and Activity Programs, our Brown Bag Luncheon Seminar Series, the various students' initiatives (particularly the new Graduate Interdisciplinary Research Seminar on Asia-Pacific and the inaugural Graduate Student Symposium) and CAPI's Campus Forum for fifty front-line University staff where, for the first time, staff had the opportunity to exchange experience, insights and advice on UVic's internationalization strategy. The Forum produced a series of staff-generated recommendations arguing for greater staff involvement in the internationalization process.

Dr. Tim Craig, I am pleased to report, will continue with CAPI in the coming year as our Japan Program Associate. The same situation happily applies to Mark Kremzner, our China Law Program Associate. As well, in cooperation with the Faculty of Business, we are planning to make an appointment at the Associate Professor level to our Japan-Canada Economic Relations Chair.

On behalf of our Executive Committee, I am very pleased to confirm the appointment of Dr. Margot Wilson-Moore, Anthropology, as our Interim Director for the coming year while I am on sabbatical leave in Australia, East and Southeast Asia and Western Europe. Dr. Moore is well-versed in CAPI governance as a former Associate, member of the Executive Committee and our first Research Fellow in 1995-96. She enjoys the full confidence of our Executive Committee. The contribution of our External Advisors, whose assistance we seek on various occasions throughout the year, is also happily acknowledged here. Special closing thanks to our fine staff - Sandra Schatzky, Barbara Duffield and Stella Chan for their exemplary service to the Centre over the course of the year.
PEOPLE AT THE CENTRE

An 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 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 1996/97 members were: Drs. Greg Blue, History; Chris Morgan, Pacific and Asian Studies; Ralph Huenemann, CAPI/Public Administration; Peter Wan, Chemistry; and Margot Wilson-Moore, Anthropology. The Director of CAPI, Bill Neilson, chairs the Committee. Dr. Alex McAuley, Associate Vice-President, Research, is an ex-officio member, and the senior member of the Administration through whom the Director reports. For 1997/98, Drs. Hua Lin, Linguistics, and Alan Pence, Child and Youth Care, are welcomed to the Committee. During Bill Neilson’s sabbatical leave in 1997/98, Dr. Wilson-Moore will chair the Executive Committee.

External Advisors serve as a valuable resource to the Centre for feedback on our work and extending our network. Members for 1996-97 were: Mr. John Hepton, Manager for Asia and the Middle East, Petro-Canada Resources (Calgary); Dr. David Bond, Vice-President, Government and Public Affairs and Chief Economist of the Hong Kong Bank of Canada; Dr. Karen Minden, Vice-President, Research & Analysis, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada; Dr. Kimitada Miwa, Director of the Institute of American and Canadian Studies, Sophia University (Japan); Ms Susan Phillips, a Vancouver consultant, formerly Director of Public Affairs, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, with extensive experience in Japan and Southeast Asia; Mr. Murray G. Smith, former Director of the Centre for Trade Law and Policy in Ottawa, now residing in Geneva.

Faculty and staff at CAPI include Law Professor Bill Neilson, Director, (re-appointed to June 30, 2000); Dr. Ralph Huenemann, Chair in Economic Relations with China and half-time appointment in the School of Public Administration; Professor Mark Kremzner, Associate in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, half-time appointment in the Faculty of Law; Dr. Tim Craig, Associate in Economic Relations with Japan, half-time appointment in the Faculty of Business; Ms Barbara Duffield and Ms Sandra Schatzky, Assistant Directors; and Ms Stella Chan, Secretary. As noted above, Bill Neilson takes his sabbatical leave this coming year, and Dr. Margot Wilson-Moore, Anthropology, serves as Interim Director for 1997/98.

Dr. Douglas Johnston continues his association with UVic and CAPI as our Distinguished Senior Fellow, and remains on appointment at the National University of Singapore. Dr. Derek Ellis is a CAPI Program Director, managing a project on Marine Pollution Assessment and Control, with CAPI support, that concluded this year. He continues as a CAPI Associate Emeritus.

Drs. Michael Bodden, Pacific and Asian Studies, and Kathryn Liscomb, History in Art, completed their Fellowship year at CAPI, and we benefitted greatly from their contributions to CAPI. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Joseph Kess, Linguistics, as the 1997/98 CAPI Fellow. Stronger links have been forged with colleagues on campus through CAPI Associateships. Attached to CAPI through their projects and involvement in the regular activities of the Centre, such as conferences and publications, Associates strengthen and build CAPI in new areas. Associates for 1996/97 were: Drs. Jessica Ball, Psychology; Jim Boutilier, Special Advisor (Policy), Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters; Tim Craig, Business; Philip Dearden, Geography; Derek Ellis; Kathryn Liscomb, History in Art; Margot Wilson-Moore, Anthropology; Yuen-fong Woon, Pacific & Asian Studies; and Professor Ted L. McDorman, Law. Associates for 1997/98 are: Drs. Jessica Ball, Psychology; Michael Bodden, Pacific & Asian Studies; James A. Boutilier, Special Advisor (Policy), Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters; Philip Dearden, Geography; Derek Ellis, Associate Emeritus; Kate Frieson; Douglas M. Johnston, Associate Emeritus; HyeSoon Kim; Peter Maidstone, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; Stephen Tyler, International Development Research Centre; Professor Ted L. McDorman, Law; Chris Morgan, Pacific & Asian Studies; Ms. Linda Pennells; Mr. Randall Garrison, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; Mr. Stuart Wulff, South Pacific Peoples Foundation of Canada.
PROGRAMES

Faculty associated with the Centre are responsible for their own Regional Program consisting of research, lecturing, training, conference and network components. As well, the Centre benefits from program activities undertaken by CAPI Associate Emeritus Dr. Derek Ellis and Assistant Directors Ms Barbara Dufffield and Ms Sandra Schatzky. Programs are, in large part, externally-funded from a variety of sources.

PROGRAM 1: SINO-CANADIAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

Program Director: Dr. Ralph Huenemann

This program focuses on the economy of China, including bilateral trade and investment linkages with Canada. The program encompasses research, teaching, and training components.

Dr. Huenemann has recently completed a research paper entitled "A Cautionary Tale: Anomalies in the Sino-Canadian Trade Data, with Particular Reference to the Hong Kong Transit Trade." This paper deals with issues that appear to be rather technical on the surface but underneath contain substantial potential for political misunderstanding and friction. This paper will soon be available as a CAPI Occasional Paper.

Other research aspects of the program are actively being pursued. Dr. Huenemann is working closely with Professor Pitman Potter of the UBC Law Faculty on a joint paper on BOT financing of infrastructure projects in China. ("BOT" is shorthand notation for "Build, Operate, Transfer," a project financing arrangement that is rather widely used in parts of Asia but has only recently been introduced in China.) Dr. Huenemann is also preparing a paper, with the working title "China’s Foreign Debt and Foreign Exchange Reserves: Balance of Payments, Macro Stabilization, and Developmental Perspectives," for presentation to a conference on Financial Intermediation in China, that he is organizing.

Dr. Huenemann’s research continues to attract important audiences in business and government circles. In November 1996 he spoke on "China’s Economic Performance: A Canadian Perspective" to the Canada-China Business Council in Shanghai, and in February 1997, he gave testimony on "Canada’s Economic Relations with China" to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Senate in Vancouver. In September 1997, he will give a keynote speech to the Symposium on Cooperation between Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Canada and China in Vancouver.

In support of international research activities, Dr. Huenemann serves on the International Steering Committee of the Pacific Trade and Development Conference (PAFTAD), a grouping of senior economists from around the Pacific Rim, whose next meeting will be held in Chiangmai, Thailand, in May 1998, and on the International Scientific Committee of the International Conference on Traffic and Transportation Studies, to be held in Beijing, China, in June 1998. He also continues to be an active member of the editorial boards of Pacific Affairs and the Hong Kong Bank of Canada Papers on Asia.

On the teaching front, Dr. Huenemann organized the first offering of GS 501: Interdisciplinary Research Seminar on Asia-Pacific, in the spring term. The seminar involved a blend of theoretical analysis and practical advice on research techniques. The course was very well received by students. A modified version will be offered in the coming year, team taught by Dr. Robert Bedeski of Political Science and Dr. Huenemann. The subject focus will be "Political, Economic and Social Dynamics in the Asia-Pacific Region."
PROGRAM 2: ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC LAW DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Program Director: Professor Bill Neilson

The Program incorporates multiple research, teaching, training, advisory and drafting initiatives concerned with the formulation of legal systems, governance frameworks and economic/political relations between ASEAN member states, extending to the significant regional economies of Hong Kong and Taiwan. Collaborative disciplinary connections extend from law to economics, security studies, public administration, geography and anthropology. The research, training and advisory elements reflect Professor Neilson's study interests in governance and institutional design, comparative investment and trade policy, regional economic integration, legislative process and competition policy.

With support from the APEC Studies Centre of the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada, Professor Neilson worked with Dr. Mari Pangestu, Executive Director of the Jakarta-based Centre for Strategic & International Studies, to produce the first Indonesia-Canada APEC Joint Research Program. The Program involved extensive field interviews in August 1996 and was presented to a CIDA-convened Jakarta conference in November 1996. The Report reviewed Indonesian institutional and legal arrangements in the broad area of trade policy, and the human resource requirements of the Indonesian government in carrying out multi-disciplinary trade policy analysis. The Report made recommendations for a research and policy development program in intellectual property rights, trade in services, competition policy, anti-dumping regimes and trade and environment. The five proposed action priority areas are now under active review by the Canadian International Development Agency and the Indonesian government.

In the past three years, the pace of legal reform in Vietnam has been quite remarkable, including the introduction of a new Civil Code, the recent passage of the first Commerce Law, a revised Foreign Investment Law, a new Land Law and a National Environment Law. The CAPI Program, under Professor Neilson's direction, has worked with diverse national interests in Vietnam including the Office of the National Assembly, the Assembly's Law Committee, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment on a variety of law reform projects. Support for these research, advisory and training programs has come from CIDA, the Asia Foundation, the United Nations Development Program, the World Bank and the Vietnam Program for Sustainable Economic Development (VISED), a joint venture of CIDA and IDRC. In November 1996, VIRED sponsored our participation in a Dissemination Conference in Hanoi in which the operations of the new Economic and Administrative Courts were reviewed. The Courts had been established by the combined efforts of the Supreme People's Court, Ministry of Justice, and Law Committee of National Assembly. The Administrative Court provides, for the first time, a court forum for the review of regulatory and administrative decisions by government officials, principally arising from the exercise of their licensing and market entry authority. The Economic Courts, on the other hand, are equipped with mediation and adjudication powers to settle commercial disputes arising in Vietnam's mixed market economy and are also empowered to certify the insolvency of non-performing state enterprises. Establishment of the two new courts, along with the Labour Court, are further signs of Vietnam's commitment to harmonize its economic laws with the prevailing ASEAN legislative frameworks.

Interestingly, this work (which will be published later this year) led to two further initiatives: first, a proposal (which has been accepted for funding by the Southeast Asia Fund for Institutional and Legal Development (SEAFILD)) to conduct more intensive field work into the results of the first three years of operation of the new Economic Courts, through interviews with judges, counsel and litigants in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Haiphong. This proposal is now being discussed with Vietnamese counterparts. Co-researchers would include the Director of the Institute of
On a second front, the November meetings prompted an invitation to Professor Neilson by the Central Institute of Economic Management (CIEM) Hanoi, a senior research group within the Ministry of Planning and Investment, to join a National Competition Policy Review Task Force. The need for the Task Force derives from Vietnam's membership in AFTA (the ASEAN Free Trade Arrangement) and its membership applications pending before APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation) and WTO (World Trade Organization). In each case (almost in ascending order), member states are expected to have in place anti-trust legislation with an appropriate enforcement authority to ensure the complementarity of national markets with multi-lateral trade and investment liberalization measures taken by each regional/global organization. With support from the United Nations Development Program and World Bank, Professor Neilson joined forces with Professor William Kovacic (George Mason University, U.S.A.) in May 1997 to consult with the CIEM on the feasibility, coverage and design of the competition policy for Vietnam consistent with its 2006 AFTA compliance deadline. An academic analysis of our undertaking will be jointly published later this year.

Also in May, negotiations were initiated with the Centre for Advanced Studies, National University of Singapore (with whom we have an Academic Cooperation Agreement) to organize a first-ever video-conference on ASEAN-Canada relations. Professor Neilson is working with Dr. Hank Lim, to come up with a feasible agenda (and supporting technology) that will allow audiences in our respective universities to address issues of common interest. In a similar vein, we are supporting the efforts of Canada's APEC Study Centre (with the Asia Foundation in Vancouver) to convene an APEC issues conference in 1998 involving all like-minded university research centres from across Canada. Our hope is that the Vancouver APEC Summit, to be held this November, will yield a (modest) Legacy Fund to support independent APEC-related research by Canadian academics and graduate students.

In 1997-98, the Program will move with Professor Neilson as he takes up his study leave with visitorships in Australia (September), the University of Hong Kong and Kyushu University, Fukuoka (October), Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok (November-February), Utrecht University, Netherlands (April) and Umea, Sweden (May).

**Program 3: Japanese Business Management**

Program Director: Assistant Professor Tim Craig

Dr. Timothy Craig, Assistant Professor of International Business with the Faculty of Business, finished the first of a two year appointment as CAPI's Associate in Economic Relations with Japan. His research interests include international human resource management, foreign direct investment and organizational challenges in diverse and changing business environments.

During the first year of his term at CAPI, Professor Craig has continued his research project on "Cross-Cultural Employee Motivation and Risk-Taking," collaborating with Professor Nailin Bu of Queen's University. Data collection from companies in China, Taiwan and the United States is in progress and will continue into next year. The project received funding from a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) General Grant and a CAPI Faculty Research Development Grant. A second research project entails revision of a paper, "The Pendular Organization: A Dynamic Approach to Complex Centralization-Decentralization and Knowledge Sharing Pressures," for submission to a tier-one journal. Professor Craig will collaborate with Dr. Tom Roehl from the University of Illinois on the revised paper.

In addition, research has resulted in a paper now accepted for publication in the Asia Pacific Journal of Management, entitled "Theory and Implementation of 'Value Chain' FDI: the Globalization of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd." Professor Craig is also working on a project with Drs. Kwang Nyung Kim and Sang Hoon Nam, which will result in a CAPI Occasional Paper, "Foreign Direct Investment by Korean Firms: Profile, Theory and Implementation."

A major activity over this past year in Dr. Craig's CAPI program has been the organization and hosting of a major international conference on Japanese Popular Culture, "New Culture for the Masses: The Universal Appeal and Global Reach of Japanese Popular Culture." The first event of its kind ever put together, it was held at the University of Victoria on April 10-12, 1997. With the assistance of Conference Coordinator Darci Yeo, a student from the Faculty of Business, the conference featured over 40 presentations on various genre of Japanese pop culture - popular music, manga (Japanese comics) and animation, television, film, literature, and TV commercials - as well as themes such as gender issues, popular culture and social change, and the spread and appeal of Japanese pop culture.
overseas. Funding for the conference came from CAPI, major conference grants from SSHRC and the Japan Foundation, the Japanese Consulate in Vancouver, and corporate sponsors Canadian Airlines and Hill’s Indian Crafts. The conference received good press coverage, including an article in the Globe & Mail.

By all measures, the conference was a tremendous success, with particularly strong thanks from the presenters and delegates, many of whom are rather isolated, at their home institutions, in their interest and work in the area of Japanese popular culture, and who benefitted greatly from the networking and the exchange of ideas that the conference made possible. CAPI will be producing an Occasional Paper containing a complete set of abstracts of papers presented at the conference, and Dr. Craig is editing a book containing selected conference papers.

Finally, this year’s conference may be the first of what becomes an annual UVic pop culture event. Dr. Craig and Dr. Anthony Welch, Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts, are now planning Round II, a conference on Asian Popular Culture, to be held at UVic and jointly sponsored by CAPI and the Faculty of Fine Arts. The Call for Papers has been announced, and the date set for April 16-18, 1998. Selected papers will be published in a book targeted for a general audience, which will be edited by Dr. Richard King, Pacific & Asian Studies and Dr. Craig.

**PROGRAM 4: CHINESE PROPERTY CONCEPTS AND INSTITUTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Program Director: Assistant Professor Mark Kremzner

Mark T. Kremzner, Assistant Professor of Law and CAPI China Law Program Associate, has nearly completed his first year with the University of Victoria. He has been working to raise the visibility of Chinese legal studies at the University of Victoria, both in Canada and overseas. In the past six months he has made several trips to Asia and traveled to Europe and the United States. His research and professional interests over the past year have been focused on the contemporary legal culture of China and the emerging legal frameworks for real property and intellectual property.

Last October, Professor Kremzner spoke at a CAPI brown bag lunch seminar on the transformation of China’s urban land law system and the problems that legal reformers and policy makers face in light of imperial and Marxist traditions, which did not regard landed property as a commodity, and current pressures by both domestic and foreign sources, which consider most forms of real property to be a tradable commodity.

In November, Professor Kremzner was invited by the Institute of Social Sciences in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to attend a five-day workshop on the Future of the Asian City. Along with other international scholars and Vietnam officials, he visited a number of urban redevelopment sites in and around Ho Chi Minh City. As a panelist at one of the workshop sessions, Professor Kremzner spoke on the relationship between the rule of law and urban reform.

In December, Professor Kremzner attended the "International Conference on the Rural-Urban Transition and Development in China" at Zhongshan University in Guangzhou, China. There, he delivered a paper on the role of law and urbanization in China.

Since January, Professor Kremzner has been working on his research program investigating and assessing the relationship between the reform of China’s intellectual property law regime and economic development. This privately funded, two-year research program centres on the information technology industry as both an arena for innovation and a potential engine for social and economic development. The program, which is one of the largest non-governmental research efforts ever undertaken in China, involves a series of workshops, regional and national conferences, exchanges of foreign scholars and interdisciplinary research. In February, Professor Kremzner met in Beijing with the Director of the National Copyright Office, the Director of the Intellectual Property Working Group, and State Council officials. In Chengdu, Professor Kremzner met with the Sichuan Province Vice-Governor, officials from the Sichuan Science and Technology Commission, and a delegation of law professors from Sichuan University. Professor Kremzner will be returning to China this summer to conduct research and meet with industry and legal specialists on computer software and intellectual property rights.

In March, Professor Kremzner delivered a paper entitled "The Nature of Property Law in China: The Tension Between Individual and Collective Based Regimes," at the annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies in Chicago. In April, he was invited to Leiden University...
the Van Vollenhoven Institute in Leiden, Netherlands, where he spoke on the historical foundations of property and ethical relationships in China. He also met with faculty members to explore joint research work on Chinese land and natural resource management and the possibility of putting together a group of scholars to cooperate on a program for a conference of European-American China scholars.

In May, CAPI hosted a workshop on "Property and Land in China: Development, Law and Markets," organized by Professor Kremzner. An international panel of China scholars and analysts from various disciplines presented papers and exchanged views. Professor Kremzner spoke about urban real property and challenged the conventional view that China is developing private property-based real estate markets. He explained that the policy basis for many of the urban land reforms are designed to promote state control over urban real property.

Professor Kremzner has a forthcoming article on land use management in China which will be published in the Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal. He recently completed editing a research report on urbanization in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. In addition, he will be editing the proceedings of the CAPI workshop on Property and Land in China. In November, he will speak at an International Symposium on Marketization of Land and Housing in Socialist China at the Hong Kong Baptist University on "Housing China's Masses: The Developing Legal Framework for Real Estate."

PROGRAM 5: MARINE POLLUTION ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL

Program Director: Dr. Derek Ellis

Under the leadership of CAPI Associate Emeritus Dr. Derek Ellis, the training project in marine pollution assessment at the University of the South Pacific (USP) concluded this year, following a one-year extension. Program Co-Directors were Dr. Derek Ellis of UVic's Biology Department and Dr. Philomena Gangaiya of USP's Chemistry Department. Funding was provided by CIDA. Ms Barbara Duffield was assisted by Mr. Phil Hoover in handling the administration of the program.

The program has substantially enhanced pollution control capability in the South Pacific Region, and has built co-operative relationships between UVic and USP over the past six years. Undergraduates, graduate students and working professional scientists, engineers and regulators have all had opportunities for training and career development. A final year undergraduate degree course was developed, instrumented and implemented for three years. USP has now taken over the course. Nine USP staff, five being graduate students, came to UVic on laboratory-attachment terms. Four graduated at USP with Masters degrees, and the other is now completing his Ph.D. Nine specialist shortcourse/workshops were presented giving 147 career development opportunities for professionals working in pollution control. During this past year, Dr. Veikila Vuki, USP Marine Sciences Lecturer, met with UVic experts in oceanography, remote sensing and marine pollution control to network and develop course materials.

The Co-operative Education program funded 10 work-terms in pollution assessment for USP undergraduate students from Biology, Chemistry, Marine Science and Environmental Science. Experienced Co-operative Education assistants from UVic's Biology Department (10) and Law Faculty (2) helped initiate work-term projects, and work with the USP students. In all 26 training exercises with reports documenting the state-of-the-environment and improved analytical techniques were completed.

UVic maintained a resident scientist at USP during the six years: Remi Odense 1991-93 and Ed Anderson 1994-96. In addition to managing the program on-site, they also contributed to workshops and environmental impact assessments by other agencies, particularly the Institute of Applied Sciences (the USP hosting department), and the
South Pacific Regional Environment Agency (SPREP). Practical assignments for the training project resulted in 58 reports on the state-of-the-environment within eight of the island nations that support USP. After staying past the project completion date in order to finish projects, Dr. Anderson has returned to USP to teach a number of courses.

Dr. Ellis is involved in other activities in Asia Pacific, including a project conducting a procedural audit of the environmental monitoring program at Misima Gold-Silver Mine in Papua New Guinea, and a mining project in the Philippines.

**PROGRAM 6: BUILDING CAPACITY IN CIVIL SOCIETY**

**Assistant Director Barbara Duffield**

Building from the previous year’s community development projects and involvement in several NGOs, Ms Duffield embarked on a new pilot CAPI program. From the basic premise that poverty alleviation and social justice are issues of universal value, the program seeks a middle ground through capacity development of civil society. The program focuses on Indonesia, although other countries of Southeast Asia are also of interest. During this first eight months, program work consisted of research and project proposal development. Included was travel to Indonesia to discuss projects on migrant domestic workers, home-based workers and civil society and the middle class, with project partners. Complementing this program, the CAPI Student Committee, under Ms Duffield’s supervision, and ably assisted by work/study student Tara Shannon (Pacific and Asian Studies), hosted a seminar series on labour rights in Asia Pacific.

As a component of the program, Ms Duffield sat on the Boards of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC), serving as liaison with the CCIC Asia Pacific Working Group; the B.C. Council for International Cooperation, which focused its work this year on the APEC People’s Summit (the alternative meeting to the APEC Leaders Summit in Vancouver November 1997); and the Indonesia-Canada Alliance (ICA). As Chair of the ICA in its formation stage, the primary task has been to further develop the mandate and clarify an advocacy position.

As well, Ms Duffield continued in her responsibilities with CAPI communications and administration, sharing the position with Ms Sandra Schatzky. For example, the partnership with the South Pacific Peoples Foundation, a Victoria based NGO, was strengthened with several joint activities during the year. Finally, the University of the South Pacific Program in Marine Pollution and Control concluded this year, with the final report delivered to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

**PROGRAM 7: CAPI ADMINISTRATION**

**Assistant Director Sandra Schatzky**

Assistant Director, Sandra Schatzky, returned to CAPI in September after a three-year leave of absence, during which time she was posted to Beijing with her husband who was serving as Cultural and Educational Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy. Ms. Schatzky has reassumed primary responsibility for administration within CAPI. As well as organizing various CAPI activities, including the David and Dorothy C. Lam Lecture on Asia-Pacific Affairs, the CAPI Campus Forum, which this year focused on internationalization issues for front-line staff, and CAPI’s successful series of Brown Bag Luncheons, her work has included a major review and restructuring of CAPI finances and accounts, monitoring the Faculty Research Development Grant program, handling arrangements for the 1997 CAPI Visiting Research Fellow and updating computer systems and software. Her work on behalf of the CAPI Asian Studies Library Committee continues, even though funding for additional acquisitions has been cut. Ms. Schatzky assisted in hosting delegations from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Chinese Ministry of Labour.

Ms. Schatzky worked closely with colleagues at UVic, UBC and other institutions across Canada to prepare a proposal for submission to CIDA for the design phase of a major project to assist in the implementation of the Women’s Law in China. As of the preparation of this report, the results of that submission had not yet been received.

In April 25-26, Ms. Schatzky participated in a National Forum on Canada’s International Relations, held at Dunsmuir Lodge. The Forum, the first of four to be held across the country, was held to solicit input from citizens on Canada’s foreign policy options and priorities.
CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL LECTURES

The education and public outreach mandate of CAPI was successfully fulfilled through a program of conferences, workshops, lectures and Brown Bag luncheon series discussions.

• BROWN BAG SEMINARS

Mr. Gordon Longmuir, Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia, "From Killing Fields to Paddy Fields: Cambodia Reconciles its Past," October 3

Professor Mark Kremzner, CAPI/Law, "Real Estate in China: Between Planned and Market," October 15

Dr. Richard King, Pacific and Asian Studies, "Selling Canadian Culture in China," November 5

Dr. Jim Boutilier, Canada’s Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters, Esquimalt, "Whither China?" January 21

Dr. John Curtis, Senior Policy Advisor, Trade & Economic Policy, Dept. of Foreign Affairs & International Trade, Ottawa, "APEC, WTO, Canada & All That - Where Do We go From Here?" January 29

Dr. Helen Chauncey, Pacific & Asian Studies, "Aid and Development in Viet Nam: A View from the Donor Community," February 4

Dr. Kathryn Liscomb, History in Art and CAPI Fellow, "Li Po - Poet, Hero and Drunken Immortal: Icon of Chinese Culture," March 4

Dr. Johan Saravanamutu, Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, "A Civil Society Index for Malaysia," March 10

Dr. Maznah Mohamad, School of Social Sciences, University of Science, Malaysia, "Women and Islamic Law Reforms in Malaysia," March 11

Dr. Michael Bodden, Pacific & Asian Studies and CAPI Fellow, "Theatre and Censorship in Indonesia," March 18

• STUDENT BROWN BAG SEMINARS
Dave Long, CAPI Student Fellowship Recipient, Pacific and Asian Studies, "In Search of Elephants in Indonesia," October 8

Danny Chin, Sociology, "The Remarriage of the Tiger and the Lion: Looking at the prospects of reunion between Malaysia and Singapore," October 29


Danny Truong, CAPI Student Fellowship Recipient, Pacific & Asian Studies, "A Student’s View of Language Training in Ho Chi Minh City" and "Employment Opportunities in Educational Services." January 13


• GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM ON THE ASIA-PACIFIC (JANUARY 18)
UVic’s first Graduate Student Symposium on the Asia-Pacific was jointly sponsored by CAPI and the Pacific and Asian Studies Department, and led by CAPI’s Research Fellows, Drs. Michael Bodden and Kathryn Liscomb. The half-day event provided an opportunity for UVic graduate students to present their work to the campus community. Presenters and topics:

Issues in Education
Mimi Harvey, Education: "Hearing Different Voices, Seeking Common Grounds"; Hua Tang and Jonathan Zhao, Education: "Foreign Language Teaching in China: Historical, Political, Social and Educational Perspectives";

Culture, Politics and Representation
Hussein Keshani, History in Art: "State Mosques in Southeast Asia"; David Long, Pacific and Asian Studies: "Servants, Gods, Kings or Princes; Of Javanese Clowns and Their Culture";
Rural Identities & Economies
Helen Lansdowne, Pacific and Asian Studies: "The Definition of the Peasant in the Changing Social Structure of China"; Waranoot Tungittiplakorn, Geography: "Impacts of Non-opium Cash Crops on Hmong Women’s Socio-Economic Status";

Economic Development & Regional Politics
Mika Kimura, Pacific and Asian Studies: "Wearing Red Hat: Two Development Models in China"; Mariko Yamaguchi, Political Science: "The Future Perspective of APEC - The Second League of Nations or ‘EU’ in the Asia-Pacific Region?"

• CAPI STUDENT FAIR (JANUARY 29)
Following on the achievement of last year’s Asian Crossroads Fair, Danny Chin, Gordon World and Jonathan Lathigee, Pacific and Asian Studies Department, organized an equally successful event at UVic Centre. Resource people offered a wide range of materials and advice on working, studying, volunteering and travelling in Asia Pacific.

• APEC ROUNDTABLE (JANUARY 31)
"APEC After the Manila Summit: The Credibility Factor Facing Open Economies Including Canada" featured presentations from four global trading systems experts: Drs. Sherry Stephenson, Senior International Trade Economist, Organization of the Americas, Washington, DC; Florian Alburo, School of Economics, University of the Philippines; Mari Pangestu, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic & International Studies, Jakarta; and John Klassen, Director General, APEC Bureau, DFAIT Ottawa. The Roundtable took stock of the November 1996 Manila APEC Summit, the inaugural Post-Uruguay Round meeting of the World Trade Organization in Singapore and the challenges for Canada in setting the November 1997 APEC Leaders' decisional agenda.

• STUDENT SEMINAR SERIES (FEBRUARY 25, 26, 27)
Led by Tara Shannon, Pacific & Asian Studies Department student, a three evening seminar series was planned by the CAPI student committee, entitled Human Rights and Labour Issues in the Asia-Pacific: Whose Business is it?

The series featured two student and one key-note presentations on a particular theme each evening. The target audience represented students, faculty (UVic and Camosun), and community groups. The seminars' proceedings are reported on CAPI's homepage, http://www.capi.uvic.ca

Key note and student presentations:


• CAPI Forum on Internationalization (February 28)

Fifty front-line staff - from counselling and financial aid to security, health and food services - exchanged experiences and advice on UVic's internationalization strategy at CAPI's Campus Forum. Since staff work directly with international students, they were able to offer insights on how the policy is implemented on campus. Staff were highly supportive of UVic's internationalization strategy, and want to be involved in the planning process. A report on the Forum complete with recommendations made, is available from the CAPI office.

• Indigenous Peoples, APEC and Canadian Foreign Policy Roundtable (March 22)

Co-sponsored by South Pacific Peoples Foundation and CAPI, the Roundtable opened a dialogue on policy options for the Canadian government on Indigenous Peoples in an international context, including the APEC process. Representatives from Asia, Central America and Canada participated in the Roundtable.

• Property and Land in China: Development, Law and Markets (May 30)

Social, legal and economic issues of urban and rural land ownership and management in China were the foci of a one day CAPI international workshop, organized by CAPI's China Law Associate, Professor Mark Kremzner. A multidisciplinary speaker's list ensured a broad-ranging exchange and analysis on topics such as the emergence of real estate markets, resource management, gender and land ownership and the development of China's legal system. Four panels discussed:

The Evolving Framework of Property Ownership: Culture and Economic Implications - Pitman Potter and Paul Bowles;

Urban Real Estate and Housing - Tang Yilin and Li Ying;

Gender, Culture and Property Management - Josephine Smart and Mark Kremzner;

Land Markets and Socio-Economic Development - Alan Smart and Li Ping

• 1996/97 Lam Lecture on Indonesia's Political Regime (March 7)

The seventh Annual Dorothy and David Lam Lecture was delivered by Dr. Benedict Anderson, Cornell’s Professor of Government and Asian Studies and Director of the Cornell Modern Indonesia Project, speaking on "Ghosts of the Past, Spectres of the Future: The Twilight of Suharto's New Order." Dr. Anderson also led a Roundtable on "Jakarta and East Timor," and spoke at a joint World History - CAPI Symposium on "Protestant and Catholic Imperial Projects: The Construction of Chineseness."

• Japanese Popular Culture Conference (April 10-12)

"New Culture for the Masses: The Universal Appeal and Global Reach of Japanese Popular Culture" Conference was organized by CAPI Japan Program and Conference Director Dr. Tim Craig and Conference Coordinator Darci Yeo, a Faculty of Business student. The conference featured over 40 presentations by scholars and graduate students from four continents on various genre of Japanese pop culture. The program boasted two outstanding guest speakers. Frederik Schodt, gave the keynote address "Manga: Japan's New Visual Culture." Monkey Punch (aka Kazuhiko Kato), one of Japan's most popular manga artists, joined the conference "virtually" via a link from his studio in Japan.
The CAPI mandate includes "initiating" projects, research, and linkages among the UVic community with other communities, whether in the Asia-Pacific region or locally. On campus, the Centre performs a co-ordinating role, serving as an information network.

CAPI VISITORS

CAPI welcomes visitors who share their expertise with the campus and facilitate networking opportunities. This past year, visitors included:

Mr. Liao Xiaosheng, Director of the Institute for World History, Chinese Academy for Social Sciences, with a seven-person delegation, visited UVic World History faculty as part of an exchange with the Royal Society of Canada involving comparative research on Canadian democratic institutions, September 26

Dr. Stephen Tyler, International Development Research Centre, Singapore, visited UVic on October 21-22 and gave a round table presentation

Mr. Gardiner Wilson, Canadian Deputy High Commissioner to Australia, met with faculty members on October 21

Mr. Arun Adarkar, Director of the North American Representative Office, Asian Development Bank met with Dr. Penny Codding, Vice-President Academic and other faculty members on October 22

Mr. Zhang Zhihong, Director General of the Department of Performance Appraisal and Training, led an 11-person delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Personnel on a visit to UVic's Institute for Dispute Resolution, assisted by CAPI, on November 7

Mme. Nguyen Thi Than, MP, Chairwoman of the Committee for Social Affairs of the Vietnamese National Assembly, and her delegation, to discuss gender issues in Vietnam on November 26

Dr. John Curtis, Senior Policy Advisor, Trade & Economic Policy, DFAIT, January 29

Drs. Sherry Stephenson, Senior International Trade Economist, Organization of the Americas, Washington, DC; Florian Alburo, School of Economics, University of the Philippines; Mari Pangestu, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic & International Studies, Jakarta; John Klassen, Director General, APEC Bureau, DFAIT Ottawa, January 31

Dr. John Price, Coordinator, Labour Studies Program, Capilano College and Research Fellow, Institute of Asian Research, UBC; Mrs. Nancy Dixon, Provincial Chairperson, UNICEF, February 25-27

Dr. Johan Saravanamuttu, Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia and 1997 Professor in ASEAN and International Studies at the Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto; Dr. Maznah Mohamad, Associate Professor of Development Studies, School of Social Sciences, University of Science, Malaysia and 1997 Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, March 10-11

Mr. Jean-Marc Métivier, Vice-President, Asia Branch, CIDA, March 11

Dr. Supachai Yavaprabhas, Director of Chula Unisearch, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, April 1

Mr. Garrett Lambert, Commissioner for Canada in Hong Kong, April 21

FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS

Grants are awarded in a twice 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.

Six Grants were awarded in 1996/97: Dr. Mark Flaherty, Geography, "Low Salt Shrimp Aquaculture: A New Land and Water Resource Management Challenge in Thailand";
Dr. Richard King, Pacific and Asian Studies, "There and Back Again: Writings on the Chinese Urban Youth Generation"; Dr. Hua Lin, Linguistics, "Research on Chinese Tonal Development"; Dr. Joe Moore, Pacific and Asian Studies, "The Cultural Naturalization of Jazz in Postwar Japan"; Professor Chris Tollefson, Law, "Legalizing Sustainability: The Emergence of Public Interest Environmental Litigation in Indonesia"; Dr. Marilyn Walker, Human and Social Development, "Hill Tribe Traditional Medicine and Aids in Thailand".

**Faculty Research Fellowship**

Over the past year, the two 1996/97 CAPI Fellows, Drs. Michael Bodden and Kathlyn Liscomb, continued their research on "Staged Openness: Theatre and Censorship in Indonesia's Era of Keterbukaan" and "The Cultural and Religious Significance of Chinese Poets in Pre-modern China as Reconstructed from Representation in the Visual Arts" respectively. Dr. Joe Kess, Chair, Linguistics, is the 1997/98 CAPI Fellow. Dr. Kess plans to use the release time to complete a book-length summary and synthesis which charts the development, present practice and future direction of the inter-disciplinary field of psycholinguistics in Japan. This survey will assess the degree to which linguistics and psychology complement one another in the study of language activities targeted by Japanese psycholinguistics, as well as the degree of the influence of Anglo-American theoretical perspectives on Japanese psycholinguistic research.

**Communications Program**

The CAPI Newsletter, Asia-Pacific News, is published each September, January and May, with the objective of outlining UVic Asia-Pacific-related projects and research. 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. A new paper in 1996/97 is: *They Killed All the Lawyers: Rebuilding the Judicial System in Cambodia*, Kathryn Neilson, Q.C., CAPI Associate, September 1996.

Proceedings from last year's international workshop on the World Trade Organization have been published and are available also in the series: *The Asia Pacific Region and the Expanding Borders of the WTO: Implications, Challenges and Opportunities*, editor, Mark Buchanan, October 1996, 206 pp.

The CAPI homepage at [http://www.capi.uvic.ca](http://www.capi.uvic.ca) is continually updated with information about the Centre, including a calendar of campus events related to Asia Pacific. CAPI also sponsored a new homepage on UVic programs and expertise on Asia Pacific as a resource for students, faculty and others' internationally. In addition, the homepage presents information for potential students from Asia Pacific seeking information about studying at UVic. Located at [http://asiapacific.uvic.ca](http://asiapacific.uvic.ca), Jonathan Lathigee, Pacific & Asian Studies student, continues to build the site.

**Asian Studies Library Committee**

The Committee, representing a wide range of interests on campus, continued its mandate to build the Asian library collection and discuss matters on the co-ordination of materials. Unfortunately, due to the declining budget available for purchases, the Committee will need to refocus its objectives over the next year. Co-ordinated by CAPI's Sandra Schatzky and chaired by Kathlyn Liscomb, History in Art, the committee includes Robert Bedeski, Political Science; Daniel Bryant, Pacific and Asian Studies; Tim Craig, Business; Ralph Crozier, History; Phil Dearden, Geography; Joe Kess, Linguistics; Carl Mosk, Economics; Donna Signori, McPherson Library; and Margot Wilson-Moore, Anthropology.

**Student Fellowships**

CAPI awards an annual research travel grant and a language study grant, each valued at $2,000, to provide opportunities for students to further their study in Asia Pacific. The Research Fellowship was awarded to Danielle Miller, Pacific and Asian Studies, and the Language Training Fellowship was shared between Chandra Crowe, Pacific and Asian Studies, and Derek Yakiwchuk, Business. Danielle will conduct her Masters research on Indonesian NGOs that encourage sustainable development initiatives for women, within the context of the role of women in national development. Chandra plans to continue her study of Mandarin at the East China Normal University in Shanghai on the UVic/ECNU exchange program. Derek combines a four-month program of academic and language study at Kanagawa University in Japan.

The Student Essay Prize competition encourages excellence in student research focussed on Asia Pacific. The fifth
annual prize was awarded to Keith Nye, Pacific and Asian Studies, for his paper entitled "The Big Fish Eat the Little Fish - A Critical Analysis of the Cambodian-Vietnamese Border Dispute of 1978-79." Keith is preparing his paper for the CAPI Occasional Paper Series.

The CAPI Student Committee organized a program of Student Brown Bag Luncheons, a one day fair featuring information and advice on studying, working and volunteering in Asia Pacific, and a labour rights seminar series. Committee members worked hard to contribute and enrich campus learning opportunities.

**OTHER NETWORKING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

CAPI members provide a variety of support services to the campus and other educational and professional communities. These services are directly linked to their CAPI positions, and strengthen the Centre’s involvement and profile in academic and professional communities.

**Professor Ralph Huenemann**
- Member, International Steering Committee, Pacific Trade and Development Conference (PAFTAD)
- Member, International Scientific Committee, International Conference on Traffic and Transportation Studies (Beijing, July 1998)
- Member, Editorial Boards, *Pacific Affairs* and *Hong Kong Bank Papers on Asia*
- Member, CAPI Executive Committee
- Member, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Committee
- Member, China Advisory Committee
- Instructor, GS 501: *Interdisciplinary Research Seminar on Asia-Pacific*

**Professor Bill Neilson**
- Director, Anand-UVic Educational Initiatives Fund - Thailand
- Faculty of Law Overseas Student Programs and Asia-Pacific Co-op Placements
- Advisor, Chulalongkorn Masters Program in International Business Law
- Advisor to the President - Taiwan/Southeast Asia/Hong Kong relations
- Chair, Advisory Committee to the President, International Office establishment

**Professor Tim Craig**
- Japan Advisory Committee, UVic
- Faculty of Business - Japanese University Exchange Program Group
- Faculty of Business - International Business Committee
- Member, Association of Japanese Business Studies
- Tenor, Victoria Japanese Community Choir

**Professor Mark Kremzner**
- Member, Hampshire Bar Association
- Member, Maine Bar Association
- Member, Association of Asian Studies
- Member, China Advisory Committee, UVic

**Barbara Duffield**
- Director, BC Council for International Cooperation
- Director, Canadian Council for International Cooperation
- Chair, Indonesia-Canada Alliance
**Professor Ralph Huenemann**


**Professor Mark Kremzner**


**Professor Bill Neilson**

"The Internationalization of Canadian University Educational Services in the Asia-Pacific Region, including the Taiwan-Canada Connection," Paper delivered to the Fifth Taiwan-Canada Higher Education Conference, Ottawa, May 26, 1997.


**Professor Tim Craig**


