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Profile: The Institute of Asian Research

The Institute of Asian Research marked its 18th year with a milestone-move to its new home, the C.K. Choi Building for the Institute of Asian Research in February 1996. Founded in 1978 to promote research and coordinate activities on Asia at UBC, it has now become the largest social

science research institute on campus focusing on Asia. It was restructured in 1991 with the addition of five constituent Centres and an expanded mandate to promote interdisciplinary research on contemporary issues in the Asia Pacific region. The restructured Institute was launched in 1992 with the appointment of a new Director and of Chairs for the five Centres of Research: Chinese, India and South Asia, Japanese, Korean, and Southeast Asia. The Centres promote research and exchange on their specific regional areas as well as support activities which contribute to a better understanding of the region among Canadians. The expanded Institute was made possible by more than Cdn\$20 million in grants and endowment funds raised by the UBC World of Opportunity Campaign.

In response to the report of the IAR Review Committee, the organization and governance of the Institute and its Centres underwent some major changes in 1996-97. Under the new governance, the Institute pursues a fourfold mandate: 1) to administer the programs of the Institute and its five constituent Centres; 2) to develop interdisciplinary research programs on Asia and Canada-Asia relations; 3) to sponsor seminars, conferences, and cultural events, and 4) to promote University outreach activities concerned with Asia. The Asia Multimedia Resource Centre at the IAR is a step towards the development of these linkages and academic exchanges.

Coupled with the expanded mandate are the eight new research thrusts of the Institute: 1) The Asian "Diaspora"; 2) The role of networks in Asian migration and mobility; 3) "Development transitions" in Asia; 4) The impact of globalization in Asia; 5) Canada-Asia relations; 6) New regional formations in the Asia-Pacific region; 7) Urbanization in the Pacific rim; and 8) Cultural studies. The Centre Chairs, now called Directors, were appointed in July after a call for applications and on the recommendation of a search committee. They serve for a period of two to four years with some overlap to provide for continuity in management.

The Institute of Asian Research has the overall responsibility for the management of the budget of the IAR and the administration of its constituent Centres and programs. The work is carried out by the Director, Terry McGee, and a staff of three: Eleanor Laquian, Manager for Administration and Programs, who manages the day-to-day operation of the Institute and the Centres, oversees the budget and is responsible for staff supervision and editing of publications; Marietta Lao, Director's secretary, who also provides administrative support to the IAR and Centres by looking after the accounts and financial transactions; and Karen Jew, secretary for the five Centres and the IAR, who is also responsible for booking the facilities of the Choi Building.

The Institute has filled the position of Taiwan Endowed Chair in Chinese Research with an appointment in the fall of 1997. This brings the pool of endowed chairs at the Institute to five. In addition, it has two core faculty members, and 300 affiliates composed of faculty, graduate students, staff and members of the wider community. In November it established the Centre for Australian Studies under its CAPRI (Canada Asia Pacific Research Initiatives) Program.

Computer and research facilities in its fiber optic-wired new building allow access to the worldwide Net and provide linkages to other research and academic institutions around the world. With a new building, modern facilities and a focused system of governance, the Institute continues its objective of establishing an international reputation for interdisciplinary research and public policy programs on Asia and Pacific affairs.

Highlights

- In February 1997, the Institute celebrated the first anniversary of its move to its new home, the C. K. Choi Building. The occasion was marked by week-long festivals from February to April featuring lectures, seminars, cultural presentations and Asian street foods. The festivals were held in the Choi Building lounge, temporarily renamed "The Carpark" after the original night market on Orchard Road in Singapore. The events also served as the Institute's community outreach activities for the year with participation from the Chinese, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Filipino, Malaysian, East Indian, Singaporean, Japanese and Korean community groups and local Asian restaurants.
- The Cross-Cultural Literary Studies in Asia Group, established at the Institute this year, held a conference at the Choi Building on 7-8 March. The two-day conference "The World My Mother Gave Me: Asian Women's Intergenerational Perspectives and Perceptions in Literature on International Women's Day" was organized in collaboration with the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations. The conference explored how Asian women writers have recorded their perceptions of the world they inherited from their mothers and their own responses to this inheritance. Women from different causes and disciplines shared their experiences and learned what their "sisters" have to say.
- "Networks and Economic Growth in the Asia Pacific Region -- A Research Workshop on the Chinese Entrepreneur Networks" on 11-12 April at the Choi Building. Panelists included scholars from University of Bristol in UK, University of Washington, Hong Kong University, University of Victoria, and University of Calgary. The workshop was organized by **You-tien Hsing** (UBC), **David Lai** (U. Vic), **Terry McGee** (UBC), **Rosalie Tung** (SFU), **Edgar Wickberg** (UBC), **Grace Wong** (UBC), and **Edward Woo** (Chinese Entrepreneurs Society of Canada). Former B.C. Lt. Governor **David Lam** delivered the Opening Remarks.
- Scholars and students on Southeast Asia once again converged for the 7th Conference of the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Oregon at Eugene, Washington on 25-27 April. This year's theme is "Interwoven Identities: Southeast Asia in the Greater Asia-Pacific Community. The event was highlighted by a public address by Corazon Aquino, former President of the Republic of the Philippines. IAR lead a panel on "Globalization and Resistance in Southeast Asia" chaired by Institute Director **Terry McGee** with panel members **Philip Kelly** and **Gisèle Yasmeen**, both UBC Ph.D. graduates. **McGee** presented a paper on "Street Corner Resistance: Southeast Asian Hawkers of the 1970s Revisited." **Kelly** discussed "Philippine Global Imaginaries: Neo-liberalism and Resistance" while **Yasmeen** presented "Bangkok Foodscapes: Landscapes of Resistance." **Geoff Hainsworth**, CSEAR Director, in collaboration with MA students from SCARP, presented a paper on "Upland Resource Management for Poverty and Sustainable Livelihoods in Vietnam."
- A CSEAR team composed of graduate students **Kim Carr**, **Pierre Fallavier**, **Doug Hainsworth**, **Julie Nguyen** and **Stephanie Scott** and Centre Director **Geoff Hainsworth** traveled across Vietnam in May and June to study rural resource management and sustainable livelihoods. The students' individual research interests range from forestry management under *doi moi* reforms, rural microfinance, tourism development, gender issues, ethnic minorities, youth and children, decollectivization and allocation of agricultural lands, to poverty alleviation strategies in historical perspective. This pilot study tour, intended to pave the way for an annual tradition for students and scholars on Southeast Asia at UBC, was funded by a Hampton Research Grant.
- On 24-27 June, academicians, government officials, Asian diplomats, businessmen and

community leaders in Vancouver met at a policy conference on "Asian Immigration and Racism in Canada" at the Choi Building. Migration and racism experts from China, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand exchanged views with their counterparts from the ILO, Australia, New Zealand and the US. At the end of the conference, the Asian Immigration Network was established with the 30 participants forming the nucleus of the network. The Network is aimed at further generating research on Asian immigration and its impact on receiving and sending countries. The Hon. **Hedy Fry**, Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women delivered the luncheon address. The conference was sponsored by the IAR, Centre for Human Settlements, Canada Asia Pacific Research Initiatives and China Program for Integrative Research and Development.

- The Institute's home page on the Net, established in September 1996, is now fully operational and attracting a lot of attention in the World Wide Web. The site presents the Institute's and the Centres' programs and projects. It also provides links to Asia-related institutes, university departments and libraries, and computer resources to aid technical needs of site visitors. The site also houses the APECRIN webpage, a resource on APEC-related studies, under the IAR. Institute publications, annual reports and the Asia Pacific Report, the Institute newsletter, are also available online.
- *Quick Asia*, a specialized provider of internet resources on Asia-related issues, was launched on 24 June. Aimed to increase efficiency in researching Asian research interests on the net, the database selects and evaluates web sites to allow quick access by subject, geographic area, type or format of information and creator of the site. The sites are rated according to orientation, coverage, content, currency and design.
- Four directors of the constituent Centres of the Institute were appointed for a second term from 1 July: **John Wood** -- Centre for India and South Asia Research (CISAR), **Geoff Hainsworth** -- Centre for Southeast Asia Research (CSEAR), **Sam Ho** -- Centre for Chinese Research (CCR), **Yunshik Chang** -- Centre for Korean Research (CKR). **Masao Nakamura**, Konwakai Chair for Japanese Research, replaced **Keizo Nagatani** who retired this year, as Centre for Japanese Research (CJR) director. Aside from administering the centres' programs and projects, the directors also collaborate with the Director of the Institute in the development of interdisciplinary teaching and research initiatives and serve on the Council of the Institute.
- On 25-28 August, over 1,400 delegates from all over the world converged at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre for the 4th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention. **Terry McGee** reported on the Bamboo Networks Workshop and **Michael Harcourt**, Adjunct Professor at UBC, gave a talk on sustainable cities and entrepreneurship between Canada and China.
- CKR hosted the '97 Korean Culture Program on 15 October. This program, sponsored by The Korea Foundation, is a series of lecture and performing arts presentation which fosters long-term interest and understanding of Korea and its culture abroad. CKR was the first Canadian institution requested to host the event in Canada this year. **Yungna Kim** of Seoul National University gave a lecture on "Modern Korean Art: Between Past and Present" at the Choi Building.
- The Chair in Chinese Research (funded by the Government of the Republic of China) was awarded to CCR Director **Sam Ho**. His term starts on 1 January 1998. He will continue as director of CCR for the next two years.
- A year before the APEC heads of states arrived in Vancouver for the 24 November summit, the APEC Research and Information Network (APECRIN), based in the Institute, has been busy with preliminary work. The APECRIN is an interdisciplinary group of researchers and

graduate students from a number of Canadian universities formed to generate awareness and promote understanding of the issues concerning APEC. Led by **John Price**, assistant professor, Department of History, University of Victoria, it has produced working papers, sponsored seminars and established a much-visited web site linked to the IAR home page.

- The Centre for Australian Studies, the first of its kind in Canada, was formally established on 26 November at the Choi Building where it will be housed. The new Centre is one of the APEC legacy projects following a bi-lateral meeting between **Canadian Prime Minister Chretien** and **Australian Prime Minister Howard**. It will be part of the expanded program of CAPRI (Canada-Asia Pacific Research Initiatives) at the Institute. The establishment of the Centre is aimed at fortifying the solid academic relationship between UBC and Australian academic institutions ticularly through joint research projects and exchange of faculty and students
- During 1997 the Institute established an International Advisory Board of prominent business and academic representatives: **Dr. Sally Aw Sian, Professor Louis Cha, Mr. David Choi, Professor Wang Gungwu, Mr. Arthur Hara, Dato'Dr. Kamal Salih, Professor Emil Salim. Dr. C.K. Choi** who received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from UBC this year agreed to honor the Institute of Asian Research by becoming its patron..
- The last months of 1997 were marked by the frenzied editing and preparation of three IAR publications: *The Silent Debate: Asian Immigration and Racism in Canada* edited by **Eleanor Laquian, Aprodicio Laquian** and **Terry McGee**; *Pacific Encounters* edited by **Eva-Marie Kröller, Joshua Mostow** and **Robert Kramer**; and *The Empowerment of Asia: Reshaping Global Society*, a collection of papers presented at the IAR Inaugural Conference in October 1996. The books were released on 5 January 1998.

This is the 5th annual report since the launching of the restructured Institute in 1992. This is a significant year for the Institute with 1997 being proclaimed as Canada's Year of the Asia-Pacific. The Institute once again reaffirmed its role in the generation and development of studies relating to Asia. This is evident in this year's various programs and projects involving Asianists the world over.

IAR Core Faculty

- **Terry McGee** - as Director of the Institute, has had an active year. In addition to serving on the University Awards Committee and the Hampton Research Fund Committee, he has also chaired the search committee for the Chair in Chinese Research (IAR) and supervised two successful Ph.D. candidates this year: **Andrew Marton**, now a SSHRCC Post Doctoral Fellow in the Centre for Chinese Research, and **Philip Kelly**, now lecturing in the Department of Southeast Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore. During the year, he took an active role in the organization of three conferences and edited the Asia Empowerment conference essays presented in October 1996 which were published 5 January 1997.

McGee was the recipient of the Senior Killam Research Award for contributions to research. He has continued two major research projects. The first project, Management of Mega-Urban regions, held its inaugural meeting of more than 20 researchers from Asia, Australia and Canada in April 1997 in the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. The second on Transnationalism and Translocality in the Pacific region was a subject of the Bamboo

Networks conference held at the IAR in March. McGee was invited to lecture at the United Nations University in Tokyo, Taipei National University, and Adelaide University. He also took an active role in several government sponsored pre-APEC meetings held throughout Canada.

During the year, McGee has published the following works: T. McGee and R. Watters (eds.) *Asia Pacific: New Geographies of the Pacific Rim*, UBC Press, Vancouver 1997; T. McGee (ed.) Special Number of *Pacific Affairs*, "Economic Regionalism in the Asia Pacific Region", *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 70, Summer 1997; T. McGee, *Five Decades of Urbanization in Southeast Asia. A Personal Encounter*, Hong Kong Institute of Asia Pacific Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 1997; T. McGee, "Building Research Networks in the Asia-Pacific Region as a Basis for Academic Cooperation" *Asian Perspectives*, Vol. 21, No. 2, pp.9-36, 1997.

- **Ilan Vertinsky** has two major research projects to go full swing in 1998. The first is "Environmental Responses of Chinese Enterprises." With 22 per cent of the world population and 6.5 per cent of the world's mass, China is a key determinant in humankind's ability to achieve global sustainable growth and conserve the global ecological system. The study seeks to: 1) increase the understanding of the determinants of environmental responses of Chinese enterprises; 2) identify institutional alternatives which may increase compliance of enterprises in China with environmental regulations and assess effectiveness of alternative interventions designed to protect the environment; and 3) explore the factors which may promote "greening" of Chinese enterprises. Vertinsky will work in collaboration with **K. Au** of Chinese University of Hong Kong and **D. Tse** of City University of Hong Kong. The second study is "Corporate Strategy in a Transition Economy: A Case Study of Bao Steel." One of the largest state-owned enterprises in China, Bao Steel is considered a "model" enterprise distinguished by its economic, environmental and social performance. This study examines the effect of shifts in policies and economic conditions on the strategic management of state enterprises. It will be conducted in collaboration with **Weijong Zhiang** of Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Endowed Research Chairs

- **Kyung-Ae Park**, Korea Foundation Chair for Korean Research, received a 1996-1997 UBC-HSS Research Grant as well as a 1997 research grant from the Centre for Korean Research. Activities and appointments for 1997 include: Vice President, Association of Korean/American Christian Scholars in North America; Vice President, Association of Korean Political Studies in North America; Editor, Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section of the International Studies Association; Program Chair, 1998 American Political Science Association Meeting, Association of Korean Political Studies in North America Section; and Regional Conference Director, Korean-American University Professors Association. She has ongoing research projects on "North Korea's Cooperation with the U.S." and "South Korean Women in Politics: Why So Few?." Park participated in eight different conferences in Canada, the U.S. and Korea this year. She presented a paper on "Explaining North Korea's Negotiated Cooperation with the U.S." at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association on 28-31 August in Washington, D.C. She served as Panel Chair at the 38th Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, Toronto and at the 30th Annual

Conference of the Association of Korean Christian Scholars in North America, New Jersey. Her latest publications are: "Explaining North Korea's Negotiated Cooperation with the U.S.," 1997, *Asian Survey* 27 (July): 623-636; and a Review of *Gender and Development* by Catherine Scott (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1995), 1996, *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 29 (4) (December): 808-809.

- **Nina Halpern**, on her third year as Prof. Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research, has presented two conference papers summarizing the results of her research over the past years. The first, "Getting the Kid a Job: Allocating Labour to Family, Market, and State," is co-authored with Hill Gates of Stanford University based on a project funded by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. It was presented at a conference on "Rural Culture and Society in Southeastern China," held in Taipei in March 1997. The paper is based on field-work in the rural areas of Shanghai, Zhejiang, and Jiangsu in 1995-96. It explores the issue of how individuals, particularly women, make choices about how to allocate their labor. The second, "Adaptation and Decline in Chinese Basic-Level Party Organizations: Responses to Economic Change," was presented at the September 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. The paper explores the issue of how the reforms of the Deng period have affected the basic-level Party Organizations. Halpern teaches comparative study of political economy of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan and introduction to politics in the PRC at the Political Science Department, UBC. In the coming year, she will continue her research on institutional change in post-Mao China, exploring the changing role of government and Party institutions in light of economic change.

Masao Nakamura, Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research, continues his research in the areas of Japanese technology management, and Japanese technology and economic behaviour. These topics constitute the integral parts of the courses on new product development and international business he regularly teaches in the Faculty of Applied Science and the Faculty of Business Administration. He has been invited to present his papers in a number of academic conferences on Japan including the Japan Studies Association of Canada Meeting held at the University of Toronto, "Remade in America: Japanese Manufacturing Systems" Conference held at the University of Michigan and "The Evolving Japanese Corporation" Conference held at the University of California at Los Angeles. He also edited a special issue on Japanese technology management for John Wiley's journal, *Managerial and Decision Economics* (Vol. 81, No. 2, 1997). His recent publications include the following: "Adoption of Just-in-Time Manufacturing Methods at U.S. and Japanese-Owned Plants: Some Empirical Evidence," (with S. Sakakibara and R. Schroeder), Forthcoming, *IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management*; "Does Culture Matter in Inter-firm Cooperation: Research Consortia in Japan and the U.S.," (with I. Vertinsky and C. Zietsma), 1997, *Managerial and Decision Economics* 18: 153-175; "Japanese Technology Management: Introduction," 1997, *Managerial and Decision Economics* 18: 71-72; "Nonverifiability, Noncontractibility and Ownership Determination Models in Foreign Direct Investment, with an Application to Foreign Operations in Japan," (with J. Xie), Forthcoming, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*; "Environmental Management in Japan: Applications of Input-Output Analysis to the Emission of Global Warming Gases," (with H. Hayami, M. Suga and K. Yoshioka), 1997, *Managerial Decision and Economics* 18: 195-208; "The Bonus Shares of Flexible Pay in Germany, Japan and the U.S.: Some Empirical Regularities," (with O. Hubler), Forthcoming, *Japan and the World Economy*; and "Top-Down Production Management: A Recent Trend in the Japanese Productivity Enhancement Movement," (with M. Fruin), 1997,

Managerial and Decision Economics 18: 131-139. He, I. Vertinsky and C. van Kooten, received a UBC Hampton Grant (\$62,345) to study "Responses of Firms to Global Warming Issues." A part of this grant will be used to study Japanese approaches to global warming issues.

Research Centres

A total of 86 seminars, conferences, workshops, exhibits and outreach activities took place in the C.K. Choi Building this year. The five Centres are responsible for a majority of these events: Centre for Chinese Research, 12; Centre for Japanese Research, 14; Centre for Korean Research, 11; Centre for India and South Asian Research, 11; and Centre for Southeast Asian Research, 14. The Institute organized and co-sponsored a total of 12 seminars, workshops, exhibits, outreach activities, including 3 major conferences.

Centre for Chinese Research

Formally established in 1992, the Centre for Chinese Research (**CCR**) now has 40 academic members composed of Core Faculty, Research Associates, Post Doctoral Fellows, Research Network Associates and Faculty Associates Emeritus. From 1995-1997, the Centre's team of scholars has taught and supervised a total of 47 undergraduate, MA and Ph.D. students from various disciplines who are completing their graduating essays, theses and dissertations on Chinese studies.

CCR operates with the following objectives: 1) to strengthen Chinese studies at UBC; 2) to encourage and coordinate research on China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, the overseas Chinese Communities, and Canada's relationship with these areas; 3) to promote interaction among faculty, graduate students and visiting scholars doing research on China; 4) to facilitate linkages between scholars doing research on China at UBC with those in Asia; and 5) to promote a deeper understanding of China in Canada through outreach activities in local communities. Through workshops, seminars, conferences, and publications, the Centre facilitates the exchange of research findings within the University and between the University and community at large.

The Centre's *Discussion Paper Series*, introduced last year to exchange ideas and stimulate discussion and critical comment among the Centre's faculty, scholars and students, has already produced 12 papers including this year's series of six: 1) "Technology Transfer to China during the 1980s - How Effective? Some Evidence from Jiangsu" No. 97-1, **Samuel P. S. Ho**; 2) "The New Territories: Backstage Hong Kong" No. 97-2, **Graham E. Johnson**; 3) "Links To and Through South China: Local, Regional and Global Connections" No. 97-3, **Graham E. Johnson**; 4) "The Hong Kong-Guangdong Integration: Processes and Consequences in a Local Chinese Economy" No. 97-4, **George C. S. Lin**; 5) "Transnational Networks of Chinese Capitalists and Development in Local China: Research Agenda and Methodologies" No. 97-5, **You-tien Hsing**; and 6) "Urbanization in China: Transactional Relations and Repositioning of Locality" No. 97-6, **Andrew M. Marton**.

As part of its task of developing interaction among faculty and graduate students working on China,

CCR sponsors a seminar/workshop series regularly held once or twice a month. For its outreach projects, the Centre, jointly with the Chinese Culture Centre, sponsored a lecture series on Chinese culture for the local community as part of the series on "Retention and Adaptation of Chinese Culture in Canada."

CCR sponsored an international workshop in December 1997 in China to explore ways to cooperate with scholars and research institutes in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Taiwan. The workshop, funded by a Hampton Research Grant, was organized by **Samuel P. S. Ho**. Among the distinguished speakers in this year's seminars and lectures are: **Howard Balloch**, Canadian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China; **Martin Lee**, Q.C., Member, Legislative Council of Hong Kong; and **Tu Wei-Ming**, Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University; **Philip Y. M. Yang**, National Taiwan University; **Lee Deng Ker** and **Samuel S. G. Wu**, National Cheng Chi University; **Mark D. Elvin**, Australian National University; and **David Goodman**, University of Technology and Science, Sydney.

CCR Faculty and Associates came up with the following publications this year: **Donald L. Baker**, 1997, "World Religions and National States: Competing Claims in East Asia," in *Transnational Religions and Fading States*, ed. S. Rudolph and J. Piscatori, Westview Press; **Michael S. Duke**, 1997, *Su Tong, Raise the Red Lantern: Three Novellas*, Penguin Press; **You-tien Hsing**, Forthcoming, *Making Capitalism in China: The Taiwan Connection*, New York: Oxford University Press; **Samuel P. S. Ho**, 1997, "Technology Transfer to China during the 1980s - How Effective? Some Evidence from Jiangsu," *Pacific Affairs* 70 (1) (September): 85-106; **Graham E. Johnson**, "Links To and Through South China: Local, Regional and Global Connections," 1997, in *Hong Kong's Reunion with China: The Global Dimensions*, ed. C. Postiglione and J. Tang, 123-146, Hong Kong and Armonk, N.Y.: Hong Kong University Press and M. E. Sharpe; **Diana Lary** (with T. Gottschang), Forthcoming, *Swallows and Settlers: The Great Manchurian Migration*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press; **Michael Leaf**, Forthcoming, "Urban Planning and Urban Reality under Chinese Economic Reforms," *Journal of Planning Education and Research*; **Daniel Overmyer**, Forthcoming, *Precious Volumes: An Introduction to Chinese Sectarian Scriptures from the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard Council on East Asian Studies; **Glen Peterson**, 1997, *The Power of Words: Literacy and Revolution in South China, 1949-1995*, UBC Press; and **Catherine Swatek**, Forthcoming, *Perils of the Peony: Adaptations and Production of Tang Xianza's Peony Pavilion*, Ann Arbor: Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan.

CCR Director, **Samuel P. S. Ho**, has three on-going research projects, namely: 1) Community Management of Land Use in a Rapidly Urbanizing Countryside: A Comparative Study of the Pearl River Delta and Lower Yangzi Delta," with **George Lin**; 2) "Local Enterprises, Global Capitalism: The Evolving Nature of Local 'Ownership' and World Market Integration in Township-Village Enterprises," with **Paul Bowles**; and 3) "Migration and Rural Change - The Urbanization of the Countryside in Guangdong, Jiangsu and Shandong," with scholars from Singapore, Taiwan, and China.

CCR's line-up of activities for 1998 include: workshop on "Chinese Immigrants and Chinese Identity," organized by Joanne Poon; international workshop on the state of relations across the Taiwan Strait from various perspectives, organized by **Samuel P. S. Ho** and **Nina Halpern**; and an interdisciplinary project on "Leaving the Good Earth - The Transformations of Rural China," headed by **Samuel P. S. Ho**.

Centre for Japanese Research

The former **CJR** Director, Keizo Nagatani, took an early retirement from UBC in June 1997, to assume a position at Kobe University in Japan. **Masao Nakamura**, Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research, been appointed as **CJR** Director for year period, 1 July 1997 - 30 June 2001. Under new Directorship the primary emphasis of the **CJR** continues to be promotion of disciplinary and interdisciplinary academic research on Japan being conducted by UBC faculty members and graduate students. The **CJR** plans to initiate some major research programs on Japan including development of a Japanese social science data collection. In addition, the **CJR** also initiates and promotes the following activities: Japan-related outreach activities for the Canadian public including cultural events, seminars and workshops on contemporary Japanese and world issues; communication between UBC and the Japanese business community in Vancouver; academic exchanges including hosting visitors from various academic and government institutions in Japan and elsewhere.

The research projects being supported by **CJR** this year are the following: contemporary Japanese culture and identity (**M. Creighton**); spatial patterns of Japanese sector subsidiaries in Pacific Rim (**D. Edgington**); General Nogi's wife (**S. Orbaugh**); NYK's participation in global trading networks (**W. Wray**); Columbia University Press modern East Asian literature project (**J. Mostow**); Japanese overseas production and labor markets (**J. Ries**); ecological footprints of Japan [(Ph.D. thesis, **Y. Wada**); corporate shareholding in Japan (Ph.D. thesis, **K. Nakano**); Asian Library Japanese archives (**T. Gonami**). **CJR** members also received research grants from the Japan Foundation for a project on "Tokugawa Japan" (**J. Mostow, M. Matsumoto, M. Creighton, and N.-L. Hur**) and from the Hampton Fund for "Firms' Responses to Global Warming" project (**M. Nakamura, I. Vertinsky and C. van Kooten**).

The **CJR** organized the following seminars and workshops in 1997 to which the public has been invited: Jan.15, **N-L Hur**, "Toyotomi Hideyoshi's World Order"; Jan.22, **M.Nakamura**, "Environmental Management in Japan"; Feb.12, **J.Ries**, "Overseas Investment and Exports: Japanese Firms"; Feb.26, **L.Cameron**, Columbia Univ. "Gendered Meaning in Sumo and Shinto"; Mar.5, **K.Nagao**, Osaka City Univ. "Globalization of Japanese Automobile Production"; Mar.19, **Y.Wada** "Ecological Footprints of Japan"; Mar.26, **H.Izawa**, Ritsumeikan Univ. "Corporate Governance in Japan"; Apr.23, **W.Wray**, "Did the Hagemon Blink?"; June 12, **R.Dore**, London School of Economics. "Japan and the Virtues of Competition"; Sept.15, **H. Wakita**, Shiga Prefecture Univ., "Women and Household in Medieval Japan"; Sept.16, **I. Smits**, Royal Netherlands Academy, "Literary Theme Parks in Medieval Japan and China"; Sept. 26, **N. Kasuga**, Osaka Univ. "Christ, The Devil, and Money: Witchcraft in Fijian History"; Oct. 10, 1997, **M.Iokibe**, Kobe Univ., "Asia-Pacific: A Japanese Perspective"; Nov.20, **K.Ohtsuka**, National Museum of Ethnology, "Japanese Policies towards the Ainu: Issues in the New Ainu Law."

Japan-related publications by members of the **CJR** during 1997 include the following:

- D.Edgington: "The Rise of the Yen, 'Hollowing Out' and Japan's Troubled Industries," in R.F.Watters and T.G.McGee (eds.), *Asia-Pacific: New Geographies of the Pacific Rim*, Hurst., 1997, 170-189; "International Trade, Production Chains and Corporate Strategies: Japan's Timber Trade with British Columbia," (with R. Hayter), *Regional Studies* 31, 1997, 151-166;

- "Cutting Against the Grain: A Case Study of McMillan Bloedel's Japan Strategy", *Economic Geography* 73, 1997, 187-213;
- "Flexibility and Corporate Organization in Chukyo, Japan: A Study of Five Industries," *Regional Development Studies* 3, 1997, 83-108;
- "Geography of Crisis and Uncertainty: Kobe After the Hanshin Earthquake," presented at the 9th Pacific Regional Council on Urban Development Annual Conference, Singapore, October:
- "Japanese Service Sector Multinationals and the Hierarchy of Pacific Rim Cities," Ritsumeikan-UBC Annual Seminar.
- T.Gonnami:

"Japanese-Canadian Archives on Microfilm: An Overview of the Japanese-Canadian Archives at the UBC Library," *Microform & Imaging Review* 26, 1997, 22-33;

"Taiheiyo ni kakeru Nihon no hashi (Japanese translation of 'Japan's Bridge Across the Pacific' by John Howes)" *Nitobe Inazo Kenkyu* 6, 1997, 97-129;

review of *JAPAN AND THE JAPANESE: A Bibliographic Guide to Reference Sources*, by Y.Makino and M.Miki Eds.), Greenwood Press, 1996, *Pacific Affairs* 70, 1997, 274-276;

"Japanese Canadian Research Collection at UBC" presented at the Ritsumeikan-UBC Seminar on Canada and Japan in the Asia Pacific, and also at Aichi Shukutoku Univ. and Takushoku University Hokkaido College;

"Japanese Canadians in the Multi-cultural Society of Canada" presented at the Hokkaido Chapter of the Japanese Assoc. for Canadian Studies, Hokkai Gakuen Univ.
 - M.Kohnno:

Japan's Postwar Party Politics, Princeton UP, 1997;

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Centre for Korean Research

The growth of Korean studies at UBC has created a healthy exchange of scholars, knowledge and culture between Canada and the Republic of South Korea. This year's activities organized by the Centre for Korean Research (**CKR**) proved to be an expansion of scholarly opportunities and linkages between researchers on Korea at UBC with their counterparts in other countries.

In January, former UBC President **David Strangway** attended a signing ceremony in Seoul where the Korea Foundation and the Korea Research Foundation each committed \$25,000 per year to UBC over the next few years. The fund will be used for the establishment of an endowed instructorship in Korean language in the Department of Asian Studies. The funds will be matched by UBC. Later this year, **Insun Lee** was appointed Korean Language Chair (KLC). **Ross King**, CKR Research Associate and Asian Studies Professor, initiated the fund-raising campaign for KLC. Aside from the funds, the Korea Foundation also donated to the Centre a copy of the new *Annals of the Chosun Dynasty* on CD-ROM. This is a valuable piece of resource to those scholars who use the Veritable Records as primary source of information. The *Annals* comprising 1,893 volumes in 888 books are comprehensive records on *Chosun* on various topics. This vast amount of historical information is fully indexed in three CDs which makes searching the entire text for specific information very simple and efficient.

On 17-18 May, **Yunshik Chang**, CKR Director, organized "Korea: Toward an Industrial Society, Part II Conference" in commemoration of the 50th founding of the *Kyong Hyang Daily News* which co-sponsored the event.

On 28 July 1997 **Strangway** hosted a luncheon in honor of **Sah Myung Hong** of the Korea Research Foundation at which the former UBC President presented a certificate of appreciation in recognition of Hong's contribution to the development of Korean Studies at UBC. **Strangway** thereafter was conferred a medal of national honor (Mukungwha Chang, the First Order) by the Government of the Republic of Korea for his contribution to the promotion of Korean Studies in Canada.

The Centre's nine seminars covered an interesting mix of topics. This year's academic activities

included a talk by **Jin Hyun Kim**, President of University of Seoul and former Korean Minister of Science and Technology, on "A Turning Point in South Korean Politics and Economy." **Robert Hyung Chang Kim** of Western Washington University lectured on "To'san An Chang Ho: The Harbinger of Civic Culture in Korea." A seminar on "Fraternal Tribute: Diplomatic and Cultural Relations Between Korea and the Kingdom of the Ryukus, 1939-1637" was presented by **Don Baker**. **Nam-Lin Hur** gave a seminar on "Korean Sovereignty and Cease-Fire Negotiations in Imjin Waeran (1592-1598). **Steven Lee** gave seminars on "World System, Continentalism and Reconstruction: Canada and Korea in the American Age, 1953-57" and on "The Origins of the Korean War". A lecture with slide presentation on "In Search of Korean Dialects in Central Asia" was given by **Ross King**. **Sarah Nelson** of University of Denver gave a seminar on "Rice and Dolmens in Korea." CKR's 1997 seminar series ended with "Famine Conditions in North Korea: Recent work by CARITAS" by **Connie Chen** of CARITAS Taiwan.

Art and academe were mixed - Korean style - during the Korean Culture Program on 15 October. The program, co-sponsored by CKR with the Korea Foundation and the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, was developed as an "informative and entertaining vehicle for introducing Korean culture to foreign audiences." Highlights of the program were: lecture at the Choi Building on "Modern Korean Art: Between Past and Present" by **Yungna Kim**, Seoul National University and a presentation of traditional Korean music and dance at the Great Hall, First Nations House.

Further academic linkage was forged between Kangwon National University and UBC with CKR's hosting of four Visiting Scholars this year, namely: **Kim Sea-yoon, Kim Hyun-joo, Lee Hyeon-hie** and **Choe Yun-hyen**.

Centre for India and South Asia Research

The Centre for India and South Asia Research (**CISAR**), with a membership of 46 Faculty Associates, Research Associates, Graduate Associates and Visiting Scholars, continues its promotion of research on South Asia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The Centre takes an active role in the scholarly discussion of issues relating to this geographic region by organizing seminars, workshops and conferences in which South Asianists the world over exchange views and establish academic links.

Mandakranta Bose was appointed acting Director of CISAR while John Wood was on sabbatical. **Bose** set up the Cross-Cultural Studies in Asia Group at the Institute. The group's first project was the conference "The World My Mother Gave Me." The conference was organized in collaboration with the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations. **Bose** is editing the book on the proceedings of the conference. She is also working on two other books on women and the arts. She received a 1996-1997 University Research Grant and a 1997-1999 SSHRC grant for the completion of a critical edition of a 17th century Sanskrit text on music and dance, *Sangitanarayana*, to be published by the Indira Gandhi National Research Centre for the Arts, New Delhi. Her forthcoming publications are: *The Captive Subjects: A Social and Cultural Casebook on the Women of India* (a collection of papers from Canada, India, the United States and England), Oxford University Press and "Gender and Performance: A South Asian Perspective," *Routledge Reader in Gender and Performance*, England.

CISAR sponsored a total of 11 activities this year including seminars, workshops, a conference and

an exhibit. The Centre hosted the 30th year of the South Asian Colloquium of the Pacific Northwest (SACPAN), a biannual conference of South Asianists from Western Canada and the North West United States. Among the seminars held this year were: "Women, Empowerment and Political Participation Since Independence in India" by **Veena Poonacha**, SNDT Women's University, Bombay "The Kashmir Dispute between India and Pakistan: A Clash of Civilizations?" by **Robert Wirsing**, University of Southern Carolina and "Themes in the Study of South Asian Diaspora" by **Judith Brown**, Oxford University.

At present the centre is facilitating three inter-disciplinary research projects involving twenty UBC researchers. The first is a study of the 'co-operative management of water resources' which brings together researchers in political science, rural development, sociology and soil science. The aim of this research project is to test key hypotheses related to management of water by user groups. From the 15-17th December 1997 the centre organized an international workshop on this theme, funded by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, UBC. Which brought together 30 researchers, practitioners and administrators, including six of our South Asian research partners and representatives from the government of India, CIDA and IDRC.

The second research project is a study of the South Asian Diaspora in BC, which is being carried out in association with the progressive intercultural services society (PICSS) in Surrey. CISAR and PICSS will jointly host a workshop on this theme in February 1998 to define a research agenda and finalize development of a research application. The third research project, in association with the Centre for Chinese Research, the University of Northern BC and Asian research partners, is a study of literacy and women's empowerment in India and China. CISAR, CCR and UNBC received seed money for this project from the BC Centre for International Education. Research partners are expected to submit a proposal by April 1998.

The Centre's interest in cultural affairs was marked by an exhibition of "50 years of Political Cartoons from India." The event was co-sponsored by the Consulate General of India and was part of an Indian Film Festival in celebration of India's 50 years of independence. The exhibition which took place from 24 November - 11 December 1997 was inaugurated by the High Commissioner of India. One of the long term projects at the Centre is the formation of post graduate training programs in community planning in three Sri Lankan universities. This project, supported by a CIDA grant was initiated by **Barrie Morrison** and is done in cooperation with the School of Community and Regional Planning. This five-year project is administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. **CISAR** recently established a travel grant for graduate students and research associates who are presenting papers in academic conferences. Two such grants not exceeding \$500 each are available to both types of applicants through the year. They are available only for CISAR research associates and graduate students working on South Asia. There is no nationality requirement.

Centre for Southeast Asia Research

With a variety of cultures, political structures and peoples within its area of study, The Centre for Southeast Asia Research (**CSEAR**) presented 14 seminars covering a wide range of topics. Discussions focused on the following issues: clean river program for Indonesian cities (**Dwita Rahmi**, Visiting Scholar), ethnic identity in the Philippine Cordillera (Deirdre McKay, Ph.D. candidate, UBC), environmental management in Vietnam (**Truong Manh Tien**, Deputy Director

General, national Environment Agency, Hanoi), poverty alleviation in Indonesia (**Sudharto Hadi**, Director, Environmental Centre, Diponegoro University, Semarang), urban poverty alleviation and community-based programs in Asia (**Clarence Shubert**, former Senior Regional Advisor for Asia and the Pacific for UNCHS's Urban Management Program), sustainable development in Indonesia (**Dr. Haryadi**, Director, Environmental Studies Centre, Gadjadara University), decollectivization, land reform and gender practices in Vietnamese agriculture (**Steffanie Scott**, Ph.D. candidate, UBC), Indonesia's controlled elections (**Jim Schiller**, Flinders University of Australia), environmental values and Thai coastal areas (**Ring Chuengpagpee**, Ph.D. candidate, UBC), role of Philippine media in society and government (**Armand Nocum**, Journalist and Marshall McLuhan Prize Awardee), forest protection in Vietnam and the Lang Beo village (**Kim Carr**, graduate student, UBC), and politics of Indonesian rainforests (**George Aditjondro**, Lecturer, UBC).

The Ford Foundation has renewed its grant to a consortium of centres for Southeast Asia research in the University of Oregon (Eugene), the University of Washington (Seattle), the University of British Columbia (Vancouver) and the University of Victoria. This is the third grant from the Foundation amounting to a total of US\$1.3 million over ten years. The current grant, designed to facilitate conferences and programs on Southeast Asian studies and provide linkages between the member Universities, will greatly bolster **CSEAR**'s drive to fulfill its objectives and responsibilities within the Institute, the University and the community. As a founding member of the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies (NWRCEAS), **CSEAR** has contributed to a Directory of Southeast Asian Researchers in the Pacific Northwest and has also participated in the biennial conference of the Consortium. The Centre will host and organize the conference in 1999.

Two Vietnam study tours benefitted 20 students this year. The first was funded by a UBC Hampton Research Grant. **CSEAR** Director **Geoff Hainsworth** led a team of eight students to study the upland resource management for poverty reduction and sustainable livelihoods. There were preparatory biweekly workshops as well as an intensive course on Vietnamese to aid participants in the understanding of their study site and communicating with their counterparts. The second group of 12 UBC School of Community and Regional Planning, Architecture and Economics graduate students was under the supervision of **Micheal Leaf** of **CSEAR** and Centre for Human Settlements. They spent the summer studying the "flower village" of Phu Gia in the newly created urban district of Tay Ho, documenting and analyzing the socio-economic, environmental and institutional impacts of rapid urbanization. These two study tours are intended to pave the way to what is hoped to be a yearly participative and interactive research projects in Southeast Asia.

The successful CIDA Tier 1 Grant proposal, prepared in association with the UBC Centre for Human Settlements, Université Laval, the Vietnam Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, and five Vietnamese universities, lays the foundation for five more years of innovative research and development cooperation. While mainly a technical assistance project, seeking to enhance localized capacities to devise and carry through commune-level poverty alleviation initiatives, the project network offers a unique basis from which to launch a wide range of collaborative research endeavours for which supplementary funding will be sought. It is expected that several opportunities may arise from subsequent work with the UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, and other donor agencies and NGOs in preparing future Human Development Reports on Vietnam.

Geoff Hainsworth launched a major community outreach program this year to strengthen the Centre's ties with the Asian community. He met with Consul General **Lourdes Morales** and Consul **Bayani Mercado** of the Philippine Consulate General to discuss future directions for the Centre and

ways of promoting Canada-Philippines academic, community and commercial relations. He also met with **Chandra Salim** and **Trini Sualang** of the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia to discuss a joint sponsorship of a "Get to Know Indonesia Year."

The 7th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources was held at the Choi Building early this year. The meeting was organized by **George Kennedy** of Agricultural Economics, UBC. The Consortium is composed of Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia; Institut Pertanian, Bogor; Kasetsart University, Thailand; Universiti Pertanian Malaysia, Malaysia; University of the Philippines at Los Banos, Philippines; University of Queensland, Australia; and the University of British Columbia.

Public Policy Program

What differentiates the Institute of Asian Research from the Department of Asian Studies at UBC is the IAR's focus on public policy issues. While the Department of Asian Studies concentrates on Asian language instruction and the arts, the bulk of the Institute's research themes involve contemporary issues and public policies affecting Canada and Asia Pacific relations. This is carried out through CAPRI and its CAPRI International Associates Forum, CPIRD, and the Institute's own public policy research projects that cut across the geographical boundaries of its five constituent Centres (i.e., Asian Diaspora, Management of Mega-Urban Regions, Networks and Economic Growth in the Asia Pacific Region, Transnationalism and Transnationality in the Pacific Region, etc.). The recent establishment of the Centre for Australian Studies at IAR will contribute to closer ties between Australia and Canada. The first activity of the Centre is a joint conference by Monash University and IAR comparing Canada's and Australia's approaches to economic, social and political relations with Asia. The Conference is scheduled for October 1998.

China Program for Integrative Research and Development (CPIRD)

The China Program for Integrative Research and Development (**CPIRD**) is an interdisciplinary program under the Institute, devoted to studying the continuing transformation and development of China. Prof. **Paul T. K. Lin**, Program Director, organizes workshops and seminars jointly with China Forum Society of Vancouver.

This year's activities have been focused on the pivotal role of legal institutions in China. On 20 September, **CPIRD** in cooperation with the China Forum Society presented a seminar on "Dialogues on the Evolution of Political Culture and the Rule of Law in China." The seminar was composed of two panels: "Punishment and Protection: Changing Approaches in Chinese Law" and "The Developing Theory of the Rule of Law in China." Speakers included **Chang Hsin**, Chinese University of Hong Kong and **Albert H.Y. Chen**, Dean of Law, University of Hong Kong. Among the Panelists were: **Maurice Copithorne** (UBC), **Vincent Yang** (International Centre for Criminal Law Reform), **Pitman Potter** (Centre for Asian Legal Studies, UBC) and **Jan Walls** (Director, Asia-Canada Program, SFU).

CPIRD also presented a seminar on "The Impact of Rural Institutional Reform on Fertility on China" by **Zeng Yi**, Distinguished Research Scholar, Max Planck Institute for Demographic

Research, Germany and Director, Institute of Population Research, Peking University.

CPIRD is also developing a project of cooperation among UBC, Fujian Province and Xiamen University, China for an innovative human resource development program aimed at senior personnel in public administration, enterprise management, and science and technology fields who will be provided with upgrade training at UBC. The project forms part of the Letter of Intent that was signed in Fuzhou on 7 April 1995. Four trainees have been attending courses in public administration and management by arrangement with UBC's Faculty of Commerce over the past year.

A study on the current state of the performing arts in China undertaken by researcher (and music critic) **Mabel Wang**, with the aid of a small travel grant from **CPIRD**, has resulted in the completion of an interesting paper on the impact of the market on symphony orchestras in China. Plans for next year's **CPIRD** programs include workshops and seminars focused on one of the key variables in China's transformation - the unfolding transition to a "socialist market" - its nature, problems and likely consequences. Prof. **Paul Lin** has chosen to retire from his administrative duties in the **CPIRD** in order to devote more time to writing. Prof. **Terry McGee** has kindly agreed to take over **CPIRD** concurrently with his Directorship of the IAR, with the assistance of a **CPIRD** steering committee.

Canada Asia Pacific Research Initiatives (CAPRI)

When **Mark Fruin**, former IAR director who founded **CAPRI**, resigned in July 1997, **CAPRI** was continued by the current Director, **Terry McGee**, and it became the focal point for the Institute's Public Policy Program. In keeping with its mandate of promoting Canada-Asia Pacific research initiatives, its major activity for the year was its sponsorship of the Asian Immigration and Racism in Canada policy conference held at the Choi Bldg. in June. The UBC Centre for Human Settlements and **CAPRI** were the two major contributors of funds for this conference. As a result of this conference, a book entitled *The Silent Debate: Asian Immigration and Racism in Canada* based on papers presented at the conference, will be published. A workshop to discuss and present recommendations of the June conference to Canadian policy makers is being planned in 1998. An Asian Immigration Network, formed at the end of the conference, is now planning a second conference on Asian Immigration and Trade to be hosted by Adelaide University in Australia.

Research Associates and Visiting Scholars Program

The number of Research Associates affiliated with the Institute increased from 12 in 1996 to 28 this year: **Vidyut Aklujkar, Alison Bailey, Narinder Kaur Basi, Tony Beck, Sadhu Binning, Mandakranta Bose, Rex Casinader, Andrew Chan, Rebecca Chau, Hani Faris, Julie Fieldhouse, Charles Greenberg, Xiumin Hu, Keum Sook Kang, Ajit Krishnaswamy, Beverly Lee, Scott MacLeod, Rina Mitra, Richard Nann, Evelyn Nodwell, Jim Placzek, John Price, David Roth, Setsuko Shiga, Peijian Shen, Patricia Tsurumi, Gisèle Yasmeen, Chao-Tzang Yawnghwe.**

A new category of international associates was introduced this year with the title of Research Network Associates. In addition, two scholars arrived from Korea for a year's visit. They interact

and share research data with research associates and graduate students who populate the research space on the third floor.

Publications

Asia Pacific Report, the biannual newsletter of the Institute is distributed to about 1,500 subscribers and friends of Asian research in North America, Europe and Asia. The five Centres continue to publish their series of working papers and monographs (see individual Centres' reports above). In the last three months of 1997, three monographs were prepared under the auspices of the Institute for release in January 1998. A book launching has been scheduled for 5 January 1998.

Budget and Research Grants

The Institute had an operating budget of \$739,831 in fiscal year 1997-1998. This includes \$582,407 in faculty and staff salaries and benefits and \$4,000 each to the five constituent Centres (or a total of \$20,000) for operating expenses leaving a total of \$137,442 in the supplies and equipment budget pool to cover travel, library acquisitions, office supplies and equipment, publication production, communication costs, security, computer lab maintenance and upgrades, faculty and student exchanges, seminar and conferences, community outreach activities and other programs. The Institute and its Centres had an endowment income of \$217,960 for the year, the bulk of which, \$141,411, came from proceeds from the Centres endowment grants. Endowment income is used for seminars and workshops, publication, research development, scholarships, library acquisitions and travel for project development. A total of \$213,883 was received in research grants and contracts this year.

Personnel

The positions of the two secretaries were reclassified from Sec 2 and 3 to Sec 3 and 4 respectively, effective January this year. A salary adjustment was made in the position of the manager for administration and programs. **CJR** Director **Keizo Nagatani** took early retirement end of June and was replaced by Japanese Research Chair **Masao Nakamura** who has been appointed to the position for four years starting 1 July 1997. Mark Fruin resigned as IAR director effective 1 July 1997 after a period of extended leave. The competition for the Chinese Research Chair, funded by the Government of the Republic of China, was advertised in April. The position was awarded to **Sam Ho**, the current director of the Centre for Chinese Research, in November. **Ho** will assume the position on 1 January 1998. **Nina Halpern**, holder of the Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research, has given notice to resign as of 30 June 1998 to pursue a career outside academia. Her tenured track position has been converted into a visiting position renewable on a yearly basis. It has been advertised to start on 1 July 1998. **Terry McGee** has given notice of not extending his directorship after it expires on 30 June 1998. A selection committee has been set up by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and procedures to recruit a new Director are underway as 1997 comes to an end.

Choi Building Administration

The Choi Bldg. public facilities (conference room, seminar room and lounge) were the sites of five international conferences, four workshops, 66 seminars, two art exhibits, two film showings, and

four outreach activities and cultural presentations this year. A total of \$1,600 was received in rent for the use of the facilities. This income is used to fund the Institute's community outreach program and the publication of its newsletter, Asia Pacific Report.

Some days the North Wing on the ground floor of the Choi Bldg. looks like the Vancouver International Airport. Suitcases are piled outside office doors, plane tickets and passports laid on desktops, raincoats slung over chairs and Black Top cabs waiting outside to take their passengers away. This is because a number of international experts have set up offices in the Choi Bldg. this year and they continue to circle the globe in pursuit of research projects and funds. Former B.C. Premier **Mike Harcourt** and former CIDA Vice president **Art Wright**, both currently with Sustainable Development Research Institute (SDRI), are developing environmental projects in China and India. **Sandra Ng** assists them in China and **Gisèle Yasmeen** in India. **Ivan Head** was president of IDRC (International Development Research Centre) from 1978 to 1991 and a senior policy adviser to former Prime Minister Trudeau. He now heads the Liu Centre for International Studies at UBC. Along with **Gordon Smith**, a distinguished career diplomat and former deputy minister of foreign affairs, they are setting up the Liu Centre as the first centre in Canada devoted to public policy and global issues. They are assisted by **Teresa Wong**, administrator. **Stephen Heeney**, Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines from 1993 to 1997, is the North Wing's Diplomat in Residence. He is a resource person on Southeast Asia at UBC and is helping the IAR Centre for Southeast Asia Research set up a Philippine Studies Program. **Prod Laquian** as Project Director and **Basil Van Horen** as Field Coordinator of the joint IAR-Centre for Human Settlements Sri Lanka Project share an office where they work out details of setting up three schools of planning in Sri Lanka under a CIDA Tier 2 grant. In addition, **Laquian** is collaborating with **Ivan Head** on a China project on water management and with **Mike Harcourt** in formulating a project comparing developments in China's Pearl River Delta with the Fraser River region in B.C and Washington State.

Future Activities and Research

The IAR and its constituent Centres have now passed through a successful period of restructuring, clarifying goals and developing capacity. Over the next five years, the Institute will need to concentrate on 1) developing ongoing research projects of strong intellectual calibre; 2) developing its role as the provider of an interdisciplinary graduate program of contemporary Asia that can satisfy the needs of graduate students in both professional and other schools; 3) continue to develop the outreach and community activities; 4) seek funding for the continued endowment of programs; and 5) actively establish joint programs of research and exchange relationships with Asia Pacific research institutions.

This annual report indicates that the IAR is well embarked in these directions. With the imminent appointment of a new Director and the undoubted changes that will occur in the University with the need for restructuring to create a University for the 21st century, the IAR is well positioned to play a major role in these activities. We look forward to the challenge.