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.

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.

“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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28th International Golf Classic

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

“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 Internationsl Education Week. The tour was organized and sponsored by the Turkish Cultural Foundation in partnership with the World Affairs Councils of America.

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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.

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

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- Pacific Basin Research Center
- Polynesian Voyaging Society
- River of Life Mission
- School of Hawaiian Knowledge at UH

Jeremy Shimabukuro (left) of the River of Life Mission with Maria Olga Curipan from Argentina and Claudia Teresia Caceres Domínguez from Columbia.
Vietnam (continued)

“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 Bui 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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Sony Putting Contest:
1st Place: Joe Davis
2nd Place: Jerry Sumida
3rd Place: Guy Yamashiro
Closest to the Pin:
Hole #2:
1st Place: Robert Bronson
2nd Place: Vivian Sasaki
3rd Place: Wayne Kawata
Hole #12:
1st Place: Allan Akamine
Hole #17:
1st Place: Bob Bronson
2nd Place: Vivian Sasaki
Closest to the Pin:
Yamashiro
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, Ron Ushijima
3rd Place: Steve Chiang, Kevin Yu
C Flight
1st Place: Kark Segami, Nestor Garcia
2nd Place: Roy Chappel, Yoshikiko Kamo
3rd Place: Robert Bronson, David Duan
International Best Ball Team: Japan Team Four:
Randy Awasawa, Ron Ushijima, Riki Kurihara, & Robert Nagao

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