

## Looking Back: Highlights Of The Year



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International students on U.S. campuses exceeded 500,000 for the first time this past year and contributed over \$12 billion to the economy. U.S. students abroad also reached a record high of almost 130,000. These new statistics on international student mobility from IIE's annual census are published by IIE in *Open Doors 1999/2000* and also are posted on a dedicated website ([www.opendoorsweb.org](http://www.opendoorsweb.org)) which includes historical data, detailed tables with breakdowns by country and field of study, and updated mini-surveys on topics of special interest. A new CD with 50 years of *Open Doors* data is also now available. The annual student census and the resulting *Open Doors* publication are supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department.

### U.S.—AEP ENVIRONMENTAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Six million people living in West Bengal, India use arsenic contaminated groundwater as their source of drinking water. With sponsorship from the US-Asia Environmental Partnership, IIE designed and conducted an exchange program for high-level Indian officials to meet with experts from U.S. government, industry, universities, and NGOs to discuss and evaluate possible solutions to the arsenic contamination problem. Technologies identified during this exchange have been approved for preliminary studies in thousands of villages. IIE, with the support of USAID, conducted more than 100 exchange programs under the US-AEP during 2000.

### GOLDMAN SACHS GLOBAL LEADERS

In partnership with educational organizations in sixteen countries, and with support from The Goldman Sachs Foundation, IIE is conducting an annual international competition to identify 100 of the most accomplished second-year university students for a new Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program. Fifty “top honors” recipients will participate in a week-long Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Institute in New York City, bringing them together with leading business school faculty and executives, followed by online team projects related to international business challenges.

### HEADQUARTERS REDEDICATION

On October 16, 2000, IIE completed the remodeling of its headquarters located across from the United Nations in New York City. U.N. Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke addressed donors, staff, and friends in the Kaufmann Conference Center, as did his predecessor, Adlai Stevenson,

when the building was first dedicated in 1964. Congressman Benjamin Gilman, Chairman of the House International Relations Committee, also participated in the program, with both acknowledging the importance of cultural and historical understanding as our world becomes ever more borderless. The Institute also recognized and thanked Congressman Gilman for introducing the *International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000*, creating a scholarship program for students with a demonstrable financial need who may never have aspired to an international educational exchange experience. The Gilman Scholars, all of whom would qualify for financial assistance under the Pell Grant program, will be eligible for up to \$5,000 to cover the additional costs of study abroad. The legislation passed both Houses of Congress and was signed into law on October 17<sup>th</sup>.



### FULBRIGHT STAFF IN OPERATION

A COMPETENT AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF AT IIE SUPPORTS THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WORLD-WIDE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM.

PICTURED ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE IS THE FULBRIGHT NATIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEE, INCLUDING SUSAN BERGER AND LILIAN MANGER-COATES WITH IIE U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM STAFF JERMAINE JONES, RACHAEL GOLDBERG AND GREGORY JONES.

ALSO WORKING ON THE FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM: FROM THE PLACEMENT AND SPECIAL SERVICES UNITS: GRACE ASPHALL, JULIA GUFFANTI, AND KRISTINA STULIC; JOHANNA MARQUINA, CARL DEANGELIS, AND EDWARD MONKS; DIMITRIS KASTOULAS, ANDREW KAZELKA, AND WILLIAM KOLSUN. FROM THE FULBRIGHT MANAGEMENT TEAM: ARTHUR AUSTIN, MARY KIRK, AND MONTI CASTANEDA; FAR RIGHT, ROSARIO SANTOS, SCHUYLER ALLEN, SARAH ILCHMAN, AND MICHAEL PIPPENGER.

### FULBRIGHT ALUMNI INITIATIVES AWARDS

The new Fulbright Alumni Initiatives Awards program, launched in April 2000, offers former U.S. senior Fulbrighters the opportunity to develop and sustain ongoing partnerships with home and host institutions initiated as a result of their experience abroad. Over 550 enthusiastic alums applied, and 24 grants — ranging from \$1,650 to \$20,000 — were awarded. The program, jointly funded by IIE's new Fulbright Legacy Fund and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is a prime example of a successful public/private partnership. Next year's round of Alumni Initiative grants will include Fulbright visiting scholars from overseas.

### IIE AND CONGRESS

The IIE Board of Trustees held its April meeting in Washington, DC, where the Board conferred the Stephen P. Duggan Award for International Understanding on Congressmen Ralph Regula and Tom Lantos. Regula, a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, and of the subcommittee with jurisdiction over the budget of the Department of State, has been a long time supporter of international educational exchange. Lantos, a Holocaust survivor, was a professor of economics for some 30 years before being elected to Congress, where he serves as a member of the House International Relations Committee. In accepting the award, Congressman Lantos noted that "minds are like parachutes. Both work best when they are open, and nothing assures this better than international exchange programs like Fulbright."

### THE ROLE OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN CHINA'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

On June 8, 2000, a delegation of environmental leaders from NGOs and community groups participated in a day-long roundtable conference on the role of non-profits in conservation and sustainable development. This was one of the final events of a month-long program IIE arranged for participants of the Elisabeth Luce Moore Leadership Program for Chinese Women, which brings together women leaders from China's mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan with their American counterparts. The delegation included heads of environmental action groups and conservation projects, environmental reporters, and the manager of Tibet's national parks.

### CIRCLE OF RIGHTS

As part of its ongoing effort to facilitate professional development of human rights organizations around the world, the International Human Rights Internship Program, in conjunction with the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development,

published *Circle of Rights — Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights Activism: A Training Resource*. This 660 page volume, supplemented by a video tape on the work of the U.N. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and a guide to budget analysis from a rights perspective, was supported by the Ford Foundation, the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation, the Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Copies will be mailed to human rights groups around the world, with the full report available on IIE's website.

### U.S. UNIVERSITY FAIRS IN ASIA

Over 25,000 Asian students and parents met in October 2000 with 100 U.S. college and university representatives, to learn about opportunities for study in America, how to apply and where to seek financial aid, if needed. The month-long fair series, with events in ten Asian cities, is an annual event organized by IIE's offices in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Jakarta and Hanoi, and in conjunction with Fulbright Commissions in Japan and India.



**EL-KUREIMAT THERMAL POWER PLANT TRAINING PROGRAM**

El-Kureimat is the largest and one of the newest power generating plants in Egypt, with two 600 MW gas fired units. The USAID Mission in Egypt has asked IIE's Energy Group to develop training and qualification programs for all operating personnel and a comprehensive plant operations manual.

**ECOLINKS**

The EcoLinks Partnership Grants Program, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development, builds the capacity of business and government to develop market-based solutions to urban and industrial environmental problems through cross-border partnerships. Over 150 grants were made to businesses and local governments in Central Europe and the Newly Independent States to help them reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and improve their operating efficiency.

**CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS**

As part of its ongoing assistance to companies seeking to recruit talented U.S.-trained international students, IIE launched *AsiaJobSearch*, the only database of pre-screened highly qualified Asian students with U.S. degrees, who are seeking employment back in Asia. U.S. multinationals as well as Asian-based companies, NGOs and universities can search the database for a modest subscription fee, thanks to an underlying grant from the Freeman Foundation. A new Global Leadership Career Service is also under development, through which IIE-administered grantees can identify appropriate positions in the private sector back home, and companies are put in touch with outstanding students who have received overseas training through scholarship programs managed by IIE.

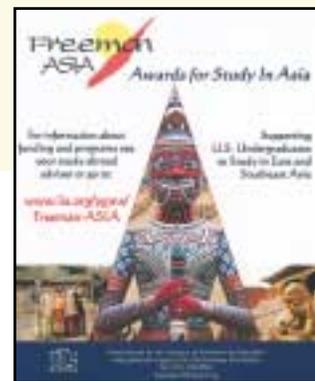
**RESPONDING TO EAST TIMOR'S NEEDS**

Over 180 students from East Timor enrolled at Indonesian universities received emergency assistance to enable them to complete their degrees, and 60 more will get scholarships to start their studies in the coming year, thanks to a Ford Foundation funded program implemented by IIE's partner organization, the Indonesian

International Education Foundation (IIEF.) IIE's Professional Exchanges Program, in partnership with Tennessee Technological College and Dili-based NGO, Timor Aid, is also working to rebuild the primary education system of newly independent East Timor.

**FULBRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND TEACHER PROGRAM**

The Japan-U.S. Educational Commission and the Government of Japan have reached a milestone at the beginning of the fifth year of their innovative approach to building better relations between the United States and Japan. Nearly 3,000 primary and secondary teachers and administrators will have participated in professional development, intensive learning experiences in Japan when the 2000-2001 cycle is completed, making this the largest bilateral program benefiting U.S. education professionals. IIE has assisted through the creation of a national outreach and recruitment plan, including a new interactive application this year, regional selection panels meeting across the United States and pre-departure orientations for American teachers.



**FREEMAN AWARDS FOR STUDY IN ASIA**

To increase substantially the number of young Americans with first-hand experience in Asia, IIE launched a new award program in November with Freeman Foundation support. The program aims to provide funding to over 1,200 undergraduates with demonstrable financial need to study in East and Southeast Asia for periods of a summer to an academic year. Application is directly through the IIE website, in a paperless and high-speed application and approval process.