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Hawai'i Teens Discover Vietnam



Left: PAAC and Hoi An students proudly displaying donated notebooks.



Above: Sharing hula at high school in Hanoi. Left: Hoi An children with new "older brother" from Hawaii.



Twenty-two public high school students participated in the 2010 PAAC Summer Study Tour to Vietnam. Students were introduced to Vietnam's history and society, and experienced life in Vietnam today. They also formed many new friendships, creating deep ties to this country for years to come. By visiting Hanoi, Sapa, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, and the Mekong Delta, students gained a better understanding of and appreciation for all that Vietnam has to offer. Their impressions of the Vietnamese people: friendly, hard-working, resilient, forgiving, and optimistic, will be passed on as they share what they experienced with family and friends. The trip has left a lasting impression on each student, and opened their eyes to future overseas opportunities. Many plan to return to Vietnam, and travel abroad again as soon as possible. > For more, see page 3.

"As a group, we raised more than \$1,800 (for schools in Hoi An), and were able to buy a set of books for about 130 children. With this help I hope the children will see they're not alone and that they can do anything. I later learned that we made a difference by just visiting them; many haven't had the chance to see hula or interact with foreigners. Overall, this has been the most rewarding part of the trip and maybe my life."

"This trip means so much to me. All the things I've learned have helped me to realize how big the world is. It is no longer me, Hawaii, and the United States, but a whole world of cultures and people to be explored."

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February 10, 2011
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Join us as we honor Warren K.K. Luke with the Paul S. Bachman Award at our annual dinner. For more information, please call 944-7783.

28th International Golf Classic



Golf Tournament Co-Chair Lenny Katsarsky (far right) with International Best Ball Team: Japan Team Four.

Thanks to title sponsor, Oceanic Time Warner Cable, and generous support from many sponsors and donors, PAAC's 28th Annual International Golf Classic, held on July 16, 2010 at the Leilehua Golf Course, was a success. Over 120 players enjoyed a beautiful day of golf, and helped raise over \$17,000. Proceeds will be used to sustain global education programs throughout Hawaii. PAAC extends its appreciation to the dedicated Golf Committee members and many volunteers who made this event possible. >Continue on page 4

Teacher Study Tour to Turkey

“Turkey was an adventure in history, art and culture that truly delivered an exotic cultural experience. The emergence of three empires in this country provides a rich tapestry of ethnic language, food cuisine, and religion. It is a beautiful country that I consider myself lucky getting to experience this summer.”

– Barbara Aly
Campbell High School



Top left: Heather Carll at the Ulu Mosque, Bursa.
Above: Cruising the Bosphorus in Istanbul.
Left: Leslie Stewart (left) and Melissa Goo (right) outside of the poet Rumi's tomb.
Top right: Melissa Goo at the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.



This summer, four Hawai'i teachers: Barbara Aly (Campbell High), Heather Carll (Radford High), Melissa Goo (Moanalua High), and Leslie Stewart (Kahuku High), participated in a trip of a lifetime to Turkey. The teachers were part of a national delegation on a two-week study tour that started in Istanbul and ended in Ankara by way of Cappadocia. Having explored the country, the teachers can enhance classroom curriculum and infuse Turkey, a land of great civilizations and history into lesson plans.

They will also share their experience with administrators, colleagues, and the community. They will be featured on a panel at an upcoming PAAC forum at Shangri La in October and speak with students during Hawaii International Education Week. The tour was organized and sponsored by the Turkish Cultural Foundation in partnership with the World Affairs Councils of America.

IVLP: *One Handshake at a Time*

Japanese visitors Ms. Waki Matsunaga Takahara and Ms. Maki Ono arrived in Honolulu to learn about food safety and quarantine issues. The group visited multiple quarantine facilities on Oahu, before traveling to the Big Island, where they met with the USDA Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center and visited non-GMO papaya fields and a papaya packaging plant.

The program theme of a group of Central and South American visitors focused on Indigenous and Native American Society in the 21st Century. They learned about current issues facing the Native Hawaiian community, immersion schools, and traditional sailing methods. While touring the Hokule'a with crew members of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, they discussed how these traditions are being passed down to future generations. A few visitors also participated in community service at the River of Life Mission, assisting with meal service to their clients.

Indonesian visitor Mr. Budi Suharto's program theme was Trade and Customs Issues in America. He visited with professionals from Foreign-Trade Zone 9, Matson Navigation Company, Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division.



Jeremy Shimabukuro (left) of the River of Life Mission with Maria Olga Curipan from Argentina and Claudia Teresea Caceres Dominiguez from Columbia.

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Thanks to the following organizations for meeting with our international visitors:

- Customs and Border Protection
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Vietnam (continued)



Left: Making new friends despite language barriers. Below: Learning to make rice paper in the Mekong Delta.



Left: Planting trees in Sapa.



Right: Getting a view of Hanoi from a cyclo. Above: Wearing traditional clothing of ethnic minorities in Sapa. Left: Going into the Cu Chi tunnels.



“I believe that Vietnam has so much to offer the rest of the world. After visiting the schools, I could see their dedication to learn whereas I completely took my free education for granted. I believe American students could learn from the Vietnamese about appreciation... They are so kind and accepting... I was an outsider but the people I encountered made me feel like I was a long-time friend.”

“Instead of being a normal tourist and sleeping in five-star hotels, we slept as the people living in the villages do; with a mattress on the floor and a mosquito net hanging above us. We got to live and interact with the local people, which in my opinion, is the perfect way to really experience a place.”

“Coming on this trip...I've gained a different perspective of Vietnam and its people. What my grandparents and relatives in the U.S. see is the war and communist government...but what I see is completely different. I see the side of Vietnam that they never got to experience: the peace, people, culture, and simplicity.”

Speaker Forums

May: Cari Guittard, Executive Director of Business for Diplomatic Action, discussed current global attitudes of the United States today, and the impact of the United States' image overseas on local businesses and tourism.

May: In cooperation with the East-West Center, Friends of the East-West Center, Consular Corps of Hawaii, and Pacific Forum CSIS, PAAC hosted a farewell dinner for Director General and Mrs. Philip Wang (see photo to the right). After six years of service as Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu, Director General Wang returned to Taiwan. His significant work in the community, and commitment to collaboration, will result in long-lasting relations between Hawai'i and Taiwan for years to come.



June: Ambassador Raymond Burghardt and Dr. Truong Buu Lam discussed the significance of the US-Vietnam relationship, perceptions from both countries today, and what opportunities and issues to expect in the future. This forum also featured award presentations of PAAC's 2010 Academic and Travel Scholarships.



July: The Nuclear Tipping Point forum featured panelists Richard Halloran, Dr. William Wieninger, and Dr. Patrick Bratton (as shown in photo to the left). They spoke about current dangers and threats of nuclear weapons, and the U.S. policy on nuclear proliferation. Prior to the panel, guests viewed the documentary film, *Nuclear Tipping Point*, featuring conversations with former Secretaries of State George Shultz and Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of Defense William Perry, and former Senator Sam Nunn. This presentation and film was made possible by the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI).



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 2nd Place: Jerry Sumida
 3rd Place: Guy Yamashiro
 Closest to the Pin:
 Hole #2:
 1st Place: Bob Bronson
 2nd Place: Vivian Sasaki
 Hole #5: Wayne Kawata
 Hole #12: Allan Akamine
 Hole #17: Randy Lu
 Longest Most Accurate Drive
 Men's: B.K. Hammer
 Women's: Tomoko Ouchi
 Best Ball 2 Man Awards
 A Flight
 1st Place: Edgar Gum, Warren Uyeno
 2nd Place: Randy Iwase, Ron Ushijima
 3rd Place: Chris Garnett, Blaine Hidani
 B Flight
 1st Place: Shawn Troup, Keith Aotaki
 2nd Place: Larry Chang, Mike Kinoshita
 3rd Place: Steve Chiang, Kevin Yu
 C Flight
 1st Place: Kark Segami, Nestor Garcia
 2nd Place: Roy Chappel, Yoshihiko Kamo
 3rd Place: Robert Bronson, David Duan
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