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M ANDATE 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.

Bill Neilson, Director and

"During the past year, we have moved to implement our Five-Year Work Plan as approved by the University Senate when it renewed our 'approved' Centre status in June 1999.

To begin, **Dr. Robert Bedeski** (Political Science) became our first Program Professor on January 1 following his selection by the CAPI Executive Committee after a campus-wide competition conducted in the 1999 fall term. Dr. Bedeski's term runs for the 2000 calendar year. The Professorship provides partial release time for Dr. Bedeski to bring his active research and activity program in Human Security in the Asia-Pacific Region to CAPI. As Program Professor, he will concentrate on attracting funding support for several planned, large research initiatives, in cooperation with like-minded UVic colleagues and team members from other institutes and universities in both Canada and overseas.

The Executive Committee, CAPI's governing body, has decided to seek Senate approval (this coming fall) for the liberalization of the terms of reference of our three Chairs. Under the proposal, the Japan and China Chairs, respectively, would become the Chairs in Japan (or China) and Asia-Pacific Relations. The Law Chair would stay with the Asia-Pacific Relations Law title. The changes proposed would enable CAPI to make joint appointments on a term basis with a greater variety of disciplinary departments and faculties at the University. If we get approval from the Senate, we would then apply the wider terms of reference to our recruitment of the new Japan Chair in 2001, as **Dr. Tim Craig**, our current Japan Chair, will be giving up his CAPI appointment this December to return full time to the Faculty of Business.

During this past year, we welcomed back to CAPI and the campus our former Law Chair, **Dr. Douglas Johnston**, after his three year visiting appointment at the National University of Singapore. Dr. Johnston, I am happy to report, has quickly re-engaged himself in our programs, particularly in the preparation of a research component for Dr. Bedeski's forthcoming Maritime Security project proposal to the Department of National Defence.

Our work with the students, both undergraduate and graduate, at the University deserves mention here. Expertly coordinated by our Assistant Director, **Helen Lansdowne**, the output includes the annual Graduate Student Symposium which this year saw six excellent presenters at a March Workshop, chaired by our Executive member, **Dr. Hua Lin** (Linguistics). To that initiative, we might cite our two CAPI Student Fellowships and our Student Essay Award, all of which were avidly competed for by a wonderful group of energetic and informed

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students. As an "initiatives" Centre, CAPI brings many programs and visitors to the campus and, in turn, is always competing for external funding for our field projects. Over the past year, the CAPI Chairs, staff, the Director and program personnel have been active in Indonesia, China, Taiwan, Australia, Thailand, Mongolia, South Korea, Russia, Singapore, Malaysia and the United States. Funding support has come from the Canadian International Development Agency, the International Development Research Centre, Human Resources and Development Canada, our Dorothy and David Lam Endowment Fund, the Ford Foundation, AUSAid, the United Nations Development Program, Chulalongkorn University and others.

We are working with our International Office to form consortia to bid on World Bank and Asia Development Bank contracts and we continue to develop cooperative arrangements with partner institutes at UBC, in Australia and Thailand (to pick some recent examples) to improve our competitiveness in the major grants field.

The rest of this Report documents our activities over the past year. CAPI delivered a record agenda of workshops, lectures, seminars, in-field programs and publications in 1999-2000. The campus and CAPI were the beneficiaries of an extraordinarily successful fall term visitor, **Professor Stanley Yeo** of Southern Cross University, Lismore, Australia. Professor Yeo taught Comparative Asia-Pacific Criminal Law in the law school and organized, with **Professor Gerry Ferguson**, a CAPI Workshop on "The Law of Homicide: Canadian, Australian and other Asia-Pacific Perspectives," resulting in a top-notch CAPI publication under the same name this past February.

May I thank most sincerely the members of the Centre's Executive Committee for their thoughtful support and stewardship this past year, also our external Advisors for their appreciated counsel, our supportive Vice-President for Research, **Dr. Martin Taylor**, and above all else our CAPI staff colleagues, Assistant Director **Helen Lansdowne** and our founding Secretary, **Stella Chan**.

"The Millennium has been well launched."

P EOPLE 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 1999/2000 members were: **Drs. Greg Blue**, History; **Ralph Huenemann**, CAPI/Business; **Christopher Garrett**, Physics & Astronomy; **Hiroko Noro**, Pacific & Asian Studies; **Hua Lin**, Linguistics; **Alan Pence**, Child and Youth Care; and **Anthony Welch**, International Office. The Director of CAPI, **Bill Neilson**, chairs the Committee. **Dr. Martin Taylor**, Associate Vice-President, Research, is an *ex-officio* member, and the senior member of the Administration through whom the Director reports. For 2000/01, **Drs. Leslie Butt**, Pacific & Asian Studies, and **Tim Craig**, CAPI/Business are welcomed to the Committee to succeed **Dr. Alan Pence**, who has completed his term, and **Dr. Ralph Huenemann** who is on sabbatical. We also welcome **Dr. Joe Kess**, Linguistics, to join us for six months as CAPI Visiting Professor starting January 2001 when Dr. Tim Craig will be returning to the Faculty of Business full-time.

External Advisors serve as a valuable resource to the Centre for feedback on our work and extending our network. Members for 1999/2000 were: **Dr. Do Duc Dinh**, Director of the Consultancy Department, Institute of World Economy, Hanoi, Vietnam, Vice Editor-in-Chief, Vietnam Economic Review, Chair of the Professorship in ASEAN and International Studies, University of Toronto; **Dr. Jingjai 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**, Vice President, Research and Chief Economist, 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; **Dr. Robert Bedeski**, Professor of Human Security & Peace in the Asia-Pacific Region; **Ms Helen Lansdowne**, Assistant Director; and **Ms Stella Chan**, Secretary.

Attached to CAPI through their projects and involvement in the regular activities of the Centre, such as conferences and publications, Associates strengthen and build CAPI in new areas. Associates for 1999/2000 are: **Jim Boutilier**, Special Advisor (Policy), Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters; **Helen Chauncey**, Pacific & Asian Studies; **Philip Dearden**, Geography; **Derek Ellis**, Associate Emeritus; **Kate Frieson**, Consultant; **Randall Garrison**, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; **Douglas M. Johnston**, Associate Emeritus; **Garrett Lambert**, Business; **Isabel Lloyd**, Southeast Asia Fund for Institutional and Legal Development, Bangkok; **Gordon Longmuir** former Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia; **Peter Maidstone**, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; **Ted L. McDorman**, Law; **Chris Morgan**, Pacific & Asian Studies; **Linda Pennells** Consultant; **Chris Tollefson**, Law; **Stephen Tyler**, International Development Research Centre; **Art Wright**, Consultant; **Stuart Wulff**, Pacific Peoples Partnership; and **Francis Yee**, Dept. of Social Science, Camosun College.

PROGRAMS

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

Program Director: Dr. Ralph W. 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.

This has been a busy research year. Earlier projects that have now reached formal publication include "Liberalization of Manufacturing Sectors: The Automobile Industry in China," in Ippei Yamazawa, ed., *Economic Integration in the Asia-Pacific Region*, Routledge, 2000, and "Anomalies in the Sino-Canadian Trade Data, with Particular Reference to the Hong Kong Re-Export Data," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 9, No. 24, 2000. My article on "Railroad Diplomacy" will appear in the new edition of the *China-Handbuch*, the distinguished German encyclopaedia of modern China, which is scheduled to be published later this year.

My current research covers several fronts. I continue working on issues surrounding trade liberalization generally and the specific problems of the automotive sector in that context. I have been invited to give a keynote speech on "China and the WTO" at the University of Calgary in September, and I expect to present a related paper at an academic conference in 2001. A second strand of my research is focused on the role of infrastructure in poverty alleviation. This involves both conceptual clarification and field research on how improvements to various types of infrastructure (roads, electricity supply, telecommunications, water supply, etc.) affect the standard of living and the quality of life in the poorest areas of China. In May, I participated in an international conference on "China's Poverty Reduction Strategy in the Early 21st Century" in Beijing as a World Bank consultant. I also direct UVic's participation in a CIDA-funded project on transportation issues in Gansu, in collaboration with the Gansu University of Technology. (Gansu is one of China's poorest provinces.) The third aspect of my current research continues my long-standing interest in

financial intermediation – that is, the process by which savings are accumulated and allocated to investment. I am currently working on three papers in this area. The first is a study of BOT financing. ("BOT" is shorthand for "Build, Operate, Transfer," a financing arrangement that is widely used in Asia but is still rather new in China.) The second is an investigation of the linkages between China's balance of payments and domestic capital markets. The third is an analysis of the benefit-cost methodologies used by IFIs to evaluate the poverty-alleviation impact of infrastructure investments.

In the grey zone between research and teaching, I am working with a Chinese colleague to co-author an MBA-level textbook on International Business, which will probably be published by the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University.

On the teaching front, in addition to my scheduled courses, I served as the external examiner for a Ph.D. candidate in Law at U.B.C., and I supervised the research projects of seven MBA students at UVic, of which four dealt with Asian topics. In March, I was deeply honoured to receive recognition for teaching excellence from two organizations, the UVic chapter of the Golden Key National Honour Society and the Commerce Students' Society.

My on-campus service activities this year included membership on the Presidential Search Committee, the China Advisory Committee, and the Shastri Committee. I also served as academic advisor to the international student services office of the Faculty of Business. My off-campus service activities included membership on the editorial boards of *Pacific Affairs*, the *Hong Kong Bank of Canada Papers on China*, and the *Journal of Asian Business*. I continue to serve as a Canadian representative on the International Steering Committee of the Pacific Trade and Development Conference (PAFTAD). By sheer serendipity, the scheduling of this year's PAFTAD meetings meant that I was in Seoul when the historic summit meeting between Kim Dae-jung and Kim Jong-il occurred. PAFTAD meetings are always interesting, but this year's sessions were truly momentous.

PROGRAM 2: Economic and Public Law Development in Southeast Asia

Program Director: Professor Bill Neilson.

My Program is comprised of teaching, research and conference components and in the past year was delivered, so to speak, in Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and Australia. Its most unique (and enduring) moment was perfected in my attendance at the Special Convocation of the University of Victoria in Bangkok on November 5, 1999. On that date at the Chitralada Palace, Chancellor **Dr. Norma Michelson** conferred upon **His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej** an Honorary Doctor of Science degree. In the address to His Majesty, **President David Strong** rightly observed that "We honour His Majesty for his service to the Thai people and his standing in the wider global community as a Head of State respected for his integrity, his appreciation of education and his record of service in the public interest." Nearly a year previous to this extraordinary event, **Dr. Philip Dearden** (Geography), then our current CAPI Research Fellow and I had nominated His Majesty, the longest serving constitutional monarch in the world and a person revered by all Thais and highly respected throughout Asia, for the UVic honour. We were especially privileged to be included in the Convocation Party.

Two days before the Convocation ceremony, CAPI, with support from the International Development Research Centre, convened an Academic Roundtable in Bangkok on Environmental Protection and Rural Development. The subject matter is at the forefront of the King's many Rural Development Projects which are aimed at the well-being of Thailand's predominantly rural population. The proceedings of that most successful Roundtable will be published, under Dr. Dearden's editorship, by White Lotus Press in the coming months.

In early August 1999, I was invited by the Asian Law Centre of the University of Melbourne to present at their Conference on Legal Crisis – Australia, Japan and Asia. My paper, "International Donor-Funded Law Reform in Asia: Some Reflections on Recent Experience" will be included in the proceedings to be published by Federation Press, Sydney this August.

In a similar vein, the same Press will publish this month my "Reforming Commercial Laws: Strategies and Realities for Donor Agencies" presented to an IMF-AusAid/Commercial Courts Jakarta Conference in April 1999.

The Melbourne Conference featured a number of excellent Japanese presenters, one of whom, **Professor Souichirou Kozuka** (Sophia University, Tokyo) will collaborate in a comparative research project with myself and **Professor Robert Howell** (Law) which will look at the contentious competition law/intellectual property rights interface, using the recently released Enforcement Guidelines of Japan and Canada.

In early December, I was fortunate to co-organize a Vancouver briefing Workshop with **Yuen-Pau Woo**, Vice-President and Chief Economist of the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada (and a CAPI Associate) which featured a number of the Seattle WTO Summit players, reporting on the much-troubled negotiations that had been suspended just the previous day. I must record here my appreciation to Yuen-Pau Woo for his readiness to cooperate with CAPI in putting on research workshops – for example, our successful December 1998 Asian Crisis Workshop.

In January, I returned to Vietnam to direct the final Impact Assessment of the UNDP's US\$9 million law reform program in that country. The Program works with the Supreme People's Court, the National Assembly and the Supreme People's Procuracy. I had the good fortune to have as my colleague, **Virginia Wise** (Harvard Law School), **Judge Soren Axelsen**, Justice of the Superior Court of Denmark and **Phan Nguyen Toan**, principal of the LEADCO law firm, Hanoi. In our Report, we found favour with the Program's emphasis on human resource development as a long-term contributor to the emergence of a justice system in that country. Our Report has been adopted by the UNDP as a model for future Impact Assessments.

March 2000 saw me in Thailand where, under the terms of our Faculty exchange agreement with Chulalongkorn University, I introduced the Asia-Pacific Trade & Investment Law course to Chula's new English language LL.M. in International Business Law. The

new Program, a first for Thailand and, indeed for the ASEAN, started in June 1999. Its establishment culminates, in a sense, the very close relationship, beginning in 1988, between the UVic Law Faculty and the Chulalongkorn Law School. My field research in Bangkok took in the new Constitutional Court (whose Research Director was a visiting graduate student in 1996) and the equally new Administrative Court. Both institutions are a product of the so-called 'people's' 1997 Constitution. Later this year, I will go back to Bangkok, with a former UVic Law colleague and administrative law expert, **Murray Rankin, Q.C.**, to direct a "comparative perspectives" program for the new judges of the Administrative Court – an independent body set up for the first time in Thailand to review citizen complaints against government officials.

In May, my Program renewed its links with the Asian Law Centre, University of Melbourne, in an Intellectual Property Training Program held in Jakarta, Indonesia. Those links with Australia and Indonesia are being called upon to provide country resources to our forthcoming APEC Competition Policy and Economic Development Project to be debuted in our Dunsmuir Conference scheduled for September 21-24, 2000. Co-sponsored by CAPI, the Comparative Law Institute of Chuo (Tokyo), the Institute for Global Legal Studies of Washington University (St. Louis) and the Asian Law Program, University of Washington (Seattle), the project will bring together participants from Indonesia, Thailand, South Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan, Australia, Canada and the United States. The Dunsmuir Conference will explore the relationship between economic growth in competition policy, taking into account current economic policies in the APEC region, the status of privatization and deregulation measures and the institutional infrastructure required for sustained economic growth, as well as policies designed to promote technology transfer and development. A second Conference, concentrating on competition law models, will take place in Tokyo in Spring 2001."

PROGRAM 3: Japanese Business Management

Program Director: Dr. Tim Craig

The primary focus of the Japan Chair program over the past few years has been 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.

An outcome of the Japan Pop Culture Conference of 1997, is the recent publication, *Japan Pop! Inside the World of Japanese Popular Culture*, edited by the writer and published by M.E. Sharpe, April 2000.

Currently, **Dr. Richard King** (UVic, Pacific & Asian Studies) and the writer are co-editing a volume on Asian Popular Culture, based on the 1998 conference entitled, "*Global Goes Local: Popular Culture in Asia.*" Provisional agreement with UBC Press for publication of this book has been obtained.

I have been on sabbatical from July 1999 and finish June 2000, and am exploring the possibility of joint sponsorship with another institution for the next Asia Pop conference (scheduled for the year 2001).

CAPI Chair-related activities for this past year include the following:

- ✧ Presentation: "Japanese Economy and Business Culture," for Canada-Japan Co-op Program, Victoria Language Institute, August 19, 1999;
- ✧ Visited Japan in late May/Early June.

Research-related activities included:

- ✧ Met with Japanese publisher [Shueisha] concerning possible Japanese translation and publication of *Japan Pop!*
- ✧ Met with two chapter authors for *Global Goes Local: Popular Culture in Asia*, the book currently being edited by Richard King and me (originated in 1998 CAPI Conference on Asian Popular Culture, provisional publishing agreement with UBC Press), concerning their chapter revisions.

- ✧ Gathered material for several entries I've agreed to write for Encyclopedia of Japanese Business and Management (entries: e-commerce, Soichiro Honda, Kirin Beer, Konosuke Matsushita, Japanese-style management, post-WWII recovery, 7-11 Japan, Sharp; publisher: Routledge).

Program 4: APEC Workplace Project

Program Coordinator: Ms 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, and 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;
- ▶ Case study preparation illustrating successful practices in the workplace with tripartite involvement of labour-business-government;
- ▶ The organizing of an international colloquium for participating member economies to come together and discuss case studies;
- ▶ Preparation of the preliminary report of the Colloquium which was sent to the HRD Ministerial meeting July 1999;
- ▶ A publication including a summary of the Colloquium together with case studies.

This past year has been the final phase of the APEC Workplace Practices Program. Preparation of the preliminary report was completed and sent to the HRD Ministerial meeting held July 1999. In addition, the final phase included the completion of the editing and publishing of the Case Study publication entitled,

Successful Practices in Human Resources Development in the Workplace: Contributions from Labour, Management and Government. The book, edited by the writer, offers twelve case studies, as well as additional information about the Colloquium. The project came to a conclusion March 31, 2000.

Program 5: Human Security and the Asia-Pacific

Program Director: Dr. Robert Bedeski

The objective of the position is to explore and develop new research and teaching opportunities for CAPI. I have done this during the past six months through the following activities:

In February, I presented my inaugural CAPI Lecture on Human Security, to members of the University of Victoria and Victoria community, "Human Security, Knowledge, and the Evolution of the Modern Northeast Asian State". The same month, I visited Toronto and Ottawa for five days, in order to consult on a range of human security projects and to evaluate government policy and concerns in the field. Among the agencies and Departments visited were:

- DFAIT: including the China Desk; Korea Desk; Peace Building and Human Security Division, Arms Control and Verification, and the Centre for Foreign Policy Development.
- DND: Asian Division, and Public Policy
- IDRC
- CIDA
- Embassies of Russia, China, Japan, and Republic of Korea
- Solicitor General
- The Japan Foundation

I was also engaged in preparation and submission of a SSHRC research grant proposal on Chinese migrations (unsuccessful). Last month, I sent a proposal to the East-West Center, Honolulu, on a collaborative project under the Japan Foundation, to study the impact of the US-Japan Security Treaty. They expressed interest,

but consider themselves spread too thin at this time. I will approach another U.S. institution this summer with a similar proposal. I have maintained a UVic liaison with Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAF) through briefings, daysails, participation in the Maritime Security Working Group (MSWG), and invitations to their personnel to University of Victoria.

The main task this year has been preparation and submission of a Security and Defence Forum grant proposal to DND for a Centre of Expertise on human security and peace in the Asia Pacific region, which will go through the first round of evaluations in August. This proposal requested nearly \$600,000 over a five year period. To develop this proposal, I consulted with CAPI Associates, UVic faculty, students, NGOs, Royal Roads University, and UVic associates.

In Asia, I was Co-organizer of National Sun Yat-Sen University/University of Victoria Second Annual Social Science Conference, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, held April 23-25. In Beijing, I met with the Chinese Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS) Vice president, and discussed future collaboration. On a two week research visit to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, hosted by the Mongolian Institute of Strategic Studies, with DND Special Project on human security, I discussed human security approaches with the Director and staff and we decided to establish a joint working group, with the intention of advising the National Security Council of Mongolia on its inclusion in its Defence White Paper.

In the remaining six months of the appointment, I plan to continue the projects and activities already initiated. It is vital to monitor the progress of the DND proposal in Ottawa as closely as possible. I will also continue to maintain liaison with MARPAF, the government of Canada, various NGOs, and academic Institutes in Canada and abroad to pursue the Human Security and Peace in the Asia Pacific Region agenda.

Program 6: CAPI Administration

Assistant Director, Ms Helen Lansdowne

As Assistant Director, I undertook the primary responsibilities for administration within CAPI. The organization of CAPI activities included a full program

of CAPI Brown Bag Luncheon talks, monitoring the Faculty Research Development Grant program, and overseeing the Student Fellowships and Essay Competitions. My responsibilities also included organizing the Dorothy and David Lam Lecture as well as CAPI visitor Stanley Yeo's CAPI/Law Workshop entitled "The Law of Homicide, Provocation and Self-Defence: Canada, Australian and Other Asia-Pacific Perspectives."

In addition, a proposal for a Tier II CIDA funded Indigenous Education Project for the Philippines was prepared and submitted to the Association of Universities and Community Colleges last November. We are still waiting the results of the competition.

Work is continuing with the editing of conference proceedings from CAPI's 1999 Conference entitled, "Women's Lives, Women's Work Culture and Development in the Pacific." In conjunction with this project, I attended the February 2000 Conference, "Protecting Knowledge Traditional Resource Rights in the New Millennium" hosted by the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, and involving indigenous peoples from around the world. Along similar lines, this past May, I facilitated a panel session at the Pacific Networking Conference, entitled "Indigenous Wisdom: Stewardship of Culture, Environment & Resources." This conference was hosted by the Pacific Peoples' Partnership and involved the sharing and learning of indigenous science and what it can contribute to sustainable development and environmental and cultural stewardship.



ONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL LECTURES

Brown Bag Seminars

- **Ms Erin McQuillan**, UVic Pacific & Asian student, and **Mr. Randall Garrison**, CAPI Associate, Camosun College – *"Crisis in East Timor: Reflections and Observations"*, Sept. 23, 1999
- **Dr. Dachanee Emphandhu**, Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Thailand – *"Conflict Resolution in Protected Areas in Thailand: Challenge and Opportunity"*, Sept. 28, 1999
- **Dr. Amara Pongsapich**, Director of the Social Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand – *"Dealing with the Social Impact of S.E. Asia's Economic Crisis: Cures versus Band-aids"*, October 1, 1999
- **Dr. Francis Choy**, Centre for Environmental Health and Biology Department, University of Victoria – *"Gaucher Disease Among Asian and Caucasian Patients: Possibility of A Silk Road Connection?"*, Oct. 5, 1999
- **Prof. Patricia Morley**, Professor Emeritus, Concordia University – Reading different extracts of her book *"The Mountain is Moving: Japanese Women's Lives"*, Oct. 13-15, 1999
- **Dr. Noppawan Tanakanjana**, Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Thailand – *"Managing Conflicts between Local Communities and Protected Areas in Thailand: Implications from Recent Research"*, Oct. 21, 1999
- **Dr. Douglas Johnston**, CAPI Law Chair Emeritus, University of Victoria & Visiting Professor, National University of Singapore – *"Public Policy Making in Top-Down Singapore: Surprises, Successes and Other Stories"*, Oct. 26, 1999
- **Dr. Budiono Kusumohamidjojo**, Senior Law Lecturer & Practising Lawyer in Indonesia & Jakarta, Parahyangan Catholic University, Bandung, Indonesia – *"What Are Indonesia's Prospects for A Civil Society?"*, Oct. 27, 1999
- **Mr. Nguyen The Dzung**, PhD candidate & former Country Program Officer, UN Development Program, Hanoi Wollongong University, Australia – *"Welfare, Transition and Vietnam"*, Oct. 28, 1999
- **Dr. Apichai Puntasen**, Dept. of Economics, Thammasat University, Thailand – *"The King's Self-Sufficient Economy, Buddhist Economics, and A Possible Future of Thailand"*, Nov. 1, 1999
- **Mr. Gordon Longmuir**, CAPI Associate and former Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia – *"Retrospective on My Four Years in Cambodia"*, Nov. 2, 1999
- **Dr. Hua Lin**, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Victoria – *"Lin or Lam? What Happened to the Family Name?"* Nov. 16, 1999
- **Dr. Stanley Yeo**, CAPI Visiting Law Associate & Professor of Law, Southern Cross University, NSW, Australia – *"Towards A Common Criminal Jurisprudence in the Asia-Pacific"*, Nov. 23, 1999
- **Ms Chisato O. Dubreuil**, PhD studies, History in Art, University of Victoria – *"Ainu: The Enduring Indigenous People of Japan - History, Politics, and Art"*, Jan. 20, 2000
- **Mr. Sison Paut**, Executive Director, International Association for Transformation, Philippines – *"Philippines Indigenous Response to WHO/Globalization"*, Feb. 9, 2000
- **Prof. Bill Neilson**, CAPI Director & Professor of Law, University of Victoria – *"Law Reform and the IMF in East Asia"*, Feb. 10, 2000

Special Luncheon Seminar:

Dr. Peter Feng, Oriental School of Law and Business, East China Normal University, Shanghai, PRC – “*The Legal Profession in Today's China: Ethics v Corruption*”, April 18.

Student Brown Bag Seminars:

- **Ramsay Fendall**, Pacific Gateway National College – “A Brief History of Sino-Tibetan Relations,” November 18, 1999.
- **Chris Willer**, M.A. Student, History Department – “Burying Tianamen: Is There Anything to it 10 Years Later?” January 19, 2000.
- **Susan Yoshihara**, Pacific & Asian Studies – “From Goddesses to Hags: The Transformation of Japanese Goddesses,” January 27, 2000.

Special Royal Talk (July 26, 1999)

On July 26, 1999 **Prof. Dr. H.R.H. Princess Chulabhorn L. Mahidol**, President, Chulabhorn Research Institute, Thailand presented “Cooperation in the Fight Against AIDS in Thailand.” Addressing a large audience H.R.H. Princess Chulabhorn gave a thorough and informative talk about the situation of the spread of AIDS in Thailand.

Dorothy and David Lam Lecture (October 15, 1999)

On the evening of October 15, 1999 CAPI had the pleasure of hosting the Dorothy and David Lam Lecture entitled, “North Korea: Is Aid the Answer?”, presented by **Erich and Marilyn Weingartner**. Having recently returned from the Democratic's People Republic of Korea (DPRK) where they lived and traveled for two years, the Weingartners were able to give a provocative, first-hand account of the situation in the DPRK. A large audience was offered, firstly, a historical summary of the DPRK, placing the internal and external faces of the country in the context of the present day. Secondly, the Weingartners talked about the complexities of humanitarian aid and the problems that developed when the international community became involved with helping this country.

Thai-UVic Roundtable on “Environmental Protection and Rural Development” (November 3, 1999)

Many of Thailand's top government decision-makers and academics in the fields of environment and rural development were on hand for a Roundtable organized in association with the Special Convocation of the University to confer an Honorary degree on His Majesty the King. This Roundtable entitled, “Environmental Protection and Rural Development”, was organized by CAPI and former CAPI Fellow, **Dr. Philip Dearden** and received support from the International Development Research Centre. Opening address were given by the University's **President Stong**, **Maureen O'Neil**, President of IDRC, and **Khun Anand Panyarachun**, the highly respected former Prime Minister of Thailand. Presenters included: **Dr. Jingjai Hanchanlash**, former Director of IDRC in Southeast Asia; **M.R. Bhadharajaya**, Deputy Director-General of the Thai Royal Forest Department; **Mr. Tom Lee**, Chief Executive Officer of Parks Canada; **Dr. Surachet Chettamart**, Kasetsart University; **Dr. Stephen Tyler**, IDRC/UVic; **Prof. Bill Neilson**, CAPI Director; **Dr. Ampon Kittiampon**, Assistant Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture; and **Dr. Sippanondha Ketudat**, close friend of the University.

Asia Exchange Info Session (November 9, 1999)

Organized by the CAPI Student Committee, under the direction of **Sonja Woodcock**, this event offered information to students about opportunities the University of Victoria offers for students to study in Asia. The session not only promoted specific language exchanges, but also provided examples of other opportunities for study or research in Asia. Eleven panelists who had either studied or done graduate research in Asia offered their experiences. They included: **Laura Hutchison**, **Janet Cho**, and **Ron Reive** [China]; **Peter Tran**, and **Derrick Dar** [Taiwan]; **Duncan Cardinal**, and **Julie Hopkins** [Japan]; **Erin McQuillan**, and **Claire Fossey** [Indonesia]; **Mark Hendrickson** [Vietnam]; and **Michelle Theberge** [Thailand].

Workshop on the Law of Homicide: Canadian, Australian and Other Asia-Pacific Perspectives (November 19, 1999)

This year's CAPI workshop was held at the University of Victoria on Friday, November 19th, 1999 and attracted over 50 delegates including judges, Crown prosecutors, defence counsel and academics, many of whom are leading members of the criminal law fraternity of British Columbia. The workshop was organized by CAPI/Law Visiting **Professor Stanley Yeo** and UVic Law Professor, **Gerry Ferguson**. Revised versions of the papers presented at the workshop have been published and are available through CAPI.

WTO De-Briefing Conference (December 4, 1999)

On December 4, 1999, the day after the close of the WTO Ministerial Conference in Seattle, CAPI joined with the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, to sponsor a de-briefing session on the "Battle of Seattle". Speakers at the conference in Vancouver included:

Jonathan Fried (the Canadian ADM for Trade and Economic Policy)

Robert Lees (Secretary General of the Pacific Basin Economic Council)

Will Martin (Principal Economist of the World Bank's Development Research Group)

Sherry Stephenson (Principal Trade Specialist, Organization of American States)

Murray Smith (former Director of the Centre for Trade Policy and Law at Carleton University)

Chris Tollefson (UVic Law Faculty and Chair of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund).

CAPI Student Committee Symposium (February 2 and 3, 2000)

On the evening of February 2nd and 3rd, the CAPI Student Committee organized a Symposium on "Issues of Human Security in Asia". Attracting substantial audiences, this Symposium offered informative and challenging presentations made by a wide range of speakers, including:

Dr. Robert Bedeski, CAPI Program Professor and Dept. of Political Science - "From Revolution to Human Security: The Transformation of Asia Since 1949."

Thomas Dunne, Dept. of Political Science - "Japan and the Future of Okinawa."

Annalee Golz, Women's Studies and GAATW - "Trafficking in Women: International and Canadian Perspectives."

Christian Kittleson, Dept. of Political Science - "Democratic Limits in a War Zone."

Sonja Woodcock, Pacific & Asian Studies Dept. - "Drug Trafficking on the Yunnan-Burma Border: The Creation of 'A State Within the State.'"

Randall Garrison, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College - "What Price? Human Security in East Timor."

Dr. Kate Frieson, Pacific & Asian Studies Dept. - "Documenting Political Violence: The Human Rights Role of the United Nations in Cambodia."

Michael Blackburn, Dept. of History - "Movements of Power and Acts of Resistance: The Falun Gong and Its Impacts on Human Security."

Anto Sangji, Political Activist from Indonesia - "The Role of Inco in Indonesia, and Its Consequences for Indigenous Peoples and the Politics of Conservation."

Graduate Student Symposium on the Asia-Pacific (March 18, 2000)

UVic's fourth Graduate Student Symposium on the Asia-Pacific was sponsored by CAPI, and led by CAPI Executive Member, **Dr. Hua Lin** (Linguistics). The half-day event provided an opportunity for UVic graduate students to present their work to the campus community. Presenters and topics included:

Ai-Lan Chia (Psychology) "Ethnic Identity and Acculturation";

Tiffany Evans (Communications and Social Foundations) "The Education System in South Korea";

Lei Hong (Linguistics) "Chinese Character Learning and the Learners' Language Background";

Claire Fossey (History in Art) "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - How Bali's Queen of Witches is all Three";

Michael Blackburn (Political Science) "Movements of Power and Acts of Resistance: Falun Gong and New Visions of Political and Social Movements";

Mika Kimura (Pacific & Asian Studies) "Economic Development and Local Transformation in Coastal China After 1978: Economic Actors and the Sunan Pattern of Development".

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 network.

CAPI Visitors

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

- **Professor Dr. H.R.H. Princess Chulabhorn L. Mahidol**, President, Chulabhorn Research Institute, Thailand, July 26, 1999.
- **Mr. Yuichi Kusumoto**, Consul-General of Japan in Vancouver, September 10, 1999.
- **Dr. Dachanee Emphandhu**, Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Thailand, Sept. 28, 1999.
- **Dr. Susan Napier**, Dept. of East Asian Studies, University of Texas, Sept. 29, 1999.
- **Dr. Amara Pongsapich**, Director of the Social Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, October 1, 1999.
- **Prof. Patricia Morley**, Professor Emeritus, Concordia University, Oct. 13-15, 1999.
- **Erich & Marilyn Weingartner**, Founding Head of the Food Aid Liaison Unit of the United Nations World Food Programme, DPRKorea and UNICEF Nutritional Consultant, DPRKorea, Oct. 15, 1999.
- **Dr. Noppawan Tanakanjana**, Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Thailand, Oct. 21, 1999.
- **Dr. Budiono Kusumohamidjojo**, Senior Law Lecturer & Practising Lawyer in Indonesia & Jakarta, Parahyangan Catholic University, Bandung, Indonesia, Oct. 27, 1999.
- **Mr. Nguyen The Dzung**, PhD candidate & former Country Program Officer, UN Development Program, Hanoi Wollongong University, Australia, Oct. 28, 1999.
- **Dr. Apichai Puntasen**, Dept. of Economics, Thammasat University, Thailand, Nov. 1, 1999.
- **Mr. Gordon Longmuir**, CAPI Associate and former Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia, Nov. 2, 1999.
- **Mr. Peter Walker**, Canadian High Commissioner, India, Nov. 22, 1999.
- **Mr. Atsushi Mizuguchi**, Representative with Japan Center for International Finance in Washington, DC, Dec. 9, 1999.
- **Mr. Sison Paut**, Executive Director, International Association for Transformation, Philippines, Feb. 9, 2000.
- **Dr. Peter Feng**, Oriental School of Law and Business, East China Normal University, Shanghai, PRC, April 18, 2000.

Visiting Professor:

- **Dr. Stanley Yeo**, Professor of Law, School of Law and Justice, Southern Cross University, Lismore, New South Wales, Australia, September - December 1999.

Faculty Research Development Grant Awards

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

One grant was awarded in 1999/00: **Dr. John Price**, History, "The Canadian Labour Congress, Canada and the Cold War in Asia."

Program Professorship

At the recommendation of CAPI's last Five Year Self-Assessment External Review Report, the Centre has recently launched the Program Professorship, providing a faculty member with two-year release time to bring his/her activist program to CAPI. The purpose of this Program is to provide support to productive faculty who, in turn, have a better opportunity to develop their Asia-Pacific programs. By the end of the first year, the Professor will be expected to be the lead organizer of one or more CAPI-based major grant proposals with the intention of securing program support funding that would be initially realized before the end of the Professorship. The first Program Professorship was awarded to **Dr. Robert Bedeski**, Department of Political Science for his program entitled, "Human Security in the Asia-Pacific Region" and commenced January 2000.

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 is **Gordon World**, Faculty of Business, to study Mandarin at the National Sun Yat-sen University. The Student Research Award was awarded to **Anne Hammill**, Geography, to pursue her graduate field work for her thesis on "Water and Human Security: Exploring the Linkages in Yanuca Village, Fiji Islands".

Student Essay Prize

The Student Essay Prize competition encourages excellence in student research focussed on Asia Pacific. This year's recipient of the award is **Laura Hutchison** for her excellent paper prepared for Dr. Richard King, entitled "Cannibalism as 'National Allegory' in Chinese Society". Honourable mention was awarded to **Sonja Woodcock** for her paper entitled "Women and the State: Agents of the Engendering of China's One Child Policy", prepared for Dr. Leslie Butt of Pacific & Asian Studies.

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.

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.

ublications and Papers

Mongraph and Proceedings:

- Commoditisation: The Value of People, Place, and Things Among Indigenous Peoples in the Asia-Pacific Region, R. Christopher Morgan, ed., December 1999.
- Successful Practices in Human Resources Development in the Workplace: Contributions from Labour, Management and Government, H. Lansdowne, ed. December 1999.
- The Law of Homicide, Provocation and Self-Defence: Canadian, Australian and Other Asia-Pacific Perspectives, Gerry Ferguson and Stanley Yeo, eds., 2000.

Tim Craig

Japan Pop! Inside the World of Japanese Popular Culture, editor. M.E. Sharpe, 2000.

(with Nailin Bu, T.K. Peng) "Employee Reaction to Supervisory Direction in Four Types of Firms in Taiwan: The Effects of Company Policy, Peer Consensus, and Independent Assessment," *Asia Pacific Journal of Management*, June 2000.

Ralph Huenemann

"Liberalization of Manufacturing Sectors: The Automobile Industry in China," Ippei Yamazawa, ed., *Economic Integration in the Asia-Pacific Region*, Routledge, 2000.

"Anomalies in the Sino-Canadian Trade Data, with Particular Reference to the Hong Kong Re-Export Data," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 9, No. 24, 2000.

Bill Neilson

"International Donor-funded Law Reform in Asia: Some Reflections on Recent Experience", paper presented to the Asian Law Centre Conference on Legal Crisis? Australia, Japan and Asia, August 12-14, 1999, University of Melbourne. Papers and

proceedings to be published by Federation Press, Sydney, July 2000;

"The Competition and Intellectual Property Law Interface, with special reference to Indonesia's New Competition Law", presentations to senior economic crime investigators and Attorney General lawyers, Jakarta, Aug. 16-20, 1999.

Stanley Yeo, Law/CAPI Visitor

Edited with Gerry Ferguson, *The Law of Homicide, Provocation and Self-Defence: Canadian, Australian and Other Asia-Pacific Perspectives*, 2000.

(A revised version of this paper entitled "The Fault Elements for Involuntary Manslaughter: Lessons from Downunder" has been accepted for publication by the *Criminal Law Quarterly*).

"Self-Defence in Homicide Cases: some Australian Insights", *The Law of Homicide*, CAPI Occasional Paper Series; (A revised version of this paper entitled "Self-Defence in Homicide Cases: Insights from Downunder" has been accepted for publication by the *Canadian Criminal Law Review*.)

"Towards a Shared Jurisprudence in the Asia-Pacific", *The Law of Homicide*, CAPI Occasional Paper Series. (This paper has been accepted for publication by the *Oregon Review of International Law*.)

"The Symbiosis between Criminal Codes and the Common Law" has been accepted for publication by the *Edinburgh University Law Review*.

A book review of Douglas Johnston and Gerry Ferguson (ed.), *Asia-Pacific Legal Development* (UBC Press, 1998) has been accepted for publication in the July 2000 issue of the *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*.



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