

APEC Voices of the Future

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APEC Leaders' Week 2011

Since its establishment in 1989, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) has functioned as a unique forum in which, through consensus, leading business and political leaders from the 21 APEC member economies come together to further enhance economic growth and prosperity for the Asia Pacific community. The APEC has helped facilitate economic cooperation and expand trade and investment throughout the region.

During the annual APEC Leaders' Week, APEC leaders take the opportunity to interact and discuss on trade and investment issues in an open and forthright manner.

In 2011, the APEC Leaders' Week in Honolulu, Hawaii reflected much of the Pacific region's diversity of interests. With its central location in the Pacific and its role as a trading hub between the East and the West, Hawaii was the perfect venue for the APEC Leaders' Week 2011.

Throughout the APEC Leaders' Week 2011, heads of government, foreign ministers, trade and economic ministers from the 21 APEC member economies, together with many of the world's most influential corporate titans and chief executive officers, gathered in Honolulu, Hawaii to discuss and work towards sustainable growth and development, which aimed to benefit all and the generations to come.

"One day, in the not-too-distant future, your generation will be called upon to take up the mantle of promoting a stronger regional economy among APEC member nations. I encourage you to get to know your fellow Voices of the Future delegates. Together, you will be responsible for shaping the future of our global economy."

**H.E. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
United States of America**



H.E. Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State, addressing the APEC CEO Summit.



Leaders from 21 APEC Economies gathered in Honolulu, Hawaii for the APEC Leaders' Week hosted by H.E. President Barack Obama.

APEC Voices of the Future 2011

APEC Voices of the Future 2011, which is considered a platform for 'Youth's Voice' at the APEC Summit, was held in conjunction with the APEC Leaders' Week from 7 to 13 November 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii. More than 100 APEC Voices' educators and youth delegates from 17 APEC member economies, namely Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, United States of America, and Vietnam gathered in Honolulu, Hawaii for an experience of a lifetime.

H.E. Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State, United States of America, in her welcome message to the APEC Voices delegates at the APEC Week in Honolulu said: "One day, in the not-too-distant future, your generation will be called upon to take up the mantle of promoting a stronger regional economy among the APEC member nations. Preparing yourself for this challenge requires not only familiarity with economics and foreign policy, but strong personal relationships with your counterparts from around the region." She encouraged the youth to get to know their fellow delegates as together, they will be responsible for shaping the future of our global economy.



"Your participation in the APEC process is an important link to the classrooms and communities in the APEC economies. I hope this experience will lead to a lifetime of collaboration and engagement with your international peers."

**The Honorable
Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii**

United States Ambassador to APEC, H.E. Kurt W. Tong, told APEC Voices delegates to take an interest in regional economic issues and in building bridges between the youth leaders of the 21 APEC economies.

Ambassador Muhammad Noor, Executive Director of the APEC Secretariat, urged the APEC Voices delegates to observe and to learn the valuable skills of collaboration, communication and leadership when meeting other delegates. He encouraged them to draw on this experience and to maximize these skills as they develop their career in realizing their academic and professional ambitions at school and in the workforce.

Prior to the Opening Ceremony, the APEC Voices program kicked off with an orientation evening held at the Pagoda Hotel Ballroom where many delegates met for the first time and were briefed by the APEC Voices 2011 Organizing Committee on what they should know about the APEC Week program.



A traditional Hawaiian welcome from staff of Kamehameha Schools.

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony of the APEC Voices of the Future 2011 was held at the Kamehameha Schools Auditorium situated at the beautiful hilltop campus of Kamehameha Schools on 8 November 2011. Beginning with the Hawaiian protocol, it was a grand occasion with students from Kamehameha Schools putting up a spectacular cultural performance much to the delight of the audience.

Guest-of-Honor for the Opening Ceremony was the Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor, State of Hawaii.

Dignitaries such as the United States Congresswoman, Mazie Hirono, and Honorable Peter B. Carlisle, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu, and invited guests attended the ceremony.



Hawaiian dance performance by students of Kamehameha Schools during the APEC Voices 2011 Opening Ceremony.

"Each of you has been chosen to participate in the APEC Voices Program due to your leadership abilities as well as interest in regional economic issues and building bridges between the youth of the 21 APEC economies."

***H.E. Kurt W. Tong
U.S. Ambassador to APEC***

Dr Michael Chun, President and Headmaster of Kamehameha Schools, warmly welcomed the distinguished guests and APEC Voices delegates to Kamehameha School campus. He said that Kamehameha Schools is very honored to be invited as a key partner for the APEC Voices 2011 held in Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr Chun urged youth delegates to seize the opportunity to learn about the rich Hawaiian culture during their stay in Hawaii.

"It is our hope that you will discover that only by cooperation and closer integration between economies and citizens - including youth - can well improve the well-being of all."

***Ambassador Muhamad Noor
Executive Director, APEC Secretariat***



Traditional Hawaiian dance performers at the APEC Voices 2011 Opening Ceremony.

"The Voices of the Future program promotes a global view in today's global economy."

***The Honorable Peter B. Carlisle
Mayor, City & County of Honolulu***



Dancers backed by Kamehameha Schools' choir welcoming the APEC delegates.

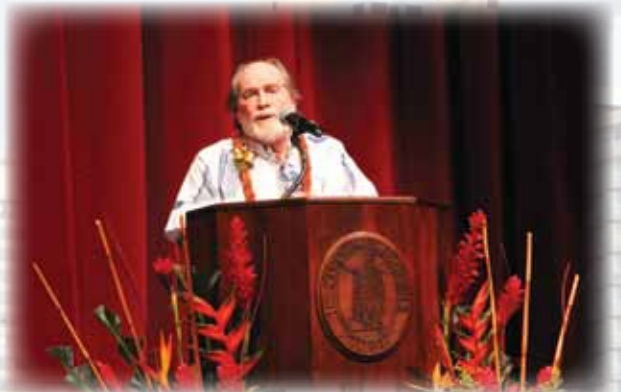
In his address, Governor Abercrombie warmly welcomed the APEC Voices delegates to the State of Hawaii. He encouraged the youth delegates to seize the rare opportunity to interact with political and business leaders during the APEC Week, but also get to know the Hawaiian culture and its people.

Governor Abercrombie further stressed that the youth participation in the APEC process is an important link to the classrooms and communities in the APEC Member Economies. He hopes that the experience, which the youth delegates gained in Honolulu will lead to a lifetime of collaboration and engagement with fellow delegates and their newfound friends in Hawaii.

Meanwhile, the Honorable Peter Carlisle, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu, in his address, encouraged the APEC Voices delegates to work, learn and share their views on the vision of APEC with political leaders as well as the business community. On behalf of the people of the city and county of Honolulu, he extended well wishes and a heartfelt aloha to the youth delegates.



Dr Michael Chun, President and Headmaster of Kamehameha Schools, welcoming the distinguished guests and APEC Voices delegates.



The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawaii, addressing at the APEC Voices 2011 Opening Ceremony.



The Honorable Peter B. Carlisle, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu, addressing the audience.



The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawaii, declaring the APEC Voices 2011 open in Honolulu, Hawaii. With the Governor are U.S. Congresswoman, Mazie K. Hirono and Mayor Peter B. Carlisle.

"The China-Taiwan economic and political situation is historically tense yet business between the two economies has become closer and more frequent and these recent developments have sparked eagerness in me to understand more about the operation of international business and politics."

***Wang Yi-Hsuan
APEC Voices delegate, Chinese Taipei***



APEC Voices 2011 delegates with The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor, State of Hawaii, The Honorable Peter B. Carlisle, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu, U.S. Congresswoman Mazie K. Hirono and distinguished guests at the APEC Voices Opening Ceremony at Kamehameha Schools Auditorium.

APEC Voices of the Future 2011 Youth Forum

As in all annual APEC Voices programs since 2008, one of the highlights of the APEC Voices of the Future 2011 in Honolulu was the Youth Forum.

Hawaiian icon Nainoa Thompson, master navigator and captain of the double-hulled canoe, Hōkūle'a, and President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, was the Keynote Speaker at the Youth Forum. For more than 30 years, he has inspired and led a revival of traditional arts associated with long-distance ocean voyaging in Hawaii and throughout Polynesia, enriching the Hawaiian culture and its people.

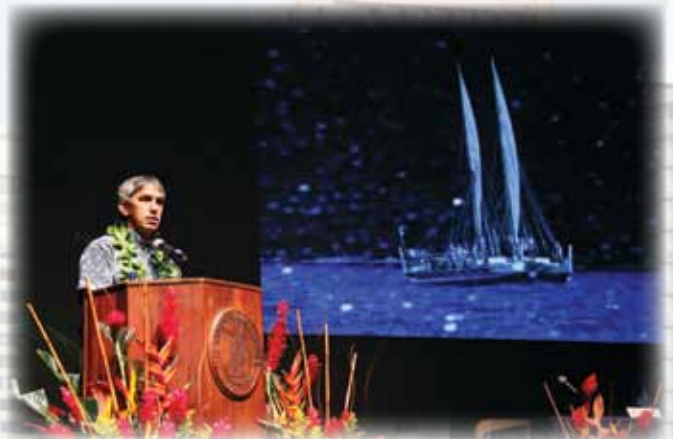
Mr Thompson's vast experience, leadership and passion in navigation was evident in his address, highlighting perseverance and endurance as quintessential in any pursuit and providing inspiration to the APEC Voices delegates.



Teng Theng Dar, Singapore ABAC Member and Chairman, APEC Voices 2011 Youth Forum, welcoming the APEC Voices delegates at the Youth Forum.



Lehua Kamalu, Leader of Young Navigator, sharing her experience at sea during the Youth Forum.



Nainoa Thompson, Master Navigator and President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, delivering the keynote address at the APEC Voices Youth Forum.



Panelists (L to R) Nainoa Thompson, Teng Theng Dar, Noel Gould, Marianne Larned and Taylor Wainai Traub at the APEC Voices 2011 Youth Forum.

During the plenary session, Singapore ABAC Member Teng Theng Dar, chair of the APEC Voices 2011 Youth Forum, and distinguished panelists from various backgrounds and fields of expertise such as Nainoa Thompson, Marianne Larned, founding director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute of the United States of America, Noel Gould, founder and co-chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council and Chairman, Virtual Trade Mission Foundation International, and Hawaiian youth leader Taylor Wainai Traub, shared about their personal experiences and community engagement.

The following Q & A session was both lively and interesting as youth delegates took the floor to ask questions and engage with the panelists.

Mr Teng closed the session with words of encouragement for the youth delegates to take back what they have learned to expand their horizons for the benefit of the community.

"The APEC Voices of the Future Program is an excellent platform to provide youth who are leaders of tomorrow the opportunity to learn and understand the workings of APEC."

**James Soh PBM MBE
Executive Director
National Youth Achievement Award Council,
Singapore and
Co-Chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council**



Sudhvir Singh, APEC Voices delegate from New Zealand, fielding a question to the panelists at the Youth Forum.

Dialogue with Admiral Patrick Walsh, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

The APEC Voices delegates visited the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) in Honolulu for a briefing on “Security in the Asia Pacific Rim” by Admiral Patrick Walsh, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, on 8 November 2011.

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. (Ret) James T. Hirai, Acting Director, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, warmly welcomed the APEC Voices delegates upon their arrival at the APCSS.

After a brief introduction of the center by BG Hirai, Admiral Patrick Walsh addressed the APEC Voices delegates on security and stability in the Pacific, free from threats and coercion.

Admiral Walsh laid emphasis on the Asia-Pacific region as massive, diverse and fraught with deep historical and sovereignty issues. He focused on the South China Sea, calling it the “pivot area” for security and stability, and revealed that what happens in the South China Sea has great impact for the economies in the region. Admiral Walsh also said that the key to success in international relations has always been the willingness of countries to work together with their neighbors to settle their differences peacefully.

After his address, Admiral Walsh responded to questions from the APEC Voices delegates for about 45 minutes. There was a lively debate and engagement with the U.S. Commander of the Pacific Fleet and the youth delegates, who gained a deeper understanding of the complex security issues in the region.



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James T. Hirai, Acting Director of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), welcoming the APEC Voices delegates to APCSS.



Admiral Patrick Walsh, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, addressing the APEC Voices delegates on security issues in the Asia Pacific region.

“Voices inspires a new generation of leaders to move towards the promise of a better future for the Asia Pacific Region, allowing us to draw lessons from the stories of success that have shaped our economies.”

**Jorge Antonio Chavez
Mazuelos
APEC Voices Educator,
Peru**



Shane-Justin Nu'uhiwa from Kamehameha Schools asking a question at the dialogue with Admiral Walsh.

“When I received the invitation to speak to the APEC Voices delegation, I jumped at the opportunity to have a frank discussion on security and stability – security that meant freedom from threats and coercion.”

**Admiral Patrick M. Walsh
Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet**



APEC Voices delegates interacting with Admiral Walsh after the dialogue event.

“The APEC Voices of the Future is a great opportunity for me to learn the way economies in the Asia Pacific region work to achieve the common goal of sustainable economic growth.”

**Nicholas James Barry
APEC Voices delegate, New Zealand**



James Soh, Co-Chair of the APEC Voices Leadership Council, presenting a token of appreciation to Admiral Patrick Walsh, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, at the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies.

APEC Business Advisory Council Meeting cum Dialogue

APEC Voices delegates started the day early on 9 November 2011 attending APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) meetings and engaging with members of the ABAC.

Deb Henretta, Group President, Procter & Gamble Asia and US ABAC Chair, Peter Scher, Executive Vice President for Global Government Relations and Public Policy, JP Morgan Chase, Teng Theng Dar, Singapore ABAC Member and Advisor for Bryan Cave International Consulting (Asia Pacific) Pte Ltd, Tony Nowell, New Zealand ABAC Member and Founding Director of Valadenz Limited, Dr Yang Yunsong, China ABAC Member and Chairman of XY Group International, and Yoshihiro Watanabe, Member of ABAC Japan and Advisor, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd Japan, spent considerable time addressing and interacting with APEC Voices delegates. ABAC Members were impressed with the quality of questions asked by the youth delegates.



Deb Henretta, Chair of ABAC 2011, and Group President of Procter & Gamble Asia, addressing the APEC Voices delegates at a closed-door session with ABAC members.

"I enjoyed meeting the participants of the Voices of the Future because we get to look at the future - to look at the next generation of leaders who will carry us into the future. You are the future."

Deb Henretta
Chair, ABAC 2011 &
Group President, Procter & Gamble Asia



Yoshihiro Watanabe, Member of ABAC Japan and Advisor, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd Japan, and Dr Yang Yunsong, China ABAC Member and Chairman, XY Group International, interacting with the APEC Voices delegates at a closed-door session with ABAC members.



Ambassador Muhamad Noor, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat with James Soh, Co-Chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council and Aileen Yap, Chair, APEC Voices 2011 Working Committee, at the APEC CEO Summit.

"The APEC Voices Forum has strengthened my vision to be an extraordinary entrepreneur so that I can provide job opportunities to the people of my country."

Benardinus Boyke Rachmanda
APEC Voices delegate, Indonesia



Peter L. Scher, ABAC Member, USA and Executive Vice-President of Global Government Relations and Public Policy, JP Morgan Chase & Co, addressing the APEC Voices delegates.

While some of the APEC Voices delegates were at the Sheraton Waikiki interacting with ABAC Members, two groups were simultaneously learning more about navigation from Nainoa Thompson and the Young Navigators at the Marine Education Training Center of Honolulu Community College. They also witnessed the young navigators training for the Worldwide Canoes Voyage which will be held in 2012. It was a rare honor to interact with these young navigators and to experience sailing on the double-hulled canoe, Hōkūle'a.



Benardinus Boyke Rachmanda, APEC Voices delegate from Indonesia, getting a first-hand experience in navigation as taught by renowned Hawaiian navigator, Nainoa Thompson.



Tan Pengru, APEC Voices delegate from Singapore, and fellow delegates sailing on Hōkūle'a, a double-hulled canoe used in ocean voyaging.

Kanewai Lo'i Experience, University of Hawaii

The APEC Voices delegates were also introduced to the Kanewai Lo'i experience on 10 November 2011 at the University of Hawaii. Youth delegates got a rare opportunity to experience the revitalization of traditional Hawaiian values, concepts and practices. They were involved in hands-on Kanewai activities.



Discovering Kanewai Lo'i, the traditional farming method in Hawaii.

"Voices of the Future program is a great opportunity to feel the ambience of the place where crucial decisions for the Asia Pacific are taken up."

Alexander Pilyay
APEC Voices delegate, Russia

Dialogue with Dr Maya Soetoro-Ng, East-West Center

The APEC Voices delegates attended a special dialogue session on 10 November 2011 with Dr Maya Soetoro-Ng, Consultant of the Education Program, East-West Center. Dr Soetoro-Ng is the maternal half-sister of the 44th President of the United States of America, H.E. Barack Obama.

The dialogue session was held on 10 November 2011 at the Keoni Auditorium, Hawaii Imin International Conference Center, Jefferson Hall, East-West Center. Dr Charles Morrison, President of the East-West Center and a member of the APEC 2011 Hawaii Host Committee, greeted the delegates in his welcome address.

Dr Soetoro-Ng talked about "Peace Education and Conflict Resolution" with the APEC Voices delegates. She was very popular with the youth, who engaged in a lively discussion with her on the said topic. The message from Dr Soetoro-Ng was very clear: peace and stability is vital to economic growth not just in the Asia-Pacific region but around the world.

"One of my biggest concerns for Hawaii is the issue of homelessness. Knowing that the cost of living is high in my state, I want to understand how the economy contributes to the homeless problem. But it's not enough to just learn about these things; I want to be part of the solution. Participating in the APEC Voices 2011 has begun to turn my goal into a reality by means of acquiring global perspectives and ideas for generating solutions to the problem of homelessness."

Jenai Akina
APEC Voices delegate, Hawaii and
Recipient of the June Mayne Gould Leadership
Award 2011



APEC Voices delegates learning about the Kanewai Lo'i at the University of Hawaii.



Immersing in Hawaiian culture and building friendships through the Kanewai Lo'i experience.



Dr Charles Morrison, President of the East-West Center and Member of the APEC 2011 Hawaii Host Committee, welcoming the APEC Voices delegates to East-West Center.



Dr Maya Soetoro-Ng, Consultant of the Education Program, East-West Center, delivering the Keynote Address on "Peace Education and Conflict Resolution."



A lively dialogue session with Dr Maya Soetoro-Ng moderated by Mustafa Izzuddin, an NYAA Gold Award recipient and APEC Voices Educator from Singapore.



Stephanie Lauren Moncur, APEC Voices delegate from Australia, fielding a question at the Dialogue Session with Dr Maya Soetoro-Ng.



Michelle Goh, APEC Voices delegate from Singapore, fielding a question on Peace Education at the Dialogue Session.

An Evening at Bishop Museum

The youth delegates were treated to a special dinner event on 10 November 2011 at the grounds of the famous Bishop Museum, which is the largest museum in the state of Hawaii and the premier natural and cultural history institution in the Pacific. The Bishop Museum is recognized throughout the world for its collections, scientific research and extensive library and archives.

At the event, Prof Manfred Steger, a Professor of Political Science at the University of Hawaii-Manoa and Professor of Global Studies at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, addressed the youth delegates on "The Ideological Struggle of the 21st Century." After Professor Steger's address, he engaged in a lively discussion with the youth delegates.

To help them understand the cultural history of Hawaii and the Pacific islands, the APEC Voices delegates were taken on a special tour of the Bishop Museum and were amazed by the rich cultural history and quality of the exhibits.

"It was a great opportunity to learn how the various countries of APEC work together to achieve cooperation on a variety of fronts. It was an opportunity to learn first-hand what youth in other APEC member countries think of the issues, which we all face. Not least for a country like Canada where we have suffered from a low growth economy for the better part of the last ten years. It was great to learn from many of the APEC Economies that are growing at a fast rate what they have done to keep their countries motivated and moving in a positive direction."

Adam MacLeod Dewar
APEC Voices delegate, Canada



Professor Manfred Steger, Political Science, University of Hawaii-Manoa, addressing the topic of "Globalization" at the Bishop Museum.



A dinner event hosted by the Bishop Museum for the APEC Voices delegates.



APEC Voices delegates enjoying the rich heritage of the Bishop Museum.

Dialogue with U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade

A special event was held at the Monarch Ballroom at the Royal Hawaiian graced by the U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, H.E. Francisco Sanchez, who was in Honolulu for the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting on 11 November 2011.

Under Secretary Sanchez addressed the APEC Voices delegates on a very important topic, "Does youth have a role in APEC?" His answer was a definite yes.

As the youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow, Under Secretary Sanchez stressed that youth have an essential role to play in APEC. He further noted that since the youth's voice is very varied, both the government and the business community must create opportunities and platforms to engage young people in policy discussion, help them understand the issues and encourage them to contribute possible solutions.

Under Secretary Sanchez was very impressed with the questions raised by the APEC Voices delegates so much so that he extended the dialogue session to address more questions.



H.E. Francisco J. Sanchez, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce, addressing the APEC Voices delegates during the APEC Leaders' Week in Honolulu.

"APEC Voices provided an appropriate platform for youth leaders to express our voices."

***Tie Zheng
APEC Voices delegate,
People's Republic of China***



U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade unveiling the June Mayne Gould Leadership Award during the APEC Leaders' Week. Looking on are: James Soh, Co-Chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council and Noel Gould, Chairman, Virtual Trade Mission Foundation International.

"It was refreshing to meet so many young adults interested in making a difference. The quality of questions presented to me during the question and answer session demonstrated their knowledge of trade issues and current events. I enjoyed meeting the students before and after the event."

***H.E. Francisco J. Sanchez
Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade
United States Department of Commerce***



Yuri Takeuchi, APEC Voices delegate from Japan, fielding a question to Under Secretary Sanchez.

During the event, Under Secretary Sanchez also launched the June Mayne Gould Leadership Award for the APEC Voices of the Future. The Award was set up in honor of June Mayne Gould's generosity in the development of the Voices Program and in appreciation of her financial contribution, which established the program to what it is today.

The June Mayne Gould Leadership Award will provide an outstanding APEC Voices youth delegate a full sponsorship to participate in the APEC Voices program in Vladivostok, Russia in 2012.

At the same function, the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) Council of Singapore was honored for its leadership and immense contributions to build the APEC Voices Program to greater heights.

Under Secretary Sanchez presented the NYAA Council of Singapore with the inaugural Wayfinder Award, which takes its special name from the distinguished Hawaiian title "Wayfinder" given to the wise navigators of the great Pacific migration a thousand of years ago.



The inaugural Wayfinder Award was presented to the NYAA Council of Singapore by H.E. Francisco J. Sanchez, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce, for its leadership and contributions to APEC Voices.

James Soh, Executive Director, NYAA Council and Co-Chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council, received the award on behalf of the NYAA Council of Singapore.

APEC CEO Summit 2011

One of the rare opportunities given to APEC Voices delegates was the privilege to attend the APEC CEO Summit on 11 and 12 November 2011.

In Honolulu, APEC Voices delegates were provided full access to the APEC CEO Summit 2011, the main highlight of the APEC Week, where heads of government and business leaders came together to focus on addressing the economic landscape, explore a range of possible pathways toward a free trade area of the Asia Pacific region and set new directions for APEC.

During the two-day summit, APEC Voices delegates were allocated VIP seats by the U.S. Department of State to listen to the address by APEC Leaders on various issues related to the global economy. Among the leaders who spoke during the APEC CEO Summit were H.E. President Barack Obama of the United States of America, H.E. President Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Prime Minister Julia Gillard of Australia, H.E. President Dmitry Medvedev of the Russian Federation, H.E. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of the Republic of Singapore, H.E. President Felipe Calderon of Mexico, H.E. President Lee Myun-Bak of Korea, H.E. President Benigno Aquino of the Philippines, H.E. Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada, and H.E. President Ollanta Humala of Peru.

Many youth delegates also had the opportunity to meet and interact with their respective heads of government and ministers during the course of the APEC Leaders' Week. Through special arrangements by the APEC Voices Leadership Council, they interviewed these policy makers about free trade and economic growth to acquire an enhanced understanding of the issues that are affecting their own economy and region. APEC Voices delegates gained much from these high-level exposure interactions with APEC leaders.



H.E. Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, sharing his views at the APEC Leader Interaction session moderated by W. James McNerney, Jr., Chairman, President and CEO of The Boeing Company.



APEC Voices delegates from Canada with H.E. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada.



APEC Voices delegates from Singapore with H.E. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.



Ardito Ynouye Piero Daniel and Jorge Antonio Chavez Mazuelos, APEC Voices delegates from Peru, with H.E. Ollanta Humala, President of Peru.



Jason Dela Cruz Gavina, APEC Voices delegate from the Philippines, with Eric Schmidt, Chairman of Google, at the APEC CEO Summit.

"I have wanted to interact with young adults from different countries while examining economic issues within a global context."

***Alyssa Leigh Richardson
APEC Voices delegate, USA***

"The APEC Voices program is a very exceptional experience for young people like myself who are interested in global trade issues."

***Sohn Yewon
APEC Voices delegate, Korea***



Bomi Lee, APEC Voices educator, Lee Chaeyun and Sohn Yewon, APEC Voices delegates from Korea, with POSCO CEO Chung Joon-Yang and Samsung Vice-President Lee Yoon-Woo at the APEC CEO Summit.

Experiencing the Hawaiian Culture

After the APEC CEO Summit, the APEC Voices delegates attended a dinner and a Hawaiian cultural show at the Paradise Cove Lu'au where they had an amazing view of the sunset.

It was an evening of relaxation away from the various meetings held during the APEC Week. Traditional Hawaiian dances lightened up the evening. Youth delegates were game enough to join Hawaiian dancers on stage to the enjoyment of the audience.

The event also brought much fun and fellowship among the delegates as they mingled with their newfound friends and acquaintances.



Youth delegates enjoying the beautiful Hawaiian scenery away from downtown Waikiki.

Closing Ceremony cum Cultural Night

The Closing Ceremony cum Cultural Night was hosted by Dr Michael Chun, President and Headmaster of Kamehameha Schools, at his official residence at the Kamehameha Schools campus on 12 November 2011.

It was an evening of recognition for the hard work put in by the organizers of the APEC Voices of the Future 2011 – the APEC Voices Leadership Council, Working Committee and the student volunteers from Kamehameha Schools.

The conclusive event also acknowledged the successful participation of the youth delegates in the APEC Voices program. Dressed in their traditional national costumes, the APEC Voices delegates from the respective economies showcased their diverse talents through song and dance performances.

The winner of the June Mayne Gould Award was also announced at the Closing Ceremony. The inaugural award was presented to Jenai Akina, an outstanding APEC Voices delegate from Kamehameha Schools, who received the highest number of votes casted by fellow APEC Voices delegates.

The evening event ended with a presentation of the city of Vladivostok, host city of APEC Leaders' Week 2012, and presentation of certificates to the APEC Voices delegates.

"I believe today's youth has full responsibility of what our world will be like in the future. I believe we have the tools to build a world, a united society of tomorrow that meets necessities, that compromises each other, and that seeks common wealth. APEC is one particularly important vehicle, which connects the Asia Pacific economies in a way difficult for many to achieve."

Mariana Canales Gutierrez
APEC Voices delegate, Mexico



An evening of fun and relaxation at Paradise Cove Lu'au.



APEC Voices delegates joining in the cultural event at Paradise Cove Lu'au.



Delegates from different countries participating in a cultural dance at the closing ceremony cum cultural night.



APEC Voices delegates from Russia welcoming youth delegates to the APEC Voices 2012 in Vladivostok, Russia.

Press Articles on APEC Voices 2011



Forging strong friendships among APEC Voices delegates from the Asia Pacific Region at the Closing Ceremony.



A taste of Japan at the APEC Voices 2011 Closing Ceremony in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Synopsis

With the huge success of the APEC Voices of the Future 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii, the true spirit of APEC Voices was very evident with new friendships forged and a better understanding formed among the youth delegates. APEC Voices delegates departed Honolulu, Hawaii with much appreciation and gratitude of what they have gained and sadness for leaving their newfound friends. They also brought home fond memories of the rich culture and the scenic beauty of Hawaii and more importantly, the true and warm friendship of the Hawaiian people.



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