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MISSION

Asia Society is the leading global and pan-Asian organization working to strengthen relationships and promote understanding among the people, leaders, and institutions of the United States and Asia. The Society seeks to increase knowledge and enhance dialogue, encourage creative expression, and generate new ideas across the fields of policy, business, education, arts, and culture.

Founded in 1956, Asia Society is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution with offices in Hong Kong, Houston, Los Angeles, Manila, Melbourne, Mumbai, New York, San Francisco, Shanghai, and Washington D.C.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

Fiscal Year 2007 marked a year of high-profile programs and events at Asia Society, capping off our 50th anniversary celebratory year which honored our founders Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller 3rd. During this pivotal year, we embarked on many new programmatic initiatives designed to position the institution for its next 50 years, in a world in which Asia is playing an increasingly vital role.

Asia Society's continuing expansion reflects a changing global landscape with the rise of Asia. Our work is centered around four key goals: strengthening our leadership position as the premier organization preparing Asians and Americans for a shared future; developing strategic partnerships in key areas; engaging the next generation of leaders; and strengthening our global operations.

To strengthen our profile in Asia and our network of centers, we moved forward with the construction of multi-million dollar facilities in Hong Kong and Houston. Our new Asia Society India Centre completed its first full year of operation, hosting exhibitions, panel discussion and conferences, film and book events, and more. The Society also announced plans to open a Korea Center in Seoul, aimed at further strengthening our presence in Northeast Asia. We also laid the groundwork for the establishment of a contemporary art collection, focusing on the acquisition of video and new media art.

Throughout our global network, we continued to present a range of programs in policy, business, education, culture and art. Our Education program continued to make headlines while working to make international knowledge, including Chinese language skills, a top priority at U.S. schools and to engage U.S. education leaders with their Asian counterparts. The Asia-Pacific Forum on Education, held in Beijing, brought together high-level education, business, policy, philanthropy and media/tech leaders from the U.S., China, India and Korea to discuss educational responses to globalization.

In New York, the Asia Society Center on U.S.-China Relations, established with support from the late Arthur Ross, was formally inaugurated with a highly publicized event featuring Henry Kissinger in conversation with the Center's director, Orville Schell. Since opening, the Center has begun conducting exciting new research on key issues in the U.S.-China relationship, including energy and the environment. The Center also initiated key partnerships with the Brookings Institution, the Council on Foreign Relations, Environmental Defense, and others.

Our exhibitions showcased art ranging from the gilded splendor of China's Liao Empire (907-1125) to cutting-edge video from East Asia. Our performing arts programming was equally diverse, representing artists from Hafez Nazeri to Salman Ahmad to Shen Wei to Eiko & Koma.

We also began creating a network of tomorrow's leaders through our first annual Asia 21 Summit, sponsored by Merrill Lynch and held in Seoul, which brought together young leaders from 23 countries to discuss innovative approaches to solving the world's most pressing issues.

In-house, we expanded our staff of experts and fellows, who shared expertise and opinions in public forums and international news media. The first Bernard Schwartz policy fellows were selected and began their residencies, one in New York and one in Washington, D.C., and a network of Associate Fellows was established.

To extend the reach of Asia Society's expertise and programming, we expanded our use of traditional and new media with the placement of regular op-eds, a weekly podcast, live-webcasting of programs, and the production of broadcast-quality videos which aired on major news networks and websites. We became one of the first non-profit channel partners of YouTube, and have established additional partnerships to provide content to the "Project Syndicate" network of worldwide newspapers, the PBS show "Asian America," India's "Rediff," and The NewsMarket.

These initiatives represent just a sampling of the projects and programs offered to our audiences around the world. As Asia continues to command increasing clout in the global arena, the mission of the Asia Society to prepare Asians and Americans for a shared future is more crucial than ever. For more information, please visit us at www.AsiaSociety.org.

Most importantly, we thank our friends and supporters who help make all of these accomplishments possible.

Richard C. Holbrooke



Chairman

Vishakha N. Desai



President

MUSEUM

Exhibitions

A Passion for Asia: The Rockefeller Family Collects

In conjunction with Asia Society's 50th anniversary celebration. Curated by Vishakha N. Desai, Asia Society and Adriana Proser, John H. Foster Curator of Traditional Asian Art, Asia Society. Organized by Asia Society Museum. February 24 – September 3, 2006

Asian Images: Past and Present, Creations by New York City Students

Curated by Nancy Blume, Asia Society.
May 23 – August 6, 2006

Projected Realities: Video Art from East Asia

Curated by Melissa Chiu, and Miwako Tezuka, Assistant Curator, Asia Society.
May 23 – August 6, 2006

One Way or Another: Asian American Art Now

Organized by the Asia Society. Curatorial team: Susetta S. Min, Assistant Professor, Asian American Studies and Art History, University of California, Davis; Karin Higa, Senior Curator of Art, Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles; and Melissa Chiu, Director of the Museum and Curator of Contemporary Asian and Asian American Art, Asia Society.
September 7 – December 10, 2006; Houston, January 20 – March 31, 2007

Special Onsite Exhibition: Screen Culture in Asia At ART(212) Contemporary Art Fair

Co-curated by Melissa Chiu and Miwako Tezuka, Asia Society.
Shanghai, China, September 28 – October 1, 2007

Gilded Splendor: Treasures of China's Liao Empire (907-1125)

Curated by Hsueh-man Shen, Lecturer, Chinese Art, University of Edinburgh.
October 5 – December 31, 2006; Cologne, January – April 2007; Zurich, May 12 – July 15, 2007

Edge of Desire: Recent Art in India

Co-organized by Asia Society and the Art Gallery of Western Australia; curated by Chaitanya Sambrani, Australian National University.
Delhi, India, November 14 – December 8, 2006; Mumbai, January 5 – February 3, 2007

Glass, Gilding, and Grand Design: Art of Sasanian Iran (224-642)

Made possible with major support from The Leon Levy Foundation; The Lee and Juliet Folger Fund; Lisina and Frank Hoch; and Sheila and Hassan Nemazee. Additional support provided by Akbar Ghahary, Ph.D.; Amita and Purnendu Chatterjee; Jamshid and Mahshid Ehsani; The Persepolis Foundation; The Soudavar Memorial Foundation; The Beningson Family, in Memory of Renee Beningson. February 14 – May 20, 2007

Free Fish: The Art of Yuken Teruya

Inspired by a Ming-dynasty Chinese porcelain jar selected from Asia Society's Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller 3rd Collection. Part of an ongoing exhibition series in which contemporary artists are invited to create new commissioned work inspired by an object of their choice from the Society's permanent collection. February 20 – April 29, 2007

Collectors' Choice

Asia Society invites thirteen renowned New York collectors of Asian art to present some of their favorite works alongside selected objects from Asia Society's Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller 3rd Collection. Curated by Adriana Proser, Asia Society's John H. Foster Curator of Traditional Asian Art in association with Kristy Phillips, Asia Society Museum Fellow. February 27 – August 26, 2007

From China to New York: Works by New York City Students

Presented in collaboration with Studio in a School. Made possible with support from the Rattray Kimura Foundation. May 15 – August 26, 2007

Condensation: Five Video Works by Chen Chieh-jen

Taiwanese artist Chen Chieh-jen's first major solo exhibition in the United States. June 19 – August 5, 2007

Catalogues

Glass, Gilding & Grand Design: Art of Sasanian Iran (224-642)

Published by Asia Society, printed and bound by Friesens Corporation, curated by Françoise Demange, 47 pages.

Gilded Splendor: Treasures of China's Liao Empire (907-1125)

Published by Asia Society, printed and bound by Conti Tipocolor, Calenzano (Florence) Italy, edited by Hsueh-man Shen, 391 pages.

Special Installations in the Asia Society Visitors Center

*Ship-Breakers of Bangladesh: Dismantling the Myth of Global Labor Equality –
Photographs by Robert Bailey with Text by Naeem Mohaiemen*

June 6 – August 6, 2006

Asian Contemporary Art in Print

Organized by Asia Society and the Singapore Tyler Print Institute

A display of prints by ten leading Asian artists working in Asia, the U.S., and Europe created during residencies at the Singapore Tyler Print Institute. Publication of the portfolio marks both the decade since Asia Society began a program of contemporary art exhibitions and artist commissions, and the 50th anniversary of the Society's founding.

October 28 – November 26, 2006

CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Performances

Discussion and Performance Excerpts: Performance (Part One) with choreographer Shen Wei

Choreographer Shen Wei's new work inspired by travels in Tibet. Premiere at the Joyce Theater September 26 – October 1.
September 24, 2006

Nine Hills, One Valley Chorus Repertory Theatre of Manipur, India

Co-produced by the Asia Society and Lisa Booth Management and made possible with support from the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the Ford Foundation. October 11, 2006

Soul of Asia: In The Path of Rumi

Created and composed by Hafez Nazeri, featuring Shahram Nazeri and the Rumi Ensemble. Soul of Asia is supported by Harold J. and Ruth Newman. Additional support provided by The New York State Music Fund, established by the NY State Attorney General at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. October 28 – 29, 2006

Viewpoints: The First Emperor: Creating a World Premiere for the Metropolitan Opera

Tan Dun, composer, conductor and co-librettist, offers a preview of his new opera. Supported by Aashish and Dinyar S. Devitre. December 3, 2006

Salman Ahmad with Samir Chatterjee

Supported in part by The New York State Music Fund, established by the New York State Attorney General at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. Major support for performances at the Asia Society is provided by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Helen and Will Little Endowment for Performing Arts. Additional support provided by New York State Council for the Arts. March 16, 2007

Indian Cowboy

Written by and featuring Zaraawar Mistry, created in collaboration with Kathleen Sullivan with music composed and performed live by Keith Lee.
April 13 – 14, 2007

World Premiere Performance: I-Land

Written and performed by Keo Woolford, directed by Roberta Uno, with choreography by Robert Cazimero and Rokafella. Co-presented by Ma-Yi Theater with Asia Society. Co-commissioned by Asia Society and Ma-Yi Theater in association with DiverseWorks. Made possible by the Doris Duke Fund for Dance of the National Dance Project, a program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, and the National Performance Network Creation Fund. April 29 – May 13, 2007

Four Generations of Asian Composers, featuring Chinari Ung & Others

Co-presented with World Music Institute. May 10, 2007

Shamans & Balladeers of Manipur – Laihui

Presented by World Music Institute in association with Asia Society. Part of the Festival of India. May 11, 2007

City/Dans: Eiko & Koma with Charian & Peace – Cambodian Stories Revisited

Presented by Danspace Project in association with Asia Society. Made possible, in part, with funds from the Danspace Project 2006-2007 Commissioning Initiative with support from the Mid-Size Presenting Organizations Initiative, implemented by the Nonprofit Finance Fund and funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Additional funding was provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York State Council on the Arts, Altria Group, Inc., the Japan Foundation, and Asian Cultural Council. May 24 – 27, 2007

Ping Chong & Company: Undesirable Elements – National Asian American Theater Festival

An exploration of the Asian-American experience in New York through an interview-based theater work. Sponsored in part by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, the Leon Levy Foundation, and the Nathan Cummings Foundation. June 15, 2007

Workshop Performance: I Land

Written and performed by Keo Woolford and directed by Roberta Uno. Choreography by Robert Cazimero and Rokafella. November 17 – 19, 2007

Films, lectures, panel discussions, symposia

Film: The Blossoming of Maximo Oliveros (Araeus Solito/2005/100in/35mm/Philippines)

Co-sponsored by The National Museum of the American Indian and Asian CineVision. July 6, 2006

29th Asian American International Film Festival 2006

In collaboration with Asian CineVision. Over 80 features, documentaries, shorts and videos. Hosted by the Asia Society, Quad Cinema and Stony Brook University with screenings at all three venues. July 13 – 16 and 21, 2006

Ocean of Light: An Evening of Discussion, Dance and Live Jazz

Transcending Turmoil: Power of the Arts in Communities in memory of the thousands affected by Hurricane Katrina and the Asian Tsunami. August 24, 2006

Meet the Artists

Selected artists from the exhibition One Way or Another: Asian American Art Now talk about their work: Mike Arcega, Ala Ebtakar, Chitra Ganesh, Geraldine Lau, Jiha Moon, Laurel Nakadate, Jean Shin, Indigo Som, Mika Tajima, and others. September 7, 2006

Film: Churning the Sea of Time: A Journey up the Mekong to Angkor (Les Guthman/2006/74 min./DVD)

Cosponsored by World Monuments Fund. Part of The Future of Asia's Nature and Culture series supported by The Armand G. Erph Fund. September 26, 2006

The Bonesetter's Daughter – Discussion and Opera Work-in-Progress

A preview of the back story and the making of a bold new American opera premiering in 2008. Part of the Citigroup Series on Asian Arts and Culture. September 30, 2006

China's New Archaeology: Reassessing the Liao Empire 907-1125 CE

Symposium with international group of archaeologists, art historians and scholars to coincide with the exhibition *Gilded Splendor: Treasures of China's Liao Empire 907-1125*. Opening lecture by Nancy Steinhardt, University of Pennsylvania. Speakers include Patricia Buckley Ebrey, University of Washington; François Louis, The Bard Graduate School; Morris Rossabi, City University of New York and Columbia University; Wu Hung, University of Chicago; Hsueh-man Shen, National Museums of Scotland; Dieter Kuhn, University of Würzburg; Ta La and Sun Jianhua, Inner Mongolia Historic Relics Archeological Studies Research Institute; Valerie Hansen, Yale University; and Adriana Proser, Asia Society. October 5 – 6, 2006

Family Day: Sanook Sanan Thailand!

Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. October 7, 2006

Reading: Viewpoints: An Evening with Madhur Jaffrey

Supported by Aashish and Dinyar S. Devitre. October 19, 2006

Panel Discussion: Women in Film: Producing in Asia

Producer and curator Muriel "Mike" Peters, Women in Film and Television International, moderates discussion with Angel Velasco Shaw (Philippines), Jenny Lam (China), Shirley Kwan (Japan), Judith James (India), and Janet Gardner (Vietnam/Cambodia). Cosponsored by New York Women in Film and Television. October 23, 2006

Reading: Play Reading: After the War by Philip Kan Gotanda

Copresented with American Conservatory Theatre. October 24, 2006

Reading: Sufi Traditions and Music Performance: In The Path of Rumi: Shahram and Hafez Nazeri with the Rumi Ensemble

Rumi poetry reading by Coleman Barks. October 28 – 29, 2006

Family Day: Mela in the Big Apple

Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. November 4, 2006

Special Event: IAAC Film Festival Closing Film: Backwaters/Jagmohan Mundhra/2006/95 min/35mm

Co-sponsored with the Indo-American Arts Council. November 5, 2006

Lecture: Tsao Hsingyuan – Re-hashing the Empress's "Adultery": On Metal Works from the Mid-Liao (11th Century)

Cosponsored by Apollo Magazine. November 14, 2006

Panel Discussion: Understanding and Collecting Contemporary Chinese Art, Part I: A Market Overview

Moderated by Barbara Pollock, journalist, ARTnews, Art in America. In collaboration with the Art Dealers Association of America (ADAA). November 16, 2006

Panel Discussion: Understanding and Collecting Contemporary Chinese Art, Part II: The Collector's Eye

Moderated by Melissa Chiu, Asia Society. In collaboration with the Art Dealers Association of America (ADAA). November 27, 2006

Family Day: Bling Bling and Treasures

Coca-Cola Program Series sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. Riches from China's Liao Empire. December 2, 2006

Ninth Annual Asian American Literary Awards

The Asian American Writers' Workshop, in association with Asia Society, honors the year's winners in poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Followed by book signing and reception. Co-sponsored with the Asian American Writers' Workshop. December 4, 2006

Lecture: The Kai-Yin Lo Distinguished Program Series: Asian Arts and Culture – A New Vision: Han Feng

Han Feng discusses her role as costume designer for Madame Butterfly at the Metropolitan Opera (September 25 – November 18). Made possible with generous support from Kai-Yin Lo. December 5, 2006

Film: The Giant Buddhas/Christian Frei/2005, 95 min

In association with Afghan Women Leaders Connect. December 7, 2006

Malek Jân, A Life Unseen: A Legacy of One Woman's Courage, Humanity & Insight

A tribute cosponsored with the United Nation Members Nour Foundation, in collaboration with the United Nations NGO Section of DESA and Virtue Foundation. December 12, 2006

Family Day: Asia Moves

Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. January 6, 2007

Meet the Author: Vikram Chandra – Sacred Games

Co-sponsored by SAJA (South Asian Journalists Association). January 16, 2007

Family Day: Moon Over Manhattan

Lunar New Year celebration. Coca-Cola Program Series sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. February 3, 2007

What Is The Future of China Adoption?

Presented with Families with Children from China. Panel discussion with Amanda Baden, Montclair State University; Ann Hassan, Spence Chapin Adoption Agency; Amy Klatzkin, editor of *Wanting a Daughter, Needing a Son: Abandonment, Adoption, and Orphanage Care in China* by Kay Johnson and *A Passage to the Heart: Writings from Families with Children from China*; Hollee McGinnis, Evan P. Donaldson Adoption Institute; Pam Thomas, Homeland Adoption Services, Inc.; Gongzhan Wu, China Program & Director, NY Office, Gladney Center for Adoption; and David Youtz, FCC of Greater New York.
February 6, 2007

Lecture: Grand Designs: (Re)introducing Sasanian Art to a 21st Century Audience

Lecture by exhibition curator Michael Chagnon. February 13, 2007

Artist Gallery Talk: Yuken Teruya

Yuken Teruya shares insight into his latest exhibition *Free Fish: The Art of Yuken Teruya*. March 3, 2007

Family Day: Spring into Norouz

Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. March 3, 2007

Film: The Namesake/Mira Nair/2007/122 min/35mm

Co-sponsored by Fox Searchlight Pictures and New York Magazine. March 7, 2007

Meet the Author: Zachary Karabell – Peace Be Upon You: The Story of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Coexistence

Author and essayist Zachary Karabell (*The Last Campaign*) discusses a legacy of tolerance and cooperation. Followed by reception and book signing. March 15, 2007

Lecture: The Sasanian Heritage

Dr. Priscilla Soucek, New York University Institute of Fine Arts gives an illustrated lecture on the Sasanian Empire and its enduring heritage. March 19, 2007

Meet the Author: William Dalrymple – The Last Mughal

Co-presented with IAAC (Indo-American Arts Council) and South Asian Journalists Association (SAJA). March 26, 2007

Family Day: And the Beat Goes On/Rhythms of Asia

Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. April 7, 2007

Lecture: Eternal Persia: A Visual Odyssey of 7,000 Years of Persian Art

Dr. Layla Diba, Islamic art consultant, presents an illustrated lecture encompassing the grand history of Persian culture. April 11, 2007

Australian Short Film Today

Curated by Susan Talbot. New Zealand Film Commission and New Zealand Trade & Enterprise. April 19, May 3, 2007.

Lecture and book signing: Rory Stewart in conversation with Dan Harris, ABC

News: Rebuilding Afghanistan's Cultural Heritage

April 20, 2007

Family Day: What's Your Story?

Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. May 5, 2007

Panel Discussion: Four Generation of Asian Composers

Pre-performance discussion with Chinary Ung, Chou wen-chung, Kee-Yong Chong, Hi Kyung Kim, and Koji Nakano. Moderated by Yayoi Uno Everett. Copresented with World Music Institute. May 10, 2007

Circulating Culture: New Documentaries from Indonesia and India

Screening and discussion of *Opera Jawa/Garin Nugroho/2007/120 min/35mm*.

Cosponsored by NYU Center for Religion and Media, the Harvard-Leiden Signs of Crisis Project, and Asian CineVision. May 20, 2007

Meet the Author: Min Jin Lee – Free Food For Millionaires

With support from The William Morris Agency and Grand Central Publishing.

May 22, 2007

Collectors' Choice: Collectors Talk

Collectors Jane and Leopold Swergold and Susan Beningson in discussion with exhibition curator Adriana Proser, Asia Society. May 23, 2007

Shattering the Stereotypes: The Asian American Male Identity

Discussion with Yul Kwon, winner of "Survivor: Cook Islands," together with Jeff Yang, business/media consultant, "Asian Pop" columnist at the San Francisco Chronicle and former publisher of A Magazine; and Aasif Mandvi of The Daily Show. May 31, 2007

Panel Discussion: Double Exposure: Connecting Arts Presenters with the Asian-American Theater Community

Co-hosted with National Asian American Theatre Festival (NAATF)

Ralph Pena, Artistic Director of Ma-Yi Theater Company, lecture, followed by panel discussion moderated by Mark Russell, producer of *Under the Radar*. Panelists: Bruce Allardice, Managing Director of Ping Chong & Company, creators of *Undesirable Elements*; June Wilson, Executive Director of the National Performance Network; actress Kristina Wong, star and author of the NAATF production *Wong Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*; E. San San Wong, San Francisco Arts Commission Program Director. June 15, 2007

POLICY, BUSINESS AND SOCIAL ISSUES PROGRAMMING

Rajasthan's Road to the Future: A Discussion with Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje
Co-organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry.

July 6, 2006

A Luncheon Discussion with Deputy Prime Minister Somkid Jatusripitak

Dr. Somkid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce in the Royal Thai Government discusses doing business in Thailand and the current economic and political situation. Sponsored by the Thai Trade Center and the Thailand Board of Investment. July 12, 2006

China's Technological Revolution: A Discussion on Innovation in China

Featuring Mr. Yong Shang, Vice Minister of Science and Technology, People's Republic of China. Cosponsored by The Levin Institute. July 27, 2006

First Annual Master Class on Doing Strategic Deals in India: How U.S. Companies & Investors Are Tapping Into Indian Companies for Acquisitions & Mergers as Well as for Marketing & Operations Joint-Ventures

Sponsored by Capital RoundTable. July 27, 2006

Discussion: Cradle of Flavor: Southeast Asia's Spice Islands

Panel discussion with Amy Besa, Co-owner, Cendrillon and author, *Memories of Philippine Kitchens*; Naomi Duguid, author, *Hot Sour Salty Sweet: A Culinary Journey through Southeast Asia*; Irene Khin Wong, Director, Saffron 59 Catering; Zak Pelaccio, Chef, Fatty Crab; Christopher Tan, co-author, *Shiok!, Cooking with Asian Leaves and Cooking with Asian Roots*. Moderated by James Oseland, Editor-in-Chief, Saveur. September 5, 2006

Discussion: Can Cultural Values Save the Environment?

Book editor Joanne Bauer joins Guobin Yang, Barnard College; Keith Kloor, Audubon magazine; and Dale Jamieson, New York University. Cosponsored with Carnegie Council. September 13, 2006

Discussion: The Future of the Multilateral Trading System

Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary General, UN Conference on Trade and Development. September 14, 2006

Discussion: A Post-Koizumi Japan

Featuring Professor Gerald Curtis, Burgess Professor of Political Science, Columbia University with Calvin Sims, Television and Web Video, The New York Times, presiding. September 14, 2006

A Conversation with Thaksin Shinawatra

Luncheon program with Thailand's Prime Minister. September 18, 2006

Lecture: Afghanistan's Pursuit of Regional Cooperation and International Partnerships

Evening program with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan. September 18, 2006

Lecture: Resurgent India and its Engagement with the World

Anand Sharma, Minister of State for External Affairs, India. September 19, 2006

Lecture: Development and Peacemaking: Challenges in Sri Lanka

President Mahinda Rajapaksa of Sri Lanka. September 20, 2006

Lecture: Kazakhstan's Quest for Peace, Prosperity, and Political Modernization in Central Asia

K. Tokaev, Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan. September 21, 2006

Lecture: Dr. Shashi Tharoor, United Nations – The Future of the UN

September 22, 2006

Lecture: The Quest for Peace and Prosperity in the Asia-Pacific and Beyond

Ban Ki-moon, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of Korea. Citigroup Asian Distinguished Leaders Series. Co-sponsored by The Korea Society. September 25, 2006

Lecture: A Concrete Proposal for UN Renewal with Dr. Ashraf Ghani, Chancellor of Kabul University, Afghanistan's nominee for United Nations Secretary General

Supported by the Nicholas Platt Endowment for Public Policy. September 27, 2006

Panel Discussion: How Should Asia Prepare for the Next Great Pandemic?

David Nabarro, Senior UN System Coordinator for Avian and Human Influenza; Elisabeth Rosenthal, International Correspondent for Health, Science and the Environment, International Herald Tribune/New York Times; and Andrew Erickson, Assistant Professor of Strategic Studies, Naval War College. Inaugural program in the Global Health Series. Sponsored by Pfizer, Inc. October 10, 2006

Conference: China's Financial Markets V

Keynote addresses by Dr. Harry Harding, Director, Research & Analysis, Eurasia Group; Catherine Kinney, President and Co-COO, New York Stock Exchange; and Anthony Walton, Vice-Chairman, The Americas, Standard Chartered Bank. Speakers: Fan Bao, China Renaissance; Kurt Berney, O'Melveny & Myers; Howard Chao, O'Melveny & Myers; George Talyer, Morgan Stanley; Robert Delamater, Sullivan & Cromwell; Lonnie Dounn, Bank of China; Stephen Green, Senior Economist, Standard Chartered Bank; Nicholas Lardy, Institute for International Economics; Qingyuan Li, China Securities Regulatory Commission; Richard McGregor, Financial Times; Henny Sender, Wall Street Journal; Stefanie Starna, Deloitte Touche; Tohmatsu Jing Ulrich, J.P. Morgan; Anthony Walton, Standard Chartered Bank; Jeff Williams, Shenzhen Development Bank. Co-organized with O'Melveny & Myers LLP. October 12, 2006

Discussion: The Rise of China and India and Implications for the United States and the International Order: Survey Results from the 2006 Chicago Public Opinion Study

Panelists: Marshall Bouton, President, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs; Steven Kull, Director of the Program on International Policy Attitudes; Dali Yang, Professor & Chairman, Department of Political Science, The University of Chicago. Moderated by Michael Kulma, Asia Society. Co-sponsored by The Chicago Council on Global Affairs. October 12, 2006

Conference: India's Financial Markets II

Speakers: Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, India; Mintoo Bhandari, Apollo Management; Palaniappan Chidambaram, Minister of Finance, India; Toos Daruvula, McKinsey & Co.; Vishakha Desai, Asia Society; William Harrison, J.P. Morgan Chase; Aashish Kalra, Trikona Capital; Sonny Kalsi, Morgan Stanley; Naazneen Karmali, Business India Group; Charles Kaye, Warburg Pincus; Madhu Khannan, NYSE; Tim Massad, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP; Joydeep Mukherji, Standard and Poor's; Sanjay Nayar, Citigroup India; Ravilochan Pola, Kotak Mahindra Inc. New York; William Rhodes, Citibank N.A.; Ronen Sen, Ambassador of India to the U.S.; Henny Sender, Wall Street Journal; Jignesh Shah, Multi-Commodity Exchange of India; Marti Subramanyam, Stern School of Business, NYU; Gautam Thapar, Ballarpur Industries. Co-organized with Confederation of Indian Industry. October 26, 2006

Lecture: Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of Iowa – Sustaining Economic Growth While Combating Social Challenges in Asia

Presiding: Les Gelb, President Emeritus, Council on Foreign Relations. Supported by The Nicholas Platt Endowment for Public Policy. October 26, 2006

Discussion: Building Human and Intellectual Capital and the Role of MindTree Consulting

Ashok Soota, Chairman and Managing Director, MindTree Consulting. October 31, 2006

Discussion: The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Senator John Edwards

Moderated by Lesley Stahl, CBS News. Co-sponsored by The National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Supported by The Nicholas Platt Endowment for Public Policy. October 31, 2006

Discussion: ASEAN and Its Neighbors

With Rodolfo Severino, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore and Former Secretary-General, ASEAN. Supported by the Nicholas Platt Endowment for Public Policy. November 2, 2006

Panel Discussion: Beyond Kurtis & Kaftans: Can Indian Fashion Walk the Global Runway?

November 15, 2006

Panel Discussion: Health Inequities in China: The Frontier Challenge for the 21st Century

Speakers include Lincoln Chen, China Medical Board; Bates Gill, Center for Strategic and International Studies; and Frank Hu, Harvard School of Public Health. Sponsored by Pfizer, Inc. November 15, 2006

Conference: Shaping an Asia-Pacific Century: Challenges and Choices

First annual Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit, featuring keynote addresses by Prime Minister Han Myeung-Sook and Former South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung and breakout sessions, panel discussions, performances and more. With lead sponsorship by Merrill Lynch. Seoul, Korea; November 17 – 19, 2006

Panel Discussion: The Next Chapter in China's Growth Story

Discussion on investment in second and third tier in-land cities versus investment in China's coastal regions. November 22, 2006

A Conversation with Ambassador R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Moderated by Dan Harris, Anchor, ABC News. Supported by The Nicholas Platt Endowment for Public Policy. November 27, 2006

Film: The Blood of Yingzhou District

New York premiere of documentary film about children in the remote villages of Anhui Province, China, who have lost their parents to AIDS. Followed by a discussion with Thomas Lennon, Ruby Yang and Joan Kaufman. November 28, 2006

Panel Discussion: Rural Poverty and Social Entrepreneurship in India: Local Problems, Global Solutions?

Introductory remarks by Shashi Tharoor, Under Secretary General for Communications and Public Relations, United Nations with remarks by renowned philanthropist and social entrepreneur Abraham George and Jacqueline Novogratz, Chief Executive of the Acumen Fund. November 30, 2006

APEC Breakfast Briefing

December 8, 2006

Panel Discussion: Opportunities at Home and Abroad: Should I Stay or Should I Go?

December 12, 2006

Film: East Coast Premiere – China from the Inside: Shifting Nature

A new PBS/BBC and Granada Films/KQED documentary by filmmaker, Jonathan Lewis, one of a four-part series. January 4, 2007

Panel Discussion: Kimchi, Kalbi & Kimbap: Korean Cuisine Captures America's Palate

Moderated by James Oseland, Editor-in-Chief of Saveur. With Savory Productions. January 17, 2007

Meet the Author: Business Writers Series featuring Edward Luce – In Spite of the Gods: The Strange Rise of Modern India

January 18, 2007

CEO Forum with Scott Bayman, President and CEO, GE India

January 24, 2007

Panel Discussion: Innovative Retailing in the 21st Century: What We Can Learn from Business

Live, real-time strategy session for designers and businesspeople, with delegation of designers from India brought by the Confederation of Indian Industry. Program Facilitator: Mary Boone; Principal; Mary Boone Associates. Moderated by Mary McBride, Principal, Strategies for Planned Change. In collaboration with Design with India, IDSANY, Sonicrim and Pratt Design Incubator. February 5, 2007

Film: Motherland Afghanistan

Documentary screening, followed by discussion with director, Sedika Mojadidi.
February 6, 2007

Discussion: Afghanistan: Thoughts on Counter Insurgency and Nation Building

A Conversation with Lt. General Karl W. Eikenberry, Commanding General
Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan. Moderated by Barnett R. Rubin
Director of Studies and Senior Fellow Center on International Cooperation, New
York University. February 8, 2007

Discussion: Jews in China: Legends, History and Perspectives

Featuring Pan Guang, Dean, Center of Jewish Studies, Shanghai introduces by
Rabbi Arthur Schneier, President, Appeal of Conscience Foundation. Co-spon-
sored by The Appeal of Conscience Foundation. February 8, 2007

*Discussion: Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in India: Identifying Opportunities and
Evaluating Risks*

Participants: Mr. B.J. Panda, Chairman of the IUPF and a member of the Rajya
Sabha, Biju Janata Dal; Suresh Prabhu, former cabinet minister, Shiv Sena, MP;
Dinesh Trivedi, All India Trinamool Congress (AITC), MP; Robert Kharshiing, NCP,
MP; Sachin Pilot, Congress, MP; Depeender Singh Hooda, Congress, MP; and
Ajay Maroo, BJP, MP. February 13, 2007

*Briefing: Ambassador Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for East
Asian and Pacific Affairs – Update on Six-Party Talks*

In partnership with the Brookings Institution and the Korea Economic Institute.
Made possible through The Nicholas Platt Endowment for Public Policy Programs.
February 22, 2007

Discussion: Nepal's Peace Process: An On-the-Ground Report

Ian Martin, United Nations Secretary-General Special Representative in Nepal.
March 2, 2007

*Meet the Author: Business Writers Series featuring Mira Kamdar – Planet India:
How the Fastest Growing Democracy is Transforming America and the World*

March 6, 2007

Frontline Pakistan: The Struggle with Militant Islam

Book launch with Zahid Hussain, Pakistan correspondent for the Times of Lon-
don, Wall Street Journal, and Newsweek. March 13, 2007

Panel Discussion: India Outlook 2007: Growth, Drivers, Opportunities and Risks

Discussion in conjunction with S&P/Crisil report on India's top 100 corporations and top 25 banks. March 15, 2007

Discussion: Facing the Challenges of Political Islam in Asia: Is Opposition or Engagement the Better Way Forward

Official Launch of Asia Society's Bernard Schwartz Resident Fellows Program featuring journalist and writer Sadanand Dhume, Bernard Schwartz Fellow; Radwan A. Masmoudi, Founder & President, Center of the Study of Islam & Democracy (CSID). Moderated by Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, Bernard Schwartz Fellow and Foreign Editor, Hindustan Times. Welcoming remarks by Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke, Chairman, Asia Society. Fellowships and program made possible by Bernard Schwartz. March 20, 2007

ASEAN at the Crossroads: A New Charter

With His Excellency S. Jayakumar, Deputy Prime Minister, Singapore; His Excellency Ali Alatas, Former Foreign Minister, Indonesia; His Excellency Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General, ASEAN; and Eric John, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State (moderating). The Citigroup Series on Asian Distinguished Leaders. March 23, 2007

Discussion: South Asian Outlook 2007: Peace, Prosperity, and Pluralism?

Jaya Acharya, Jennings Randolph Fellowship Program, USIP; Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, Asia Society; Rohini Hensman; Husain Haqqani, Center for International Relations, Boston University; Lawrence Lifschultz; and Maya Chadda, William Patterson University (moderator). March 27, 2007

Discussion: Book Launch: Famine in North Korea: Markets, Aid, and Reform

Discussion with Marcus Noland, co-author *Famine in North Korea: Markets, Aid, and Reform* and Stephan Haggard. Co-sponsored by The Korea Society. March 29, 2007

Report Launch: Asian Development Outlook 2007: Change and Growth in Developing Asia

Dr. Ifzal Ali, Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank. April 4, 2007

Film: Struggle for the Soul of Islam: Inside Indonesia

Documentary screening followed by discussion with journalist Calvin Sims, filmmaker Ken Levis, Sadanand Dhume, Asia Society, and Akhmad Sahal, PhD student, University of Pennsylvania and activist of the Jakarta-based Liberal Islam Network. Co-sponsored by The New York Times and The Council on Foreign Relations. April 4, 2007

Breakfast Briefing featuring Robert Zoellick

Robert B. Zoellick, Vice Chairman, International, Goldman Sachs, discusses developments in East Asia, with Dr. Harry Harding, Asia Society. April 18, 2007

Lecture: Asia and the United States in the 21st Century: A Conversation with Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico

April 18, 2007

Panel Discussion: Facilitating Access to Affordable Medicines

Panel discussion moderated by Mary Robinson, President, Realizing Rights, Ethical Globalization Initiative and former President of Ireland. Panelists include D.G. Shah, Secretary General for the Indian Pharmaceuticals Alliance; and Jeff Sturchio, Vice President at Merck & Co. The panel is chaired by Dan Rosan. Co-sponsored by Oxfam America. April 24, 2007

Nepal: The Road to Peace

Panel discussion with visiting Nepalese delegation: Ram Chandra Poudel, Minister, Peace and Reconstruction; Bhim Rawal, CPN-UML; Chitrlekha Yadav, Deputy Speaker of the House, NC-Democratic; Suresh Ale Magar, CPN-Maoists; Mandira Sharma, human rights activist; and Dr. Mathura P. Shrestha, Observer, Peace Process. Delegation visit supported by the Nepal Transitions to Peace Initiative, a project of the Peace Appeal Foundation and the Academy for Educational Development, with financial support from USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives and the Swiss Development Corporation. April 25, 2007

Discussion: Is a Peace Constitution Outdated? Japan Considers Rearmament

April 25, 2007

Film: The Last Ghost of War

New York premiere. May 1, 2007

Luncheon Briefing with Kuala Lumpur Business Club Delegation

On the occasion of Malaysia's 50th anniversary of independence. May 2, 2007

Discussion: The Big Leap: Leveraging Your Asian Heritage to Work Abroad

Cosponsored by Asian Diversity, Inc. May 4, 2007

Lecture: A Conversation with Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska

Introductory remarks by Stephen A. Schwarzman, The Blackstone Group and with Les Gelb, President Emeritus, Council on Foreign Relations, presiding. May 7, 2007

Meet the Author: Nayan Chanda – Bound Together, in Conversation with Thomas Friedman

Nayan Chanda, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization in conversation with Thomas Friedman, The New York Times. Co-sponsored by The Council on Foreign Relations. May 9, 2007

17th Asian Corporate Conference: Coming Together, Moving Ahead: Asian Economies Leading through Integration and Innovation

Two-day conference in Tokyo with opening keynote address by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Co-organized by the Wall Street Journal and Nippon Keidanren. Lead Corporate Benefactors: AIG, Philip Morris International, The Carlyle Group, Nomura. May 16 – 18, 2007

Present from the Beginning: Former U.S. Ambassador to China Winston Lord

In conversation with Orville Schell, Arthur Ross Director, Asia Society Center on U.S.-China Relations. May 29, 2007

Discussion: India and the Globalization of India Inc.

With Sunil Mittal, Founder, Chairman and Group CEO of Bharti Enterprises. In collaboration with Citigroup, US India Business Council and Confederation of Indian Industry. June 4, 2007

Film: Afghan Women: A History of Struggle

Screening followed by panel discussion. Co-sponsored by Queens Museum of Art. June 6, 2007

Breakfast Briefing: Can U.S.-Iran Relations Be Brought Back from the Brink?

Ambassador Mohammad Javad Zarif, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, in conversation with Matthew McAllester, UN Correspondent/Former Middle East Correspondent, Newsday and winner of Asia Society's 2006 Osborn Elliott Prize for Excellence in Journalism on Asia. June 8, 2007

Panel Discussion: Helping Asia Become Sustainable

Co-sponsored by Internews and Earth Journalism Network. June 11, 2007

Panel discussion: China's Rise: The World Speaks Out

Christopher Whitney, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs; Adam Segal, Council on Foreign Relations; Susan Chira, The New York Times (moderator). June 12, 2007

Panel Discussion: How the Global Economy Is Affecting Work Life

First of three regional panels bringing together business leaders from China, India, and other Asia Pacific countries to discuss demographic trends and work and workload issues, particularly across generations and gender.

June 13, 2007

Conference: Changing Asia, Changing World: The Challenges and Opportunities of Economic Growth

35th Williamsburg Conference bringing together 60 leaders from 15 countries and economies across the Asia-Pacific region to explore the greatest challenges facing the Asia-Pacific community and develop creative responses to them. Opening night dinner hosted by Mongolian President N. Enkhbayar. Co-hosted by the Mongolian Development and Strategy Institute.

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; June 15 – 18, 2007

Film: White Light/Black Rain

Documentary by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Steven Okazaki. Followed by panel discussion. Sponsored by HBO. June 20, 2007

Luncheon Discussion with Chun-Ying Leung

Mr. Chun-Ying Leung, convener of the non-official members of the Executive Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), accompanied by a delegation of high level business people from Hong Kong. June 22, 2007

Film: The People's Court

Season premiere on PBS "Wide Angle," taking viewers inside the courtrooms and law schools of China. Post-screening discussion with Jamie Horsley, The China Law Center, Yale Law School; Benjamin Liebman, Center for Chinese Legal Studies, Columbia Law School; and Orville Schell, Asia Society. June 28, 2007

EDUCATION

The mission of Asia Society's Education Program is to ensure that the next generation of high school graduates in the United States is prepared for the challenges and responsibilities of an increasingly interdependent world.

The Education Program is working towards a nationwide commitment to make international knowledge and skills a top priority, to create models and resources for schools around the United States to use, and to engage U.S. education leaders with their Asian counterparts.

Conferences

Summer Institute

International Studies Schools Network leaders and teachers, and prospective school delegations.

July 2006

Asia-Pacific Forum on Education, Beijing, China

High level education, business, policy, philanthropy, and media/tech leaders from the U.S., China, Hong Kong, India, Korea, the Philippines, and Australia discuss educational responses to globalization.

November 2006

Oregon Chinese Conference

Expert assistance to school districts in establishing Chinese language programs.

April 2007

States Institute on International Education in the Schools

State education leaders design policies to promote international education.

June 2007

Staff Presentations

Asia Society education staff travel the country and world to engage larger audiences and mobilize others to join the institution's efforts to promote international education. There were 53 presentations throughout Fiscal Year 2007, reaching over 7,000 people, including state and federal leaders, educators and policy-makers.

International Studies Schools Network (ISSN)

Three new schools opened in fall 2006, engaging 720 students and 37 teachers, making a total of ten internationally themed schools opened in New York, California, North Carolina, Colorado and Texas. The network is funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Courses

China Through Landscapes and Literature Online Course
6 sessions, 25 teachers, Spring 2006.

Integrating Asia into the Education Curriculum, funded by the US Department of Education
6 sessions, 21 university professors reaching approximately 2,000 undergraduate and education graduate students, Spring 2006.

Professional Development

NYC Elementary School Social Studies Teachers on how to use Asia Society websites
60 participants reaching approximately 2,100 students

26 Professional Development sessions for International Studies School Network (ISSN) teachers and leaders
250 participants

Goldman Sachs Prizes for Excellence in International Education

Youth Prize
Approximately 180 applications
3 prizes awarded

Elementary/Middle School, High School, State and Media/Technology Prizes
Approximately 650 applications total
4 prizes awarded
Luncheon attended by 100 NYC area education and business leaders

Publications

Creating a Chinese Language Program in Your School, 2006

Learning in a Global Age: Knowledge and Skills for a Flat World, 2007

Afterschool for the Global Age, 2007

Newsletters

Two monthly electronic and print newsletters reaching key audiences launched this year.

International Education in the Schools

Asia Society's digest of news and events in K-12 international education
4000 recipients, double the amount of recipients of last year's 2000

Chinese Language in the Schools

Asia Society's digest of news and information on Chinese language (launched
January 2007)
3275 recipients

Website

Two new sections launched on AskAsia.org for Students and Kids with educational content about Asia targeted at the large youth audience online.

The Kids Site provides literacy, geography, arts, and language exposure through interactive games and maps, online storybooks and exhibitions, and audio language flashcards.

The Students Site repurposes Asia Society content in arts, culture, policy, and business for younger visitors, including international career profiles and in-depth case studies from Asia on current events and global issues, such as nuclear proliferation, global health, and urban development.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Dinner

Gala closing Asia Society's 50th anniversary year, honoring Charles O. Prince III and Lakshmi Mittal. Cultural Achievement Award to the composer and conductor, Tan Dun. Evening emcee: Uma Thurman. Honorary Dinner Chairman: John D. Rockefeller IV. Gala Chairman included Lloyd C. Blankfein, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Sant S. Chatwal, Hampshire Hotels & Resorts, LLC., Stephen H. Long, Citigroup International and Martin J. Sullivan, American International Group, Inc. Co-Chairmen: Gina and David Chu, Lisina and Frank Hoch, Harold McGraw III, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and Wilbur L. Ross Jr., WL Ross & Co. LLC. December 6, 2006

International Asian Art Fair Opening Night Benefit Preview

Gala reception at 7th Regiment Armory. March 22, 2007. Honorary Gala Chairmen: Ang Lee, Baron and Baroness Andreas von Zadora-Gerlof. Gala Chairmen: John B. Coleman, Miranda Wong Tang. Benefit Chairmen: Scott M. Delman, Linda and Stephen Long, Kartini Muljadi, Ruth and Harold Newman. Co-Chairmen: Angela Chen, Masahiko Kasuga, Green Stamp America, Aeri and Dow Kim, Helen and William E. Little, Cynthia Hazen Polsky and Leon B. Polsky, Eugene Sit, Susy and Jack Wadsworth. Young Patrons Co-Chairs: Rachna Khosla, Ida Liu, Coralie Charriol Paul, Susan C. Shin. Young Patrons Co-Chair Emerita: Fiona J.B. Salmon. Opening Night Benefit Sponsor: AIG. Opening Night Dinner Sponsors: Sotheby's and Merrill Lynch.

ASIASTORE EVENTS

Kai-Yin Lo Jewelry Sale Event

Internationally renowned designer Kai-Yin Lo presents her latest jewelry collection. October 26 – 29, 2006

Scholars' Rocks

Expanded selection of newly acquired scholars' rocks from the collection of Kemin Hu, with personal appearances.

November 2 – 5, 2006; March 19 – 28, 2007

Han Feng Designs

Chinese designer Han Feng introduces her new collection of accessories for Spring. March 22 – 25, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ASIA SOCIETY CENTERS

AustralAsia Centre

The Asia Society AustralAsia Centre conducted 30 private and public programs in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth drawing an audience of nearly 2,200 during Fiscal Year 2007. The Centre celebrated its 10th anniversary with a series of special events, including the annual dinner with The Honorable John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia, and a dinner for HE Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines.

Another highlight of the year included an Asia On My Mind Dinner with Michael L'Estrange, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the East Asia Economic Integration Seminar in conjunction with the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO).

Hong Kong Center

The Asia Society Hong Kong Center hosted 75 programs in Fiscal Year 2007, drawing an audience of more than 4,800 people. In conjunction with the Society's Asian Corporate Conference held in Tokyo, Japan, the center hosted a series of programs on Japan's economic development.

The annual Summer Film Series, *Games of Asia*, coincided with the World Cup and included films from throughout the region. Other program highlights included a series on regional economic developments, domestic political issues in China, and the Global CEO series with the heads of Boeing and Heidrick & Struggles. Popular cultural programs included discussions of photography, historic sites in Asia and regional food and wines. The Center's annual dinner featured former U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, and a gala dinner featured Nobel Laureate Robert Mundell.

India Centre

The Asia Society India Centre, in its first year of operation, conducted 37 programs in both Mumbai and Delhi reaching over 12,800 people. The Centre's major initiative was the series of workshops, meet-the-artist discussions, and panel discussions held in conjunction with the Asia Society Museum exhibition *Edge of Desire: Recent Art in India*.

Additional programming included *Remembering Partition*, a series of programs around the 60th anniversary of the partition of India, and two book events, Mira Kamdar's *Planet India* and Nayan Chanda's *Bound Together: How Traders, Preachers, Adventures, and Warriors Shaped Globalization*. The Centre also hosted speakers such as the Canadian High Commissioner to India, the Director-General of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Pavan Varma, and Mary Ellen Iskendarian, President of Women's World Banking.

Northern California Center

The Asia Society Northern California Center organized 61 programs in Fiscal Year 2007, including corporate briefing and discussions addressing topics such as sustainable development in Asia, Asian American issues and HIV/AIDS in Asia. The Center also continued its award-winning series, Off the Menu, combining the food of Asia and discussions with some of the region's finest Asian and Asian-inspired chefs. Another highlight was the Center's fourth annual dinner featuring former Secretaries of State Madeline Albright and George Schultz in conversation with *Washington Post* political correspondent David Broder.

Philippines Center

The Asia Society Philippines Center held a gala benefit and fashion show in honor of internationally renowned Filipino designer Monique Lhuillier, as part of its *Filipino and Proud* series, which was attended by HE Gloria Magapacal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines. The Center collaborated with the Ayala Foundation on the opening of an exhibition on Paranakan and Mestizo art in Southeast Asia in the 17th century, highlighting the contribution of the Chinese diaspora to the art and culture of the Philippines and Southeast Asia. The Center also selected ten young Filipinos to participate in the *Philippines 21* young leaders initiative. The group participated in a Philippine 21 Forum in Manila in preparation for the Society's Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit held in Seoul, Korea.

Shanghai Representative

The Asia Society Shanghai representative collaborated on the *Asia Pacific Forum on Education*, which opened with a dinner keynote speech by Madame Wu Qidi, China's Vice Minister of Education. Approximately 60 forum participants and an additional 30 senior government officials, scholars, academia and business executives from Beijing participated. The office also hosted workshops and panel discussions with visiting dignitaries and held a program on *The United States and the Rise of China and India*, a joint survey and report of Asia Society and The Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Southern California Center

The Asia Society Southern California Center hosted and co-hosted 32 programs during Fiscal Year 2007, with audience members equaling nearly 4,500. Key activities included the co-sponsorship of the Asia Pacific Entertainment and Media Summit and the Best of Asian Cinema at the AFI FilmFest, during which the Center hosted the winning documentary *Please Vote for Me*. Business programming included a discussion with California State Controller John Chiang, economist and monetary policy expert Wayne Angell, and China's Li Zhongjie, Deputy Minister, Party History Research Office. Author events featured Robyn Meredith, *The Elephant and the Dragon*; Sasha Issenberg, *The Sushi Economy*; Adrian Levy and Catherine Scott-Clark, *Deception, Pakistan, the United States, and the Secret Trade in Nuclear Weapons*, and William Overholt, *Asia, America and the Transformation of Geopolitics*.

Also of note was the Center's support of the Rumi Symphony Project with Persian composer-performer Hafez Nazeri and his son Shahram. The concert marked the first premiere of a major new work of Persian music at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Texas Center

With 86 programs and an attendance of over 18,000, the Asia Society Texas Center attracted a record number of community organizations, universities and members of the diplomatic corps. The Center also enhanced its capital campaign for its planned new building designed by architect Yoshio Taniguchi.

Programmatic highlights included participation in the annual Florescence exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; a joint effort with the University of St. Thomas and the National Committee on US-China Relations to present a web-cast town hall meeting with Thomas Christensen; the annual Tiger Ball dinner; and the annual ASEAN Ambassadors luncheon. The Tokyo-born NY-based opera singer Asako Tamura was also a guest of the Center.

Washington Center

The Asia Society Washington Center hosted 57 programs in Fiscal Year 2007. The Center's signature Spices & Rices gala celebrated Asian cuisine and honored Mira Kamdar. The Annual dinner, a joint event with the Association of South-east Asian Nations in commemoration of their 40th anniversary, honored Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore. The Center continued its popular Congressional Forum and Meet the Author programming. Other special guests hosted by the Center included Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Honorable J. Thomas Schieffer, Ambassador to Japan, the Honorable Ronald E. Neumann, Ambassador to Afghanistan, Shari Villarosa, Charge d'Affaires in Burma, and Franklin L. Lavin, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

FINANCIAL REPORTS OVERVIEW

Consolidated Balance Sheets June 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,907,346	14,424,697
Contributions and grants receivable	29,975,738	42,049,126
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,314,549	1,378,624
Investments	83,872,744	68,973,637
Land, building, and equipment	46,423,457	39,897,635
Collection	—	—
Total assets	\$ 189,493,834	166,723,719
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,032,293	2,425,480
Loan payable	23,065,000	22,645,000
Total Liabilities	26,097,293	25,070,480
Commitments and contingencies	—	—
Net assets		
Unrestricted	30,437,130	24,855,334
Temporarily restricted	87,309,212	74,086,206
Permanently restricted	45,650,199	42,711,699
Total net assets	163,396,541	141,653,239
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 189,493,834	166,723,719

Consolidated Statement of Activities**Year ended June 30, 2007 (with summarized totals for year ended June 30, 2006)**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	2007 Total	2006 Total
Revenue, gains, and other support					
Contributions and grants	9,586,054	15,511,363	2,938,500	28,035,917	50,824,351
Membership	2,777,241	—	—	2,777,241	2,619,711
Special events, net of direct donor benefits	3,366,185	—	—	3,366,185	4,954,172
Program service fees	2,770,622	—	—	2,770,622	2,654,417
Investment return	9,310,859	4,381,174	—	13,692,033	4,856,174
Miscellaneous	562,222	—	—	562,222	397,511
	<u>28,373,183</u>	<u>19,892,537</u>	<u>2,938,500</u>	<u>51,204,220</u>	<u>66,306,336</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	6,669,531	(6,669,531)	—	—	—
Total revenue, gains, and other support	<u>35,042,714</u>	<u>13,223,006</u>	<u>2,938,500</u>	<u>51,204,220</u>	<u>66,306,336</u>
Expenses					
Program services					
Cultural programs	6,014,565	—	—	6,014,565	4,955,889
Policy and business	4,354,377	—	—	4,354,377	3,028,782
Education	4,018,413	—	—	4,018,413	3,601,211
Communications	737,532	—	—	737,532	364,078
U.S. centers	2,190,251	—	—	2,190,251	1,848,087
Asian centers	1,599,456	—	—	1,599,456	1,520,330
Auxiliary services	2,317,474	—	—	2,317,474	2,275,200
Total program services	<u>21,232,068</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>21,232,068</u>	<u>17,593,577</u>
Supporting services					
Management and general	4,369,345	—	—	4,369,345	4,311,362
Marketing	1,220,637	—	—	1,220,637	1,260,074
Fund-raising	2,638,868	—	—	2,638,868	2,608,945
Total supporting services	<u>8,228,850</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>8,228,850</u>	<u>8,180,381</u>
Total expenses	<u>29,460,918</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>29,460,918</u>	<u>25,773,958</u>
Increase in net assets	5,581,796	13,223,006	2,938,500	21,743,302	40,532,378
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>24,855,334</u>	<u>74,086,206</u>	<u>42,711,699</u>	<u>141,653,239</u>	<u>101,120,861</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>30,437,130</u>	<u>87,309,212</u>	<u>45,650,199</u>	<u>163,396,541</u>	<u>141,653,239</u>

Audited financial statements of the Asia Society for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 are available at the Asia Society website: www.asiasociety.org/about/annual_report.html.

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