Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives
Annual Report 1998-99

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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 regional resource facility to the University and to the larger community. More specifically, CAPI was established to fulfil six functions:

(i) To serve as a clearing house for the collection and dissemination of information regarding activities on campus, and in the community;

(ii) To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among interested persons at the University, and to organize and publicize visits by specialists and other visitors with Asia-Pacific expertise;

(iii) To promote publication and public information activities appropriate to the University;

(iv) To organize and conduct short- and medium-term teaching, training and research projects;

(v) To organize and administer long-term, cross-disciplinary programs in collaboration with other relevant groups and institutions, on and off campus; and

(vi) To participate in networks of organizations and individuals sharing similar goals and interests.
Every five years, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, like the other recognized Centres at the University of Victoria, must be externally reviewed as a condition for applying to the Senate for renewal of its 'approved' Centre status. This was CAPI's year. In preparation for the Review, we prepared an extensive Self-Assessment Report covering our past five years and the goals that we propose to set for ourselves in the next five years.

We were tough on ourselves in terms of evaluating our most recent experience and efforts. Our chairs, staff, our current Research Fellow and our Executive Committee members worked together to assess our efforts, ponder organizational revisions and revisit our purpose and objectives. Our repositioning document was then shared with our Associates and our external advisors for their input and comments. I want to pay particular tribute, first, to Sandra Schatzky and, second, to Helen Lansdowne, for their stellar assistance in putting together our Self-Assessment Report.

We felt it necessary, at the outset of the Report, to address the issue of "what CAPI is and why it is as it is". We made these points:

- CAPI was not established to develop a program of Asian Studies. Rather, CAPI was established to assist in expanding and developing the University's Asia-Pacific resources and capacity beyond what could normally be undertaken within a departmental framework.

- Initiatives was a conscious choice for CAPI's name. Our efforts must always be seen in pro-active, outreach terms, beyond traditional research objectives, to include conferences, workshops, training programs, interdisciplinary projects, a networking function and collaboration with other organizations.

- CAPI was established to facilitate multidisciplinary activities related to the Asia-Pacific region on the campus. We believe that we have more than fulfilled this mandate. We have tried to be an inclusive Centre that relates to many faculty, students and staff at the University and in the larger Asia-Pacific region.

We then argued that we had achieved our four principal goals for 1994-98, including the difficult task of securing $1.6 million external funding support for our research and training projects, conferences and workshop activities. Our Regional Programs are directed by our Chairs, the Director and our annual Research Fellow, all resulting in a sustained CAPI presence throughout China, Japan, Southeast Asia, parts of South Asia and South Korea. During the same period, CAPI invested nearly $200,000 (funds generated from its Regional Programs) into campus research support through CAPI Faculty Research Development Grants, CAPI Research Fellowships and CAPI Program Associateships. Our intercentre collaborative aspirations were more than realized over the five years in question, extending to the Department of Fine Arts, the World History Caucus, Women's Studies, Faculty of Music, the Departments of Pacific & Asian Studies and Geography, the Asia-Pacific Assembly, the UVic Centre for Dispute Resolution, the Centre for Global Studies, the Faculties of Law and Business, the UVic Shastri Committee and most recently, the new Office for International Affairs. Collaborations beyond the UVic perimeter have extended to sister institutes in more than half a dozen Asia-Pacific countries, plus others in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Europe.

We surpassed some of our goals, such as in the establishment of the CAPI Student Fellowship Program which offers research and language-training fellowships to senior students to pursue their educational goals (some $14,000 to eight students since 1996).

In March, following a three-day visit the previous month to the campus, involving over a dozen interviews with interested parties and an assessment of CAPI's output for the past five years and our plans for the next five years, the Review Committee submitted its Report to the Vice-President Research, Dr. Martin Taylor. The Committee consisted of Professor Paul J. Davidson (Carleton), Dr. Karen Minden (Asian Business Consortium, Joint Centre for
Asian Pacific Studies, Toronto & York Universities) and Dr. John Schofield, the internal member, presently the Dean of Social Sciences. The Committee, we are delighted to report, reported that "interviewees were unanimous in their support of the Centre". In the opinion of the Committee, "overall the Centre is well managed and provides a great benefit to the University".

The Committee's very positive Report was adopted by the Senate Planning Committee, chaired by the Vice President Academic, whose recommendation for 'approval' status was accepted unanimously by the Senate at its June 29th meeting. So CAPI has another lease on life and we intend to move forward.

For starters, our current Regional Programs will be fully prosecuted by the Chairs and the Director. We will continue to deliver and improve the well received Campus Programs, ranging from the Dorothy and David Lam Lecture Series, Brown Bag Seminars, Occasional Paper Series, Campus Forum to our Program Associateships, Faculty Research Fellowships and Student Language and Research Fellowships. In our efforts to attract more external funding for our field projects, we propose to establish a two-year CAPI Program Professorship, to be awarded on a competitive basis to a full-time UVic Faculty member with a track record of funded policy-oriented research/activity programs in the region. The position will be funded from the residue of CAPI's initial Endowment Funds. We will need to spend money to make money to support our outreach initiatives.

Similarly, we are going to contract with off-campus specialists who can join CAPI Associates to work with us to compete for major grants. It is obvious that we must put together project consortia to prepare collaborative bids for submission to major funding Foundations and other national and regional agencies. We need project staff to help us.

It must be remembered that our Program Development Fund (PDF) which really supports most of our campus programs (over $60,000 annually) requires constant replenishment from our project management fees and the overhead recoveries from our externally funded managed programs. In recent years, the PDF has come under some threat, as the external project funding environment has become so much more competitive. We need to meet this challenge by being more proactive in seeking funding for our research and outreach programs. To do that, we must call upon new resources. We are also being more assertive in recruiting off-campus expertise to enhance our existing campus resources in the staffing and delivery of CAPI programs. We need additional help to work with us to compete for major grants and also to join with us and faculty and professional staff in implementing the funded programs.

The addition of Isabel Kelly and Art Wright as Consultants to our APEC Worksite Practices Project is our first example of hiring top-notch consultants to help us with implementation. Each brings regional expertise and credibility to the Centre's management of a very sensitive and groundbreaking undertaking. The Director, with assistance from the Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs, has prepared an Associateship services contract for these relationships. The contract is now being used by other Centres in similar situations.

The rest of this Report documents our activities this past year. It is fair to say that CAPI delivered a record agenda of workshops, lectures, seminars, in-field programs and publications in 1998-99. We hosted visitors and research collaborators from China, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia, India, Cambodia and Thailand, including two visiting professors as CAPI/Law Faculty, Dr. Tim Lindsey (Melbourne) and Professor Shelley Wright (Sydney) and research professor, Dr. Hank Lim (Singapore). A vintage year for all concerned.

At this juncture, I would like to express the Centre's sincerest appreciation to the members of our Executive Committee for their supportive and careful stewardship this past year, to our external Advisors for their wise counsel, to Vice President for Research, Dr. Martin Taylor, and most especially to our hard-working and very professional staff: Assistant Director Sandra Schatzky (to December 31, 1998); Acting Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne (since January 1, 1999); Research Associate Drew Duncan and, of course, our founding Secretary, Stella Chan.

CAPI stands ready to take on its new five year mandate.
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 1998/99 members were: Drs. Greg Blue, History; Tim Craig, Business; Hua Lin, Linguistics; Chris Morgan, Pacific and Asian Studies; Alan Pence, Child and Youth Care; Anthony Welch, International Office, and Margot Wilson-Moore, Anthropology. The Director of CAPI, Bill Neilson, chairs the Committee. Dr. Martin Taylor, Associate Vice-President, Research, is an ex-officio member, and the senior member of the Administration through whom the Director reports. For 1999/00, Drs. Christopher Garrett, and Hiroko Noro are welcomed to the Committee to succeed Drs. Margot Wilson-Moore and Chris Morgan who have completed their terms.

External Advisors serve as a valuable resource to the Centre for feedback on our work and extending our network. Members for 1998/99 were: Dr. Do Duc Dinh, Senior Researcher, Institute of World Economy, Hanoi, Vietnam, Vice Editor-in-Chief, Vietnam Economic Review, Fulbright Visitor, John Hopkins University, Baltimore; Dr. Jingjiai Hanchanlash, First Senior Vice President, Loxley Public Company Limited, Bangkok, Thailand; Dr. Hank Lim, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Former Director, Centre for Advanced Studies, The National University of Singapore, Singapore; Dr. Kimitada Miwa, Director of the Institute of American and Canadian Studies, Sophia University (Japan); Professor Malcolm Smith, Director, Asian Law Centre, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia; Mr. Murray G. Smith, former Director of the Centre for Trade Law and Policy in Ottawa, now residing in Geneva; and Mr. Yuen-Pau Woo, Director of Research & Analysis, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Faculty and staff at CAPI include law Professor Bill Neilson, Director; Dr. Ralph Huenemann, Chair in Economic Relations with China and half-time appointment in the Faculty of Business; Dr. Tim Craig, Chair in Economic Relations with Japan, half-time appointment in the Faculty of Business; Ms Sandra Schatzky and Ms Helen Lansdowne, Assistant Directors; and Ms Stella Chan, Secretary.

Dr. Douglas Johnston continues his association with Uvic and CAPI as our Distinguished Senior Fellow. Dr. Derek Ellis finished managing a project on Marine Pollution Assessment and Control, with CAPI support, but continues as a CAPI Associate Emeritus.

Dr. Philip Dearden, Geography, completed his Fellowship year at CAPI, and we benefitted greatly from his contributions.

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 1998/99 were: Jessica Ball, Psychology; Michael Bodden, Pacific & Asian Studies; Jim Boutilier, Special Advisor (Policy), Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters; Philip Dearden, Geography; Barbara Duffield; Derek Ellis; Kate Frieson; Randall Garrison, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; Douglas M. Johnston, Associate Emeritus; HyeSoon Kim; Garrett Lambert, Business; Peter Maidstone, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; Professor Ted L. McDorman, Law; Linda Pennells; Stephen Tyler, International Development Research Centre; Art Wright; and Stuart Wulff, South Pacific Peoples Foundation of Canada.
PROGRAMS

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.

The past year has been a busy and productive one on the research front. My research report on “Anomalies in the Sino-Canadian Trade Data, with Particular Reference to the Hong Kong Re-Export Trade,” which was prepared originally as a consultant’s report for Statistics Canada and also circulated as CAPI Occasional Paper #16, has now been updated and accepted for publication in the Journal of Contemporary China. My paper entitled “Will China Be Next?”, which I presented at the Canada-China Business Council’s annual conference in Beijing in November and at CAPI’s conference on the Asian Economic Crisis in December, has been submitted to an appropriate journal, where it is under review. My paper “Liberalization of Manufacturing Sectors: The Automobile Sector in China,” which I presented at the 25th Pacific Trade and Development Conference (PAFTAD) in Osaka in June 1999, will likely be published in a book of cognate papers by Routledge. Last but not least, at the request of the editors, I returned to my roots as an economic historian and wrote an article on “Railroad Diplomacy” for the new edition of the China-Handbuch, the distinguished German encyclopedia of modern China.

In the coming months, my research focus will shift back to my long-standing interest in financial intermediation in China -- that is, the process by which savings are accumulated and allocated to investment. I am currently working on two papers in this area. The first, which is a collaboration with Professor Pitman Potter at U.B.C., is a study of BOT financing of infrastructure projects. (“BOT” is shorthand notation for “Build, Operate, Transfer,” a financing arrangement that is widely used in Asia but still rather new in China.) The second paper is an investigation of the linkages between China’s balance of payments and domestic capital markets. I am working with colleagues from China and elsewhere to organize a scholarly conference on financial intermediation, to be held in 1999-2000.

This has also been a busy year for activities in support of colleagues and students on campus. I organized a three-day seminar in Beijing in November entitled “Entrepreneurship: Growth and Opportunity.” This event provided an opportunity for entrepreneurship specialists from UVic’s Faculty of Business and the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University to share their insights with an audience of Chinese scholars, business people and officials. Also in the fall, I helped the President with his fund-raising activities on behalf of the library. In the spring term, I gave a guest lecture on the Asian economic crisis to Fong Woon’s class, and I chaired the CAPI graduate students’ symposium. I supervised the following graduate student research projects in the MBA program:

- Jie Yao, “The Current Chinese Economy,” and
- Supaporn Kulkanjanatorn, “Privatization of the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand”

PROGRAM 2: ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC LAW DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Program Director: Professor Bill Neilson

The Program, which consists of teaching, research and conference components, reached into Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and Sweden during the past year. Taking Sweden first, I was invited by the Umea University Department of Law in October to present Rule of Law Perspectives on Government Accountability Systems dealing with Vietnam’s proposed new Complaints and Denunciations Law at a Hanoi Workshop sponsored by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). Umea’s Law School is very active in Vietnam and Laos and over the seven years that I have worked in Vietnam, I have had the good fortune to work with a number of Umea professors and graduate students. That relationship resulted in a June invitation to act as the external examiner or ‘opponent’ at the Ph.D. oral defence of Mr. Per Bergling’s thesis Legal Reform and Private Enterprise: The Vietnamese Experience. Both the opponent and the candidate survived the three hour exercise, conducted in front of fifty spectators and the 3-professorial Examination Committee.
In Laos, I served last August as the Advisor to the Ministry of Justice on a proposed new Commercial Law and also under UN Development Program (UNDP) sponsorship, addressed the Law Committee of the National Assembly on Governance Models for Parliamentarians as Legislators.

My work on *The IMF's Legal Conditionalities Meet Indonesia's Legal Culture*, which first was presented at the CAPI December 11, 1998 Asia Crisis Conference, led to a more fulsome effort on the same *Rush to Law* topic which was prepared for the CAPI Colloquium on *Back to the Future? Prospects for Reform in Post-Soeharto Indonesia*, organized by our Melbourne visitor and Indonesian Law specialist, Dr. Tim Lindsey, on March 19, 1999. Those papers are now being edited by Research Associate Drew Duncan and Professor Lindsey for publication by CAPI.

There followed an invitation to present a paper on Reforming Commercial Laws: Strategies and Realities for Donor Agencies which was presented to the International Conference on Current Issues and Future Directions for Bankruptcy Reform in Indonesia in late April in Jakarta under AusAid-IMF-World Bank-Commercial Court of Indonesia sponsorship. That work, in turn, prompted much discussion and debate, resulting in an invitation to speak to the *Legal Crisis in Asia* Conference scheduled for mid-August 1999 at the Asian Law Centre, University of Melbourne. My research theme here has been to explore the lessons for donor agencies arising from the recent IMF legal conditionality experience and their own separate regional law reform support programs. Too often, I observed, "foreign-mandated reforms misread or undervalue the force of local legal, political and business cultures. Insufficient attention is paid to the separate realities of drafting and implementation. Proportionality of response and gradualism of pace in the reform efforts characterize the better initiatives". The Jakarta and Melbourne papers will be published later this year.

Back in Vietnam, where I have made twenty-two research, training and teaching visits since my first in 1992, I was asked by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to take on the leadership of the independent mid-term Evaluation of the UNDP US$9 million law reform program in Vietnam. The Program works with the Supreme People's Court, the National Assembly and the Supreme People's Procuracy. I used my holiday leave to take on the task which immersed me and my five team members (one American, one Ghanian, and three Vietnamese lawyers) in the capacity building and institutional reform vortex of significant multi-faceted legal change projects. After more than fifty field interviews with every possible stakeholder interest and a close reassessment of all program documentation, reports and other outputs, our team produced a clean bill of health, with suggestions for program reorientation and goal-setting that would most likely realize the Program's completion objectives eighteen months hence.

In Thailand, my program is moving ahead on several fronts. For the past five years, I have been advising the Faculty of Law at Chulalongkorn University on the development of the first English language LL.M. program in International Business Law. The UVic Law Faculty and Chulalongkorn have long had a very close relationship, beginning in 1988, involving the exchange of over sixty students between the two schools. The new LL.M. program, a first for Thailand if not the ASEAN region, started in June 1999. Two UVic Law students, after research internships at the King Prajadhipok's Institute, the parliamentary research centre in Bangkok, studied the first three credit courses in the Program. I will teach the intensive month-long Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Law course in the Program next March. The two students, Stephanie Nagel and Elyssa Lockhart, identified several areas of common research interest for the Institute and CAPI which Dr. Borwornsak Uwanno, the Institute's Director, and I are presently presenting to several funding agencies for their support.

On a much different plane, Dr. Phillip Dearden (Geography), our current CAPI Research Fellow and I nominated His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand for an honorary Doctor of Science degree. The longest serving constitutional monarch in the world and a person revered by all Thais and highly respected throughout Asia, His Majesty will accept the UVic honours on November 5 at Chitrala Palace. Amongst other UVic-focused events scheduled for Bangkok that Convocation Week, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) will sponsor an Academic Roundtable on Environmental Protection and Rural Development featuring UVic, other Canadian and Thai experts. The subject matter is at the forefront of the King's many Royal Development Projects which are aimed at the well-being of Thailand's predominantly rural population. Chancellor Dr. Norma Mickelson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Brian Lamb and President Dr. David Strong will lead the UVic Convocation party to Thailand.

The Program's research agenda, as partly indicated, concentrated on donor agency law reform strategies, law transformation experience in transitional economies, comparative law making systems and governance legal frameworks. Along with the UVic Institute for Dispute Resolution, we joined a seed grant application headed by UVic's Centre for Global Studies, including research partners in Mexico, Thailand and South Africa to the MacArthur Foundation on Transborder Crime and International Regulation. We were also part of a proposal consortium with the UBC Asian Research Centre and other Canadian centres
for seed funding to prepare a Centres of Excellence grant proposal on a six sector Asia-Pacific research program in which I was the Environment Team Leader and UVic Professors Bob Bedeski, Phillip Dearden, and Chris Tollefson are members of the proposed research teams. Other efforts are underway, in collaboration with Melbourne's Asian Law Centre, to bid for a UNDP Vietnam contract on the organization and delivery of an intensive Judiciary Training Program which would take place in Hanoi, Victoria and Melbourne. Later this year I will be working with the Indonesian Ministry of Justice on the implementation of their recently enacted Laws on Competition and Consumer Protection and taking part in a separate AusAid Indonesia program on Competition Law, with special reference to its intellectual property law interface (a subject that I will address in this summer's IP Program in the UVic Faculty of Law).

**PROGRAM 3: JAPANESE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

**Program Director: Associate Professor Tim Craig**

I finished the first of a five-year appointment as CAPI's Chair in Economic Relations with Japan. My primary CAPI program is the "Asian Popular Culture Conference and Book Series," which began with the 1997 CAPI Conference on Japanese Popular Culture and has continued with the 1998 CAPI/UVic Conference on Asian Popular Culture and the 1999 CAPI/UVic Conference on South Asian Popular Culture. I organized the Conference on South Asian Popular Culture over the fall of 1998 and spring of 1999. It was held April 22-24, 1999, and was extremely successful (as were its predecessors). The 1999 conference was awarded a $10,000 Research Conference Grant from SSHRC, and will produce a book, currently being edited by Hye-soon Kim (UVic Fine Arts) and Margot Wilson-Moore (UVic Anthropology). The conference also provided a co-op position for MBA student Heather McDonald, who was Conference Coordinator.

In June 1999 I signed a contract with M.E. Sharpe, Inc. (New York) for publication of the book from the 1997 conference. The book is titled *Japan Pop! Inside the World of Japanese Popular Culture*, and the deadline for submission of the completed manuscript is September 1, 1999. The chapters of the book (all of which I edited or rewrote) include the following:

- *Introduction* by Tim Craig, UVic

"A Karaoke Perspective on International Relations," by Hiro R. Shimatachi

"Japanese Comic Books and Religion: Osamu Tezuka's Story of the Buddha," by Mark MacWilliams, St. Lawrence University


"Gender and Girls' Comics in Japan," by Maia Tsurumi, University of Victoria


"Changing Attitudes toward Gender Roles in Popular Japanese TV Dramas of the 1990s," by Hilaria Goessmann, University Trier, Germany


"Japan's Soft Power: Doraemon Goes Overseas," by Saya Shiraishi, Kyoto Bunkyo University

"Idol Performance and the Vision of Asia-Pacificism," by Hiroshi Aoyagi, University of British Columbia

"Imperial Family as TV Stars: Television Coverage of Akihito and Michiko's Royal Wedding," by Jayson Makoto Chum, University of Oregon

"Into the Heartland with Tora-san" by Mark Schilling, The Japan Times and Screen International

Currently, Richard King (UVic, Pacific and Asian Studies) and I are co-editing a volume on Asian Popular Culture, based on the 1998 conference. We plan to send publication proposals for this book to University of Hawaii Press and UBC Press this coming fall.

I am on sabbatical from July 1999 through June 2000, but will be exploring the possibility of joint sponsorship with another institution for the next conference (scheduled for the year 2001). CAPI Chair-related activities for this past year include the following:


- Research project: "Motivation and Risk-Taking in the Workplace: A Cross-Cultural Comparison," with Nairin Bu (Queen's University). This project has thus far produced one conference presentation and one paper which is being refereed for possible publication. In winter 1999 Japanese data was collected to add to the study. Dr. Bu and I plan a major revision of the paper later this year, incorporating the Japanese data.
Visits to Japanese Universities: On behalf of the Japan Exchange Program of UVic's Faculty of Business, I visited three Japanese universities in October 1998: Fukushima University (to renegotiate our Exchange Agreement), Tohoku University (to discuss potential graduate level exchanges), and Kanagawa University (for preliminary discussions on a twinning program).

Program 4: APEC Workplace Project

Program Coordinator: Helen Lansdowne

In late December, 1998, CAPI was awarded the contract of coordinating and organizing the APEC Project entitled “Successful Practices in Human Resource Development in the Workplace: Contributions from Labour, Management and Government.” The Project was conceived in 1997 at the APEC HRD Ministerial Meeting to look at workplace issues involving labour/business/government. Canada was asked to host and, in turn, the Federal Government contracted CAPI to manage the project. The object of the project was to undertake and share research on successful examples of labour-employer-government cooperation on human resource development issues in the workplace through five parts:

- The setting up and monitoring of two web sites for information sharing - a public web site with general information regarding the project and a password controlled web site on which participants can read and discuss each others work;
- Case study preparation - following the Project Guidelines, each participating member economy prepared 1 - 3 case studies which illustrated successful practices in the workplace with the tripartite involvement of labour-business-government.
- The organizing of an international Colloquium for the participating member economies. The Colloquium was held at Dunsmuir Lodge June 25th - 28th. Forty-five participants from nine member economies, through previously prepared keynote presentations, plenary discussions and topical workshops, examined twelve previously prepared case studies which demonstrated a broad variety of programs and projects undertaken in response to specific workshop issues. The studies presented were diverse in terms of scope: addressing global, national, local and plant-level issues; subject matter: including government policy, practices and responses, manufacturing and processing motor cycles, textiles, garments and seafood, provision of electricity and maintenance of health care; and complexity: programs to preserve employment, to maintain competitiveness, to increase productivity, to maintain or increase market share, to establish dialogue between agricultural workers and owners and to establish sector and industry-wide partnerships and consultative councils. They were similar, however, in that in each case the desired successful outcome depended, to varying degrees, on the effectiveness of tripartite cooperation, on attitudinal change, on adopting a strategic long-term view of shared interests, on innovation in the manner in which the parties related to each other, communicated and were prepared to share responsibility for achieving agreed objectives. Formal sessions were augmented by exhibits and video presentations highlighting initiatives and innovative practices used successfully.

- A preliminary report of the Colloquium will be sent to the APEC-HRD Ministerial Meeting which is scheduled for the end of July 1999 in the United States.

- A publication including a summary of the Colloquium together with the case studies, will be prepared for publication.

Program 5: CAPI Administration

Assistant Directors Sandra Schatzky and Helen Lansdowne

Assistant Directors Sandra Schatzky and Helen Lansdowne, undertook the primary responsibility for administration within CAPI. As well as organizing various CAPI activities, including the Campus Forum, which this year focused on research initiatives in the Asia Pacific region, and CAPI's successful series of Brown Bag Luncheons, their work has included the major undertaking of compiling the Centre's Five Year Self-Assessment Report, monitoring the Faculty Research Development Grant program, handling arrangements for the 1998-99 CAPI Visiting Research Fellows and preparing the proposal for and managing the APEC Workplace Practices Project.

In April 12th, Ms Lansdowne participated in a CIDA Poverty Reduction Policy Roundtable entitled “The Good Governance & Prosperity Link: Practical Approaches to Improving Governance in Asia”, held at the Harbour Centre, Simon Fraser University. The Roundtable was one of several held across Canada.
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


Prof. Ago Shin-ichi, Professor of Law, Kyushu University, Japan -- "Asian Governments and Workers' Rights: The Real World of Face to Face Negotiations," October 1, 1998.

Drs. Surachet Chettamart, Associate Dean & Dachaneem Emphandu, Faculty of Forestry Kasetsart University, Thailand -- "Current Issues in Forestry: Protected Areas and Public Policy in Thailand," October 5, 1998.


Dr. Hank Lim, CAPI Visiting Professor, and Professor of Economics, National University of Singapore -- "Malaysia's Policy on Capital and Exchange Controls: Implications for Singapore and ASEAN Economies," October 27, 1998.

Dr. Keng Chua, Head, Electronic & Broadcast Media Department, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore -- "Internet in Some Asian Countries: Development and Access Issues," November 18, 1998.

Mr. Methodius Kusumahadi, Director of SATUNAMA, Unitarian Service Committee of Canada -- "The Other Face of Indonesia: Overcoming Crisis," November 23, 1998.


Mr. Gordon Longmuir, Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia -- "Cambodia: Will Justice be Done?" January 21, 1999.

Ms. Dewi Anggraeni Fraser, Indonesian news correspondent and novelist -- "Writing Between Two Cultures: An Indonesian Perspective," February 10, 1999.

Dr. Timothy Lindsey, Associate Director, Asian Law Centre and Senior Associate, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne, Australia -- "Who Owns Legal Change in Southeast Asia?" February 12, 1999.

Prof. Shelley Wright, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, Australia "Current Human Rights Issues in the Asia-Pacific," February 23, 1999.

Dr. Robert Bedeski, Dept. of Political Science, University of Victoria "Prospects for Arms Control in East Asia," March 2, 1999.

Mr. Colin Russel, Consul General of Canada, Hong Kong -- "Hong Kong: Repositioning the Canadian Connection," March 22, 1999.


Mr. Bernard Giroux, Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, Laos and Burma -- "Canadian Policies to the Region," May 12, 1999.


STUDENT BROWN BAG SEMINARS


**ASIA CRISIS LECTURE AND CONFERENCE (DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 1998)**

On December 10th and 11th, 1998, CAPI and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada co-sponsored the annual Dorothy and David Lam Lecture in Asia-Pacific Affairs and a one-day Conference on the Asia Economic Crisis. Dr. Mari Pangestu, Executive Director of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta, delivered the 9th annual Lam Lecture entitled, "Asia's Road to Recovery: A Balancing Act." Her talk, which focused on the economic, social and political prerequisites for a return to pre-crisis conditions in the region, served as the Keynote Address for the following day's Conference on "Asia, Democracy, and Global Capitalism: The Price and the Prospects for Recovery." The Conference attracted participants from Canada, the U.S., and Asia and took on the dual tasks of assessing the crisis-responses of the International Financial Institutions, while identifying the prospects for improvement. The Conference and its proceedings were under the direction of CAPI's Director, Bill Neilson and Research Associate Drew Duncan.

**CAPI FORUM ON INITIATIVES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC (FEBRUARY 6, 1999)**

Held at Dunsmuir Lodge, the Campus Forum brought together fifty faculty members to discuss research initiatives in the Asia Pacific region. Three sessions of speakers were held covering a wide range of themes, such as "Asian Women: Labour, Migration and Image", "International Education", and "Applied Academics and Policy". Credit goes to the organizational skills of Margot Wilson-Moore, CAPI Executive Member, UVic. Anthropology and Assistant Director, Helen Lansdowne.

**GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM ON THE ASIA-PACIFIC (FEBRUARY 26, 1999)**

UVic's third Graduate Student Symposium on the Asia-Pacific was sponsored by CAPI, and chaired by CAPI's Chair in Economic Relations with China, Dr. Ralph Huenemann. The half-day event provided an opportunity for UVic graduate students to present their work to the campus community. Presenters and topics included:

- **Manami Iwata**, Linguistics: "Implying 'No' in Japanese: Sociolinguistic Analysis of Japanese Refusals";
- **Malini Sivasubramaniam**, Communications and Social Foundations, Education: "Educating the Mother, Reaching the Child: The Need for Family Literacy Programs in Rural Community Development in Southeast Asia";
- **Mary Pomerol**, History in Art: "Migration and Cultural Transition: Changing Perspectives on Identity in the Art of Gu Xiong";
- **Chris Willer**, History: "The Student Leaders of Tiananmen 1989: Cashing in or Maintaining Their Personal Legacy?"

**CAPI STUDENT FAIR (MARCH 10 & 11, 1999)**

Following on the achievement of last year's Asian Crossroads Fair, Drew Penland, Sonja Woodcock, Jen Talbot, Ly Tran, and the Pacific and Asian Studies Student Committee, organized an equally successful event at the Student Union Building. Resource people offered a wide range of materials and advice on working, studying, volunteering and traveling in Asia Pacific. Entertainment included a performance of Indonesian dance.

**INDONESIAN COLLOQUIUM (MARCH 19, 1999)**

A one-day CAPI sponsored Colloquium entitled, "Back to the Future? Prospects for Reform in Post-Soeharto Indonesia," was held at UVic giving scholars from Indonesia, North America and Australia an intimate forum to engage in round-table discussion on an
interdisciplinary basis. Participants debated the implications of recent events in Indonesia and the uncertain future of that country. Proceedings of the Colloquium are being prepared for publication by Visiting Professor Dr. Timothy Lindsey and Research Associate Drew Duncan.

**SOUTH ASIA POPULAR CULTURE CONFERENCE**  
**(APRIL 22-24, 1999)**

The 1999 CAPI and Faculty of Fine Arts Conference on South Asia Popular Culture, held at the Cadboro Commons Conference Centre at the University of Victoria on April 22-24, 1999 is believed to be the first conference of its scale and kind ever held on the theme of South Asia Popular Culture. Organized and run by CAPI Japan Program Chair and Conference Director, Tim Craig and assisted by Conference Coordinator, Heather MacDonald, a Masters of Business Administration student from the Faculty of Business, the conference featured approximately forty-five presentations by scholars, writers, practitioners, and graduate students from over ten countries. Various genres and themes of South Asia pop culture were presented. They included South Asia popular music, television and movies, comics and visual arts, gender and sexuality, popular literature, religions, national identities, cross border influence, and pop culture and government control. A book of selected conference papers will be edited and prepared for commercial publication by Margot-Wilson Moore, Anthropology and HyeSoon Kim, Faculty of Fine Arts.

**WOMEN'S LIVES, WOMEN'S WORK CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC**  
**(May 28, 1999)**

CAPI and the South Pacific Peoples Foundation co-sponsored a one-day Workshop on Women, Culture and Development in the Pacific. The Workshop brought women from the Pacific region, including the West Coast of British Columbia, to talk about their roles, problems, and contributions to the creation and protection of local cultures, economic development and political representation in their families, communities, nations and the region. Organized by CAPI’s Assistant Director, Helen Lansdowne and Visiting Professor Shelley Wright, the Workshop included speakers from New Zealand, Fiji, Australia, and British Columbia.

**APEC COLLOQUIUM (JUNE 25-28, 1999)**

On June 25th-28th weekend, CAPI organized the APEC Colloquium entitled “Successful Practices in Human Resource Development in the Workplace: Contributions from Labour, Management and Government.” Forty-five delegates participated, representing these nine member economies: Canada, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and the United States. The three-day event was held at UVic’s Dunsmuir Lodge and involved keynote addresses, plenary sessions and workshops.
NETWORKING, COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY AND BEYOND

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 and activity unit for the entire University community.

CAPI VISITORS

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

- Prof. Ago Shin-ichi, Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, Japan, October 1, 1998.
- Drs. Surachet Chettamat, Associate Dean; Dachanee Emphandu, Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Thailand, October 5, 1998.
- Dr. Roy Culpeper, President, The North-South Institute, October 6, 1998.
- Mr. Ryuhei Hosoya, Counsellor, Cultural Affairs & Public Relations, Japanese Embassy, Ottawa; and Mr. Tomonori Ida, Vice-Consul, Consulate General of Japan, October 6, 1998.
- Dean Borwornsak Uwanno, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, October 13, 1998.
- Mr. Gordon Longmuir, Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia, January 21, 1999.
- Ms Dewi Anggraeni Fraser, Indonesian news correspondent and novelist, February 10, 1999.
- Dr. Barry Carin, Canadian High Commissioner to Singapore, April 6, 1999.
- Dr. Mohammad Sadli, University of Indonesia, May 25, 1999.
- Delegates from Development Research Center, The State Council, People's Republic of China: Dr. Liu Shijin, Director General and Senior Research Fellow; Mr. Xiong Xianliang, Associate Research Fellow; Mr. Zhang Wenkui, and Mr. Xu Donghua, Research Fellow, of the Industrial Economics Research Department; Mr. Xie Fuzhan, Director General, General Department and Senior Research Fellow; and Mr. Wenguo Cai, Senior Research Associate and Project Manager, at the Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Carleton University, Ottawa, June 17, 1999.

Visiting Professors:

- Dr. Hank Lim, Associate Professor, Economics Department, National University of Singapore, September - December 1998.
- Dr. Timothy Lindsey, Associate Director, Asian Law Centre, and Senior Associate, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne, January - March, 1999.
- Prof. Shelley Wright, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, Australia, January - June, 1999.

FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS

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


FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Over the past year, Dr. Philip Dearden, Geography, continued his study on "Conservation and Development in Highland Continental Southeast Asia." The project synthesizes previous and ongoing studies into a coherent monograph focusing largely on Northern Thailand but also including studies from neighbouring countries which provide a detailed bio-regional geography of the highland areas and their biophysical and cultural characteristics with a special emphasis on conservation and the needs for the future.

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 recipient of this year’s Language Fellowship was Adrienne Truchi, History in Art, studying Indonesian at Udayana University in Denpasar. The Student Research Fellowship was awarded to first prize recipient Michelle Theberge, Geography, “Biological Carrying Capacities and Human Impacts on Coral Reef Ecosystems in the Surin and Similan Marine National Parks, Thailand” and second prize recipients, Claire Fossey, History in Art, “Bad Women: The Construction of the Monstrous Feminine in Bali”; and Brian Szuster, Geography, “Shrimp Aquaculture in Thailand and Managing Cumulative Environmental Effects.”

STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE

The Student Essay Prize competition encourages excellence in student research focussed on Asia Pacific. This year’s winner is Doug Nowak from the Department of Pacific & Asian Studies for his essay, “Mistaken Identity: The Identity of the Sino-Vietnamese Refugees in Canada.” Honourable mention goes to Jeffrey Wong from the Law School for his essay entitled, “The Search for the Rule of Law in Indonesia: Can it be Found?”

STUDENT COMMITTEE

The CAPI Student Committee, led by Drew Penland and Sonja Woodcock, organized a program of Student Brown Bag Luncheons and a one day fair featuring information and advice on studying, working and volunteering in Asia Pacific. Committee members worked hard to contribute and enrich campus learning opportunities.

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

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

The Occasional Paper Series facilitates the dissemination of research on the Asia Pacific which may not be published elsewhere or reflects work in progress. Proceedings and related materials from the December, 1998 international conference on the Asia Crisis have been published and are available also in the series. Other published papers are:


The CAPI homepage at 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 sponsors a homepage on UVic programs and expertise on Asia Pacific as a resource for students, faculty and others internationally and can be found at http://asiapacific.uvic.ca. In addition, the homepage presents information for potential students from Asia Pacific seeking information about studying at UVic.

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 Tim Craig

My on campus activities include the UVic Japan Advisory Committee, the CAPI Executive Committee, Asia-Pacific Assembly Executive Committee, and editorship of CAPI’s Occasional Paper Series. Off campus activity include the entire tenor section, Asunaro Japanese Community Choir.

- Professor Ralph Huenemann

Through the year, I served on the China Advisory Committee, and managed the UVic student exchange with the University of International Business & Economics in Beijing. My off-campus activities include service on the editorial boards of Pacific Affairs and the Hong Kong Bank of Canada Papers on China. This year I also reviewed manuscripts for the Canadian Journal of Development Studies and the Review of Economics and Statistics, and I served as the external examiner for a Master’s thesis submitted to the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston. I continue to serve as a Canadian representative on the International Steering Committee of the Pacific Trade and Development Conference (PAFTAD).

- Professor William Neilson

With respect to University Service in 1998-99, I co-chaired the President’s Advisory Committee on Library Fundraising, and chaired the ad hoc Committee organizing the July visit of Her Royal Highness Professor Dr. Princess Chulaborn, CAPI’s Executive Committee and Law’s Co-op Committee. With Dr. Huenemann, I also served as a member of the President’s Search Committee. I am also the principal adviser to the President on the University’s Special Convocation for the King of Thailand in Bangkok this coming November.
Professor Tim Craig


Co-editing a volume on *Asian Popular Culture* with Dr. Richard King, Pacific & Asian Studies, to be submitted to University of Hawaii Press and UBC Press.

Professor Ralph Huenemann

“Anomalies in the Sino-Canadian Trade Data, with Particular Reference to the Hong Kong Re-Export Trade,” accepted for publication by the *Journal of Contemporary China*.


Professor William Neilson


Professor Philip Dearden, 1998-99 CAPI Fellow


Professor Ted L. McDorman, CAPI Associate


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Professor Lawrence Woods, CAPI Visiting Professor

