

## 2009 Summer Study Tour: *Building Bridges to South Korea*



*"This trip taught me a lot about Korea and about myself. I feel like this is just the beginning for me. The world may be big, but it's not scary. After getting that first stamp in my passport, I am determined to fill it, and continue to travel and learn."*

PAAC's 6th annual Summer Study Tour, sponsored by the Freeman Foundation, provided twenty-one public high school students full scholarships to South Korea for two weeks. The trip was an exciting adventure filled with many learning opportunities and memorable experiences. Students prepared for their journey through a weeklong orientation. Guest speakers taught them about Korean history, society, customs, and language.

Students were able to experience the diversity of Korea by visiting four cities: Seoul, Andong, Gyeongju, and Busan. They spent a night in a traditional Korean village, meditated with monks at Gulgulsa Buddhist



Top Left: Fan dance performance with Korean students at Aloysius School in Busan.

Top Right: Meeting new friends at Aloysius School.

Above: Teaching hula to students with special needs at Angel's Haven in Seoul.



Temple, visited royal tombs and historical sites in the ancient Silla capitol, toured the immense Hyundai shipyard, navigated the Seoul subway, and crossed the border into North Korea at Panmunjeom. They even performed hula for U.S. military troops and their families at the United Service Organization's (USO) 4th of July celebration.

The highlight of the trip for many students was a day spent with Korean students at the Aloysius School, an orphanage in Busan. PAAC students taught English to middle school students, played with the kindergartners, and learned and performed traditional Korean dances. They left with wonderful memories and lasting impressions; and made a donation of \$3,000, that they raised prior to the trip. ▶ Read more about the study tour on page 2.

## 27th Annual Golf Classic

Thanks to title sponsor, Oceanic Time Warner Cable, and generous support from many sponsors and donors, PAAC's 27th Annual International Golf Classic, raised more than \$17,000 for global education programs throughout Hawai'i. A special addition to this year's tournament included the participation of six Wounded Warriors sponsored by Ambassador Charles Salmon, Hi-Society Concierge, and Hy-Pac Self Storage. Wounded Warriors are U.S. military servicemen who were injured during a tour of duty. They were given a standing ovation during the awards banquet. Mahalo to the Golf Committee, players, and volunteers for making this event possible. ▶ For complete list of sponsors and donors, see page 4.



(L-R) Retired serviceman, Glenn Kowal and General David Bramlett with wounded warriors Josh Groom and Erwin Saddi.



International Best Ball Team: Amkor A&E Inc., Korean Team #1: Rex Kim, Fred Tsuki, Donald Kim, and Frank Sanpei with Tournament Chair, Lenny Katsarsky

## Teacher Training: *Along the Silk Road*

*"I would like to share with my colleagues that all the workshops I have attended sponsored by PAAC have been excellent, and that having a PAAC club in your school can perk up the study of and knowledge of Asia and global affairs."*



Stanford curriculum specialists, Naomi Funahashi and Johanna Wee, sharing SPICE curriculum with teachers.

PAAC offered an interactive workshop, highlighting the history of trade, geography, language, and music of the Silk Road. Professor Kate Lingley of the Art History Department at the UH-Manoa gave a multi-discipline overview of the Silk Road. Naomi Funahashi and Johanna Wee, curriculum specialists from the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE), presented their Silk Road curriculum which is hands-on and collaborative. The workshop was sponsored by the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) at UH, PAAC, and SPICE. Thirty-three participants represented twenty-two schools from four islands: Aiea High, Campbell High, Dole Intermediate, Jarrett Middle, Kahuku High, Kailua High, Kaimuki Middle, Kalaheo High, Kalaniana'ole Intermediate, Kapa'a High, Kapolei Middle, Maryknoll School, Mid-Pacific Institute, Maui High, Pearl City Elementary, Punahou School, Radford High, Roosevelt High, Sacred Hearts Academy, Waiakea High, Waianea High, and Waldorf School.

## Building Bridges



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The study tour made a splash in Hawai'i headlines when the group was quarantined upon arrival in Seoul. Students learned a lot from the experience, and went on to enjoy an amazing life-changing trip. One student wrote, "... everything happens for a reason, and through each trial, there are benefits gained and lessons learned... so maybe the lesson learned is to endure... and stay positive in hard situations..." Everyone returned to Hawai'i with a greater appreciation for Korean culture, a different perspective of Korea, and many new friends, strengthening relations between the U.S. and Korea for years to come. > Read more on next page.

## International Visitor Leadership Program



Japanese Food Specialists helping with daily maintenance in the lo'i patch at Ka Papa Lo'i O Kanewai at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Indonesian visitor, Ms. Diah Mayarani's interest in Sustainable Business Initiatives prompted her visit to Hawai'i. She met with professionals from UH Sea Grant involved with the newly formed Center of Excellence in Sustainable Coastal Tourism, that promotes environmental protection, and focuses on sustainable coastal tourism and indigenous peoples' rights.

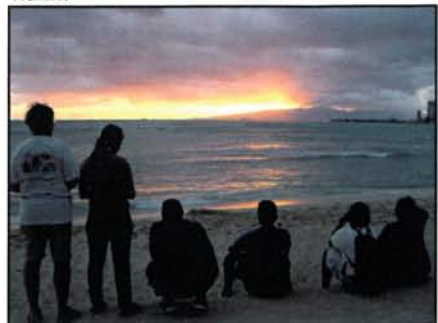
Eight visitors from the Coral Triangle, Southeast Asia, arrived to learn how Hawai'i protects its coastal and marine environments. The group represented Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand. Reflecting on her experience, Ms. Naline Thongtham, Marine Biologist for Phuket Marine Biological

Center in Thailand, stated that *"people of the United States are very concerned with environmental conservation. Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to learn closely the way Hawaii's people conserve the natural marine environment."*

The highlights of four Japanese food safety/import specialists' trip to Hawai'i included a visit to the Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center in Hilo to learn more about Rainbow Papaya, a genetically modified papaya that is being prepped for exportation into Japan in 2010, and visiting Ka Papa Lo'i O Kanewai at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. The group learned more about the debate over GMO taro and the cultural importance of taro to native Hawaiians. They also helped with daily maintenance in the lo'i patch. > For a list of local contacts, see page 3.



Above: Pacific Tsunami Warning Center's, Dr. Gerard Fryer showing Fukuoka City Assemblyman, Shiro Mizuki, a map tracking tsunami activity in the Pacific. Below: Coral Triangle group watching the sunset in Waikiki.





Top: In front of peace statue and Blue House in Seoul.  
 Middle: Walking meditation with Buddhist monks at Golgalsa Temple.  
 Above: At Silla royal tombs in Gyeongju.  
 Opposite Page: Students in traditional Korean hanbok.

"It's hard for me to believe that some barbed wire and a slab of concrete is all that separates North and South Korea. A house divided cannot stand. I think that's what makes the DMZ so sad. Until the fences are brought down and soldiers step away, there can't be a unified Korea. Standing on such historic and tragic ground made such an impact on me. Now I can see how separate the two Koreas are. It's strange but now I am not as afraid of North Korea as I used to be."



Posing with soldier at Panmunjeom in the demilitarized zone.



Learning to properly bow at Hahoe Folk Village in Andong.

"We went upstairs for our first Sunmundo lesson... When attempting to understand just the basics, I realize how much work must go into getting it right and grew more of an appreciation for what followers of Sunmundo do... a new perspective can be taken on when you live inside something instead of glancing from a distance."

"I think that my partner and I had more similarities than differences... I discovered that we shared the same interests, had the same opinions, and even shared some of the same dreams. It was a really eye-opening experience for me, and I learned that all people, no matter what race, sex, or age, share the same basic human desires."



Teaching English at Aloysius School in Busan.

## IVLP Mahalo

To those organizations and individuals who have taken the time to meet with our visitors, thank you for helping to create mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries, one handshake at a time.

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## Future of Korea Forum



PAAC was selected as one of eight World Affairs Councils across the U.S. to feature a panel of experts from the Korea Economic Institute (KEI) on U.S.-Korea Relations. The talk was timely, occurring on the same day as President Obama's meeting with President Lee Myung-bak in June 2009. Paul Loh from the U.S. State Department, and Greg Scarlatoui, Director of Public Affairs and Business Issues at KEI, discussed

the significance of the U.S.-ROK alliance in maintaining peace and security in the region, and strengthening ties through measures such as the much discussed KORUS Free Trade Agreement. The evening ended with PAAC's academic scholarship presentation to students interested in international studies; Korea travel program participants were also acknowledged. After the forum, the panel spoke with Bill Sharpe and Jay Fidell of Think Tech Hawaii's, *Asia in Review*. Video of the discussion can be found at [www.hvca.org](http://www.hvca.org).



Left: Nicole Finnemann from KEI facilitated a six-party talk simulation with high school students prior to the forum. Middle: (L-R) Rep. Karl Rhoads, Scholarship Recipient Lynelle Acosta, Sen. Clarence Nishihara, and Jill Canfield. Right: (L-R) Sen. Norman Sakamoto, Sen. Dwight Takamine, and Scholarship Recipient, Kenneth Blando.

