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Profile: The Institute of Asian Research

The Institute of Asian Research marks its 18th year with a historic move to its new home, the C.K. Choi Building for the Institute of Asian Research. It was founded in 1978, replacing the Institute of Asian and Slavonic Studies, to promote research and coordinate activities on Asia at UBC. In 1991, the Institute was restructured with the addition of five constituent Centres and an expanded mandate to promote interdisciplinary research on contemporary issues in the Asia Pacific region. It was launched in 1992 with the appointment of a new Director and of Chairs for the five Centres of Research: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. The Centres promote research and exchange on their specific regional areas as well as support activities which contribute to a better understanding of the region among Canadians. The restructured Institute was made possible by more than Cdn\$20 million in grants and endowment funds raised by the UBC World of Opportunity Campaign.

In response to the report of the IAR Review Committee, the organization and governance of the Institute and its Centres underwent some significant changes in 1996. Under the new governance, the Institute pursues a fourfold mandate: First, in research and training, the Institute focuses on interdisciplinary themes on developments in the Asia Pacific region and Canada's relationship with this region. Secondly, it aims to develop interdisciplinary graduate programs on contemporary Asia. Thirdly, the IAR strives to encourage academic exchanges among faculty and graduate students on issues relating to Asia. Fourthly, it continues to develop linkages with provincial and federal government agencies and other Canadian universities as well as with Canadian Asian communities. The Asia Multimedia Resource Centre at the IAR is a step towards the development of these linkages and academic exchanges.

Coupled with the mandate are the eight main research thrusts of the Institute for the next five years: (1) The Asian "diaspora"; (2) The role of networks in Asian migration and mobility; (3) "development transitions" in Asia; (4) The impact of globalization in Asia; (5) Canada-Asia relations; (6) new regional formations in the Asia-Pacific region; (7) urbanization in the Pacific rim; and (8) cultural studies. Moreover, the Centre Chairs, now called Directors, will be appointed after a call for applications and on the recommendation of a search committee. The present Chairs will stay on until June 30, 1997 to provide continuity over this important transition period which involves an expansion of responsibilities and goals for the Institute and its Centres, the move to the new Choi Building for the IAR and a major conference to mark the official opening of the building in October 1996.

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

The revitalized Institute will recruit another China Research Chair in early 1997 bringing the total of its research chairs to five. It has 300 affiliates of faculty, graduate students, staff and members of the community and is supported by a \$5 million endowment grant for programs and activities. Computer and research facilities in its new building allow access to the information highway and provide linkages to other research and academic institutions around the world. With the new resources and a focused system of governance, the Institute strives to establish an international reputation for interdisciplinary research and public policy programs on Asia and Pacific affairs.

Highlights

- The fall 1995 issue of the *Asia Pacific Report* was a special on India and South Asia. The special issue coincided with the Senate's approval of the change of name from the Centre for South Asian Research to Centre for India and South Asia Research. Along with its new name, the Centre acquired a fund-raising committee chaired by **Karm Manhas** and **Harish Joshi**, prominent business executives from the Indo-Canadian community in Vancouver. Its South Asia community campaign, enhanced by the efforts of CISAR Director **John Wood**, has been successful in meeting half of its initial Cdn\$1 million endowment fund of \$315,828 from 91

donors from the community matched by UBC to a total of \$631,656. Through the leadership of Wood, concurrently President of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, UBC's India and South Asia program has evolved into a vibrant mechanism in forging interest in the region. In addition, the Centre also received a \$500,000 donation from **Asa Johal** as part of the Centre's endowment fund. Another lead donor of the Centre is **Hari Varshney** of Vancouver. In appreciation of his tremendous support, the CISAR reading room is named The *Hari Varshney Reading Room*. As with the other Centres, CISAR has an ultimate fund-raising goal of Cdn\$4 million, for two endowed research chairs, library resources, student and faculty exchanges and fellowships.

- In February 1996, more than 200 boxes containing the Institute's 18-year history were moved to its new home, the C.K. Choi Building. The building is a model of environmental design on the UBC campus incorporating recycling, low-energy consumption and a self contained waste removal system into the building process.
- **Bill Holland**, former head of Asian Studies at UBC, visited the new building on 17 April 1996. Prof. Holland spearheaded the expansion of Asian Studies, Pacific Affairs as well as the IAR. The visit was made in connection with an inauguration of sorts. An antique oak board room table which Holland brought to UBC when he moved here in 1961 was installed in the Asia Multimedia Resource Centre. For the Institute the start of 1996 coincided with the adoption of a new governance document. The evaluation of the structure and governance of the Institute was conducted by a committee consisting of **Terry McGee** (Chair), **Katherine Hacker** (Fine Arts), **Sam Ho** (Economics), **Diana Lary** (History), **Masao Nakamura** (IAR), and **Alwyn Spies** (Asian Studies) between November 1995 and January 1996. The Committee came up with ten recommendations and a modified system of governance approved on 25 April 1996. A summary of recommendations follows:

(1) that the IAR should create the post of research coordinator when discretionary funds become available.

(2) that the IAR should move towards offering graduate courses on contemporary Asia.

(3) that the IAR should continue to develop programs of seminars and provide information on Asia.

(4) that the IAR should continue to develop outreach programs in Asia and Canada and for local Canadians and Asian-Canadian communities including cultural programs for the public and linkages with institutions in Asia.

(5) that the University arrange for the return of the Hongkong Chair to the position of Institute Director at an early date.

(6) that more flexible use of endowment funds should be encouraged. Specifically, that uncommitted salary endowments be used to make term appointments only and that such appointments be made for the purposes listed in section (ii) a.

(7) that the Dean of Graduate Studies should as part of the ongoing effort to achieve greater efficiency in the use of resources in the University, explore ways of combining resources to make all Institute appointments consistent with the suggestion stated in (ii) b (subject to the agreement of all parties).

(8) that some proportion of the program funds endowed in the Institute and its constituent Centres be used to fund interdisciplinary programs in teaching, interdisciplinary research and outreach programs.

(9) that realistic projections of income for various endowments for the period 1996- 2000 should be provided by the Development Office to enable planning for the various initiatives recommended in this report.

(10) that the present system of governance of the IAR and its constituent Centres be restructured following the organization laid out in Section 3.4.9/B of this Report.

- The new Asia Multimedia Resource Centre on the third floor of the Choi Building received a Cdn\$50,000 grant from the UBC Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund. Through this fund, the AMRC acquired four new Power Macintosh 7200/120 computers with 16-inch monitors, three PC compatible high-speed Pentium computers, one Pinnacle Micro CD burner, one Hewlett Packard ScanJet IICx, three Connectix QuickCam and the latest language software programs. The computer systems at the AMRC are able to read and process Chinese, Japanese and Korean texts in all software applications. Hindi and other languages software will be installed in 1997.
- The Institute sponsored a workshop on "Economic Regionalism in the Asia Pacific Region: Implications for Canadian Foreign Policy" on 27 April 1996. The workshop's papers will be published in a special number of *Pacific Affairs* to be devoted to issues relevant to the 1997 APEC Heads of State Meeting in Vancouver.
- In June 1996, the China Program for Integrative Research and Development (CPIRD), an interdisciplinary program within the Institute, presented two workshops. The seminars were jointly sponsored with the Institute of International Relations, the Canada-China Society of Science and Technology and the China Forum Society.
- CSEAR complements the Institute's new beginning with its interdisciplinary pilot project on resource management, sustainable development and livelihood security in Vietnam with support from a Cdn\$74,600 Hampton Fund Research Grant. A group of six faculty and six graduate students, headed by CSEAR Director **Geoff Hainsworth**, will conduct workshops, a study tour and field survey to devise a methodology to assess the population-environmental relationships in four upland minority villages in Vietnam.
- The 7th of October 1996 was a red-letter day. The C.K. Choi Building officially opened with ribbon-cutting, honoring of donors and unveiling of plaques commencing at 2:30 p.m. Among the guests were: **Mr. C.K. Choi and family**, B.C. Minister of Education, Skills and Training **Moe Sihota**, Vancouver Mayor **Philip Owen**, Assistant Secretary of State for Asia and Pacific Affairs **Raymond Chan** and UBC Board of Governors Chair **Shirley Chan**.
- Asianists from the Asia Pacific region and North America participated in the conference "The Empowerment of Asia: Research and Policy Priorities in the 21st Century" held on 8-9 October 1996 to mark the Choi Building inauguration. Participants included representatives from the diplomatic corps, media, government, academe and business community. **Tu Weiming**, Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute, and noted international scholar on Confucian Thought delivered the keynote address. The Institute intends to publish the proceedings of the Conference.
- The Institute celebrated the official opening of the Choi Building with the launching of the book edited by **Eleanor Laquian** entitled *Design for the Next Millennium: The C.K. Choi Building for the Institute of Asian Research*. The book describes the environmental features of the building and the Institute's history, activities, programs and visions for the future of research on Asia. The publication of the book was funded by a grant from the Choi family.
- A week-long open house, dubbed Asia Week, was held from 7-11 October 1996 in celebration of the Choi Building's official opening. Asia Week featured exhibits of Asian arts and crafts, current events gathered from different Asian websites accessed through the Institute's multimedia resource centre and promotional materials from participating Asian countries; guided tours of the building conducted by Campus Planning and Development; cultural performances; lunch of varying Asian cuisine; demonstration of electronic data gathering systems at the Resource Centre; book exhibition and sale; tea/coffee and Asian snacks sale;

- special Asian collection exhibit; and United Way raffle and silent auction.
- The joint project of the Centre for Human Settlements and the IAR in Sri Lanka was awarded a Cdn\$750,000 Tier 2 grant by Canada International Development Agency (CIDA). Headed by **Prod Laquian**, Director of the Centre for Human Settlements and **Barrie Morrison**, IAR Honorary Professor, the project aims to contribute toward a stable and pluralistic democracy in Sri Lanka by training local planners in participatory and strategic planning. The project will offer professional planning programs in Sri Lanka at the University of Peradeniya, Ruhuna University at Matara and University of Jaffna.
 - In November 1996, the Ford Foundation announced that it would renew the funding of US\$350,000 for the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies of which the Institute of Asian Research and the Centre for Southeast Asia Research have been founding members since 1988. This is a consortium of the Universities of Washington, Oregon, Victoria and UBC. **Terry McGee** will continue as Co-Director for the next three years.
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Institute of Asian Research Annual Report 1 July 1995 to 31 December 1996

This is the 4th annual report since the launching of the restructured Institute in 1992. This year has 18 months! Aside from the fact that this year's report covers almost one and a half years of the Institute's activities, the volume also represents the eventful and productive period from 1 July 1995 to 31 December 1996. The report was delayed until December 1996 because of the activities associated with the Institute's move to and official opening of the new C.K. Choi Building.

The Director's Activities

Terry McGee, Director of the Institute of Asian Research, continued his research on urbanization in Asia. During the period of the report, he published the following:

- "The Urban Future of Vietnam," *The Third World Planning Review*, Vol.17, No.3, pp.253-277
- "Geography and Development: Crisis Commitment and Renewal," *Cahier du Geographie du Québec*, Vol. 39, Numéro 108, pp.527-535.
- "On the Utility of Dualism: The Informal Sector and Mega-Urbanization in Developing Countries," *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol.7, No.1, pp.1-15
- Scott Macleod and T.G. McGee (1996) "The Singapore-Johore-Riau Growth Triangle, An Emerging Extended Metropolitan Region," in Fu Chen Lo and Yue-man Yeung (eds.), *Emerging World Cities in Pacific Asia*, Tokyo, United Nations University, pp. 412-464.
- T.G. McGee and Ira Robinson (eds.), *The Mega-Urban Regions of Southeast Asia*, Vancouver, UBC Press, 385 pp.

During the period under review, the Director was one of the few Canadian geographers invited to present a paper at the 50th Anniversary Symposium of the Department of Geography, McGill University. He also presented a paper entitled "Globalization and Rural-Urban Relations in the Developing World" at the United Nations University Conference, "World Cities and the Urban Future," 23-25 August 1995. McGee delivered the first Roxby Lecture at the University of Liverpool on 18 March, 1996. On 28-30 October 1995 he presented another paper entitled "Canada and APEC:

Widening the Agenda" at the Eighth Hokkaido Conference for North Pacific Issues held in Sapporo Japan. In May 1996, he gave lectures at the National Taiwan University. Despite the various lectures, conferences and seminars which McGee participated in, he also managed to devote time and energy to the revision of the Institute's governance and structure. He also actively participated in organizing two major conferences for the Institute ("Asia Empowerment" in October and "Economic Regionalism in the Asia Pacific" in April) and the official opening the new C.K. Choi Building. He continues to serve on a number of University committees including the UBC Awards Committee, the UBC Hampton Fund Social Science Awards Committee, the Asian Library Advisory Committee, Centre for Human Settlements Advisory Council, the UBC Advisory Committee on the Liu Centre for International Relations and the Search Committee for the Principal of St. John's College.

McGee spearheaded "The Empowerment of Asia: Research and Policy Priorities for the Twenty-First Century," one of the Institute's major conferences which marked the inauguration of the Choi Building. Plans for the Conference began shortly after **McGee** reassumed the IAR Directorship on 1 July 1995. The organizing committee was composed of **T.G. McGee** (Chair), **Ilan Vertinsky**, **Masao Nakamura**, **Nina Halpern**, **Kyung-Ae Park**, **Yunshik Chang**, **Samuel Ho**, **John Wood**, **Geoffrey Hainsworth** and **Keizo Nagatani**. Funding for the Conference was secured from the President's Office, the Centres for India and South Asia, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Southeast Asia, and the Institute of Asian Research as well as the Canada-ASEAN Centre, the Nissan Fund, the Ford Foundation, the Korea Research Foundation and Mr. C.K. Choi and his family. A monograph with selected papers from the Conference will be published soon.

Endowed Research Chairs

- Korea Foundation Chair for Korean Research **Kyung-Ae Park** was awarded a UBC scholar position at the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations for the period of January to June 1996. She was recently elected Vice President of the Association of Korean/American Christian Scholars in North America and currently serves as Vice President of the Association of Korean Political Studies in North America. She organized the visit of the North Korean Academic Delegation to UBC on 11-15 May which was sponsored by Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Her ongoing research projects are on "Small State Influence in the Post-Cold War Era" and "Women's Political Representations in South Korea." Her latest publications include: Book review of Catherine V. Scott's *Gender and Development* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1995) for *Canadian Political Science Review*, forthcoming, 1996; "Ideology and Women in North Korea," in Han S. Park, ed., *North Korea: Ideology, Politics, Economy* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1996), pp. 71-85; "Women Workers in South Korea: The Impact of Export-led Industrialization," *Asian Survey*, Vol. XXXV, No. 8 (August 1995), pp. 740-756.
- On her second year as Prof. Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research, **Nina Halpern** was awarded a new Faculty Grant to conduct research on interactions of politics and economics in Post-Mao China. As part of this research, she has pursued three adjunct projects focusing on: Restructuring the Government Bureaucracy, Economic Opportunity and Socio-Political Change, and Basic Level Party Organization. Her recent China visit brought her to: (a) Fujian Province: (with Ilan Vertinsky) for discussions of proposals with Chinese academics and officials for a UBC training program in business, international economics and public administration for Fujian students, researchers and officials; (b) Shanghai: for data gathering for a project on "Rural Culture and Society in Southeastern China" which she is jointly researching with a Stanford University colleague; and (c) Jiangsu Province: for data gathering

- for her research on the impact of economic change on the position of women in the area.
- **Mark Fruin**, Hongkong Bank of Canada Chair and Program Director of Canada Asia Pacific Research Initiatives (CAPRI), spent his administrative leave in the U.S. and Japan to finish his two publications for Oxford University Press: *Knowledge Works Strategies and Toshiba's Learning Factories* (author) and *Networks and Market: Pacific Rim Strategies* (editor and contributor). He is now editing the book, *Remade in America: Toyotism Transformed*. He contributed a chapter to a book on Ethnicity and Nationalism in the Pacific Region. While a visiting professor at University of Michigan this year, he received a \$100,000 Abe Fellowship from the U.S. Social Science Research Council for research on the international strategies of Japanese and American firms and global competition.
 - Now on his third year as Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research, **Masao Nakamura** has the following research works: "Block Holding and Keiretsu in Japan: The Effects of Capital Markets Liberalization Measures on the Stock Market," (with B. Korkie), *Journal of International Money and Finance*; "An Empirical Investigation of Joint Venture Dynamics: Evidence from US-Japan Joint Ventures," (with J.M. Shaver and B. Yeung), *International Journal of Industrial Organization*; and "A Method for Estimating Scale Economies and Technical Progress: Sources of Total Factor Productivity for Japanese Manufacturing 1964-1988," (with T. Nakajima and K. Yoshioka), *Japanese Economic Review*. His publications on international technology management and transfer include: "Japanese Manufacturing Methods at US Manufacturing Plants: Empirical Evidence," (with S. Sakahibara and R.G. Schroeder), *Canadian Journal of Economics* 29, 1996, S469-S474 and "Cooperative Research in Japan: Comparative Analysis," (with I. Vertinsky). In June-July 1996, he was a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Keio University and gave seminars in the following institutions: Hitotsubashi University, Waseda University, Hosei University and Japan Development Bank.
 - The Republic of China on Taiwan Chair in Chinese Research will be appointed in 1997. The selection committee for this chair has been formed.

Research Centres

In the last 1_ years, a total of 90 seminars and lectures was presented by the five Centres as follows: Centre for Chinese Research, 25; Centre for Japanese Research, 24; Centre for Korean Research, 11; Centre for India and South Asian Research, 14; and Centre for Southeast Asian Research, 18. The Institute organized and co-sponsored a total of 12 seminars, symposia and conferences. It also organized 14 cultural events in collaboration with Asian consulate generals, socio-civic organizations, the Asian Centre and the five Centres.

Centre for Chinese Research

Samuel P.S. Ho, an economist, was appointed Acting Chair in July 1995, Centre for Chinese Research (**CCR**) while **Graham Johnson** was on sabbatical at the City University of Hong Kong. In July 1996, Johnson resigned and Ho was appointed Director of the **CCR**. Ho has recently published his book, *Rural China in Transition: Non-agricultural Development in Rural Jiangsu 1978-1980* (Oxford University Press) which details the economic development and employment creation in rural Jiangsu.

As part of its task of developing interaction among faculty and graduate students working on China, **CCR** co-sponsored a series of six lunch time seminars on "Urban Reform and Social Change in China" (31 October to 19 November 1996) with the Centre for Human Settlements and the UBC

Department of Geography. The seminars were given by **Zhao Min** and **Sun Shiwen** from the Department of Planning of Tongji University, Shanghai and **Shen Guanbao**, Department of Sociology, Fudan University, Shanghai. **Hugh Stephens**, Director of the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei, also gave a separate seminar on "Recent Developments in Taiwan - PRC Relations and their Implications for Canada" on 26 September 1996. The **CCR** and the Institute of International Relations jointly sponsored a workshop on Hong Kong developments as it approaches 1997 ("Hong Kong: Difficulties of Transition: A Seminar on Current Hong Kong Issues"). It was held at the Wall Centre Garden Hotel on 10 and 11 November 1995. It presented significant forecasts and updates on the Crown Colony's crucial period of transition. It was organized by **Diana Lary** and **Maurice Copithorne**.

Aside from presenting 24 seminars this year, **CCR** organized an international conference on "Education and Society in Twentieth Century China" on 27-29 September 1996. The participating universities were: University of Edinburgh, Yale University, Colgate University, Hiroshima University, Georgia State University, Nagoya University, University of Aarhus, and City University of Hong Kong. The conference tackled issues such as: the new role of women in China's fast changing world, mission schools, rural learning in North China, private education in Post-Mao China, literacy campaigns and the reconstruction of village society after 1948.

On 8 March 1996 faculty and graduate students working on China at the three south western British Columbia universities (SFU, UBC and UVIC) met in "China Specialist Symposium" sponsored by **CCR** in support and encouragement of China research and studies. Topics discussed include: modernity and cosmopolitanism in Shanghai and regionalism in China. **Linda Joe** of the Asian Library gave a talk on "Asian Library Chinese Resources." **Diana Lary**, **Xia Wei** and **Kong Shuyo** represented UBC.

To bolster the dynamic research activities at the **CCR**, the Centre started a new project which aims to publish at least ten discussion papers for each academic school year. So far the **CCR's** Discussion Paper Series has already produced eight papers: 1) "Managing Revolutionary Transformation: Action and Reaction in the Pearl River Delta Region," **Graham E. Johnson**, Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology and Faculty Associate, **CCR**; 2) "Driving Forward on Five Wheels: Transformation of A Rural Economy in the Zhujiang Delta," **George C.S. Lin**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Geology, University of Hong Kong and Visiting Scholar, **CCR**; 3) "Chinese Reds," **Diana Lary**, Professor, Department of History and Faculty Associate, **CCR**; 4) "Rural Enterprises in China: Six Case Studies," **Samuel Ho**, Professor, Department of Economics and **CCR** Centre Director; 5) "Rural Development Patterns in Post-Reform China: The Pearl River Delta Region in the 1990s," **Graham Johnson**, Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Faculty Associate, **CCR** and **Yuen-fong Wong**, Associate Professor, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Victoria; 6) "Technology Transfer to China During the 1980s -- How Effective? Some Evidence From Jiangsu," **Samuel Ho**; 7) "Do Overseas Chinese Huiguan Have A Future?," **Edgar Wickberg**, Professor Emeritus of History and Honorary Professor, **CCR**; and 8) "Links To and Through South China: Local, Regional and Global Connections," **Graham E. Johnson**.

When the **CCR** moved to the Choi Building, it received gifts to brighten its new offices and to fund its cultural programs. The Centre received a couplet composed especially for the **CCR** by **C.Y. Chao** (Professor Emerita of Asian Studies) which has been rendered into calligraphy by **Yim Tse** (China Librarian at the Asian Library) and two framed old Chinese silk embroidery from UBC Alumni **Eric**

and **Day Gee. Tak Wah Chan** and **De-Cheng Ma** gave a \$20,000.00 donation for the workshop series "Retention and Adaptation of Chinese Culture in Canada."

Centre for Japanese Research

The Centre for Japanese Research is composed of 14 faculty members, four graduate students and two honorary members. **Keizo Nagatani** from the Department of Economics reassumed the leadership of the **CJR** upon his return from Kobe in January 1996. During Nagatani's prolonged fieldwork in Japan to complete research on his Japan Foundation-funded project, **Bill Wray** (History) and **David Edgington** (Geography) successively acted as Director (then Chair) in his absence. **Nagatani** has arranged an exchange agreement between IAR and the Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration at Kobe University to broaden UBC's academic links with Japan. Nagatani also delivered a paper on "Changing Japanese Wage and Employment Patterns" at the Japan Studies Association of Canada's Ninth Annual Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia in October, 1996.

CJR's lectures and seminars, which numbered 24 this year, continue to attract a loyal following. Issues primarily discussed were related to Japan's business management and technology. Other topics covered were culture and art, urbanization and empowerment of Japanese women. **CJR** launched its Distinguished Guest Seminar Series in early 1996. The first distinguished guest speaker was **Carol Gluck**, a historian at Columbia University who gave a seminar on "The Invention of Edo."

To encourage and assist Japanese studies at UBC the **CJR** gave research grants to faculty with projects on Japan and graduate students writing their dissertations on Japan. This year's grantees are: graduate students **Katsura Nakano** (Economics), **Brittani Faulkes** (Asian Studies), **Akio Tanaka** (Geography), **Donald Wagner** (Commerce), and faculty members **Millie Creighton**, **Masaru Kohno**, **Kinya Tsurata**, and **Bill Wray**. The changes that occurred in Japan between 1945 and 1995 were studied by a **CJR** interdisciplinary team funded by Japan Foundation. Their findings were presented in "Joining Past and Future," a series of seminars by **Millie Creighton** (Anthropology and Sociology), **David Edgington** (Geography), **Keizo Nagatani** (Economics) and **Joshua Mostow** (Asian Studies). This has now resulted in a book entitled *Joining Past and Future: A Critical Examination of Postwar Period in Japan, 1945-95*. Another project also funded by the Japan Foundation is the book entitled *Perception Gaps Between Japan and the West*. **CJR** was also host to six Visiting Scholars during school year 1995-1996 namely: **Machiko Tsubaki**, **Isao Soranaka**, **Yukio Okamoto**, **Takashi Kagawa**, **Yasuo Igarashi**, and **Hiroshi Fukagawa**. Five of its core faculty, on the other hand, went to Japan to do research. **Edgington** researched at Ritsumeikan; **Fruin** and **Nakamura** did research at Keio as Distinguished Visiting Professors; **Mostow** finished his fieldwork at Gakushuin; and **Nagatani** did research at Kobe.

CJR's new paper series include: "Past Imperfect: Women, War and the Japanese Emperor System" by **Yoshiko Shimada** (1995); "White Collar Workers and Foreign Worker Problem in Japan" by **Colin Noble** (1995); and "Translating Imperialism: the Emperor System, Waka, and its English Translation" by **Joshua Mostow** (1995).

The Centre also has a strong line-up of scholarly works by its faculty members. In collaboration with **K. Ishigaki**, **Nagatani** edited the book, *Economic Development of the Pacific Rim Countries and Japan*, which was published in Japanese by Keiso Shobo in Japan in September 1995. **Nagatani's**

work, "Economics and Development" comprises a key chapter in the book and lays out the theoretical framework of the volume. **Wray** is busy finishing a book titled *Riding a Tsunami: Japan's NYK line and World War I*. **Edgington** publishes articles on the contribution of Japan to economic development in North America. His latest works are: "The Search for Paradise: Japanese Property Investments in North America," *Journal of Property Research*, Vol. 12 (December 1995) and "Locational Preferences of Japanese Real Estate Investments in North America," *Urban Geography*, Vol. 16 (December 1995). **Nakamura**'s publications include: "An Empirical Investigation of Joint Venture Dynamics: Evidence from US-Japan Ventures," (co-authored with J.M. Shaver and B. Young), *International Journal of Industrial Organization*; and "Block Holding and Keiretsu in Japan: The Effects of Capital Market Liberalization Measures on the Stock Market," (with B. Korkie), *Journal of International Money and Finance*, and "A Method for Estimating Scale Economies and Technical Progress: Sources of Total Factor Productivity for Japanese Manufacturing 1964-1988," (with T. Nakajima and K. Yoshioka), *Japanese Economic Review*. CJR now publishes a business newsletter (edited by Nakamura) which is found on the CJR's home page.

The official presentation ceremony of the Noh-mask was held on 25 October 1996 at the Institute's lobby. The masks were given to the Institute by the Hiroshima West Rotary Club and the Noh-Mask Goodwill Group.

Centre for Korean Research

As part of the Centre for Korean Research's seminar schedule, Director **Yunshik Chang** and Executive Committee Member **Namlin Hur**, faculty research associate, organized a conference on "Changing Cultural Discourses on Korean Identity" sponsored by the Korea Research Foundation on December 8-9, 1995. The participating universities were: Indiana University, Hanyang University, Seoul National University, University of Iowa, University of Illinois and Polytechnic University. The conference topics included ancestor worship, male dominance, idea of chastity, Buddhism, Shamanism, Confucian work ethic and Korea's search for cultural essence.

Guests were treated to an afternoon of traditional Korean music during the Centre's Korea Day celebration on 27 February 1996. *Kasa* (songs) filled the air at the Choi Building's Conference room while *kayagum* and *komun'go* (string instruments) were played alternately with *tanso* (flute) and *changgo* (drum).

As with the other Centres, **CKR** also actively pursued all areas of funding for its activities and projects. A Cdn\$2,000 cheque was donated by the Korean Consulate General in Vancouver in April 1996, as part of the funding for the **CKR** Korean Language Project. The Centre expects to receive another contribution of Cdn\$9,000 from the Korea Research Foundation in Seoul. These and other future donations will be used to promote the teaching of Korean language at UBC.

After hosting the Canadian academic delegation's visit to Pyongyang late last year, the North Korean Association of Social Scientists made a return visit to Canada in May 1996 to further strengthen academic ties. Their visit to UBC was organized by Korea Research Chair **Kyung-Ae Park**.

The official unveiling of the plaque with the names of donors of the Centre was held in conjunction with the opening of the Choi Building on 7 October 1996. The plaque now hangs at the Centre's receiving area.

It was *kimchi*, *komun'go* and *p'ansori* day at the Institute on 11 October 1996, Korea Day. As part of the Asia Week celebration, the Centre sponsored another Korea Day with noontime cultural performances, photo exhibits, free promotional brochures and pamphlets, and lunch highlighting Korean cuisine.

Jay-Woo Kim, visiting scholar, executive in residence, UBC and executive vice-president of Samsung Corporation gave a lecture in Korean on 29 November 1996. The lecture was an insider's view of Korean Economic Development.

Yunshik Chang has started preparations for three conferences: two conferences on "Toward an Industrial Society: the Case of South Korea" (December 1996 and May 1997) under the auspices of Kyung Hyang Daily News and the 4th Pacific and Asian Conference on Korean Studies (spring of 1998) funded by the Korea Research Foundation and Korea Foundation.

Centre for India and South Asia Research

The last year and a half saw significant developments at **CISAR**. Its name was officially changed from Centre for South Asian Research (CSAR) to Centre for India and South Asia Research (**CISAR**). With new offices in a new building, generous funds and exquisite gifts from friends and supporters, the Centre continues to pursue its goal of promoting research and teaching about India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal.

The South Asia Colloquium of the Pacific Northwest (SACPAN), a unique cross-border gathering of all South Asianists in the Canadian West and US Northwest, entered its 28th year of biannual conferences. SACPAN '95 was hosted by the Centre for India and South Asia Research on 28 October 1995 (and again on 26 October 1996). On the homefront, the Centre's annual general meeting and lunch for South Asianists and friends of South Asia was held on 14 September 1995 and 12 September 1996.

As **CISAR** celebrated its new name, it also hosted an opening reception on 22 March 1996 for the Centre's new offices at the Choi Building. Friends, faculty and graduate students of **CISAR**, some of whom came in South Asian apparel, were treated to afternoon snacks and drinks. Adorned with colorful Indian and South Asian art decorations, the Centre's offices are major attractions in the Choi Building.

Director **John Wood** was in India late last year to make preliminary arrangements for the visit of Team Canada to India. Wood, along with other members of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, of which he was President until recently, met with **PM Chrétien** and seven Canadian Premiers to discuss Indo-Canadian concerns including trade and investment, federalism, culture and globalization.

The collected works of India's constitution writer **Dr. Ambedkar** which consists of 13 volumes in English were formally presented to UBC and **CISAR** by the Guru Ravi Das Youth Association through **Rakesh Shankar** from the Consulate General of India on 3 April 1996. The event featured a video film on Dr. Ambedkar by **Kenneth Griffith** and was highlighted by various scholars' views on the significance of Ambedkar literature. Harmonizing art and scholastic work, CISAR presented a lecture-demonstration on "The Present in the Past: Sound and Meaning in the Indian Sarangi" by Regula Burckhardt Qureshi, Professor of Ethnomusicology, University of Alberta on 29 March

1996. Qureshi is Canada's leading ethnomusicologist specializing in Indian classical music.

Centre for Southeast Asia Research

Celebrating the rich cultural heritage of Southeast Asia and its contributions to multiculturalism in Canada, the Centre for Southeast Asia Research (**CSEAR**) organized five cultural events this year featuring the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia. The gamelan set donated by the Consulate General of Indonesia was well utilized and appreciated in two performances in March and November. Filipino and Malaysian music and dance enlivened the Asian Centre in October and November in presentations by **CSEAR** co-sponsored respectively by the Consulate General of the Philippines and by Tourism Malaysia. Centre Director **Geoff Hainsworth's** search for funding support for **CSEAR's** research projects and operating costs took him this year to Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. He was able to secure grants for several new projects, and also brought back a collection of colourful kites from different countries which now decorate the Centre's roof space in the Choi Building. **CSEAR** was awarded Cdn\$5,000 by the Canada-ASEAN Centre toward publication of a set of policy papers in the **CSEAR** Research Monograph series, and \$45,000 to help fund inaugural workshops and pilot projects and strengthen its collaboration with Southeast Asian counterparts. The funds have also helped to raise **CSEAR's** profile as the only research centre in Canada exclusively focused on Southeast Asia by building a **CSEAR** Home Page on the Internet and an interactive electronic network between Southeast Asian and Canadian scholars. **Geoff Hainsworth** also was awarded a UBC Hampton Fund Research Grant of \$75,000, enabling him to organize a preparatory workshop at **CSEAR** during 1996-97 and to take six graduate students from a wide range of social science disciplines on a thesis-preparation study tour of Vietnam in May-June 1997.

Vietnam remains an important country of concentration at **CSEAR**. In collaboration with the Centre for Human Settlements at UBC, and with Université Laval, an application has been made to CIDA for a "Tier 1 Grant," which, if successful, will enable **CSEAR** faculty and students to collaborate for a further five years with the Vietnam National Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities and with five universities in Nha Trang, Vinh, Hué and Ho Chi Minh City. A grant of \$35,000 was also received from the ASEAN-Canada Fund of the Canadian High Commission in Singapore to organize an international conference in Nha Trang, Vietnam, May 1995, on "Socio-Economic Aspects of Environmental Management: Comparative Experience from Southeast Asia." This brought together 20 Vietnamese, 10 other Southeast Asian and 12 Canadian participants. A further conference on this theme is being planned for 1998.

CSEAR also organized over 20 research seminars in its biweekly series during 1995-6. These included a keynote address at the C.K Choi Building Inaugural Conference, October 1996, by **Emil Salim**, Indonesia's ex-Minister of Population and Environment, and a presentation by **Gordon Longmuir**, Ambassador of Canada to Cambodia, who visited UBC under the Foreign Affairs Visitor Program. A graduate of UBC, **Longmuir** has served as Canadian High Commission in India and in several other Asian posts.

During 1995-96, six new **CSEAR** Research Monographs were published, bringing the total to twelve. These were: "Chinese Firms and Conglomerates in the ASEAN Countries" by **Brian Semkow**; "Canada-ASEAN Corporate Linkages" by **C.L. Hung**; "Opportunities and Constraints for Canadian Financial Institutions in ASEAN" by **Cecil Dipchand**; "Vietnam-Canada-ASEAN Institutional Cooperation" by **Geoff Hainsworth**; "Contemporary Perspectives on Thai Foodways,"

edited by **Marilyn Walker** and **Gisèle Yasmeen**; and "Socio-Economic Aspects of Environmental Management: Comparative Experience from Southeast Asia," edited by **Geoff Hainsworth** and **Julie Trang Nguyen**.

CSEAR sent a large delegation to the NWRCEAS conference organized by the University of Washington in 1995, and will send another large group to the April 1997 conference at the University of Oregon. In addition to individual papers, two CSEAR panels have been organized on "Globalization and Resistance in Southeast Asia," with papers by **Terry McGee** (Chair), **Philip Kelly** and **Gisèle Yasmeen**, and on "Upland Resource Management for Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods in Vietnam," with papers by **Geoff Hainsworth** (Chair) and six graduate students who will be participating in the study tour of Vietnam in May-June 1997. In 1999, the NWRCEAS Conference will once again be hosted by **CSEAR** in the C.K Choi Building and Asian Centre at UBC.

Research Associates and Visiting Scholars

The Institute was host to 12 honorary research associates and 14 honorary visiting scholars from July 1995 until the present. Through this program, the Institute is linked with foreign research institutions through an exchange of visiting scholars. The program also enables the research associates and visiting scholars to participate in the Institute's activities and encourage a healthy exchange of insights and views concerning ongoing research. The new research associates who were appointed for the period of July 1995 to January 1997 are: **Allison Bailey, Charles Greenberg, Narinder Basi, Yiu Kwan Fan, Kirsten Lovelock, Scott Macleod, Tien-Wai Lin, Colin Noble, Nancy Waxler-Morrison, Gen Tsukamoto, and Teresa Wong**. Recent addition to the honorary visiting scholars pool are: **Jae-Wook An, Sonja Arntzen, Paul Bowles, Shu-ling Chang Shieh, Carsten Dessau, Hiroshi Fukagawa, Yasuo Igarashi, Shigemitsu Ashigawa, Takashi Kagawa, Yukio Okamoto, Takeshi Shimano, Isao Soranaka, Machiko Tsubaki and Huabin Xu**. The visiting scholars and researchers are given library access, a mail box, and, if available, a desk in the open research work area at the Institute.

China Program for Integrative Research and Development (CPIRD)

The **CPIRD** is an interdisciplinary program within the Institute devoted to studying the continuing transformation and development of China. Prof. **Paul T.K. Lin**, Program Director, organizes workshops and seminars jointly with China Forum of Vancouver. The latest seminars include: "Issues of Culture and Economic Growth: Asia/Pacific Perspectives for the 21st Century" (16 March 1996); "The Taiwan Crisis and US-China Relations: Some Fundamental Issues and Possible Scenarios" (15 June 1996); and "Restructuring China's Information System and Management" (19 June 1996). **CPIRD** was also host to the visit of the Fujian Education delegation to UBC in 27 May 1996. Guests from Fujian Province consisted of: **Liu Xianru** (Vice Secretary-General, Fujian Provincial People's Government) and **Wang Yusheng** (Deputy Director-General, Fujian Education Commission); **Lin Shaoxiong**, Director, Fujian Provincial People's Government Office); and **Xiao Xinjian**, (Director, Fujian Civil Service Education Administration). This was followed by another visit of a nine-member delegation headed by **Jia Qinglin**, Chairman of the Fujian Provincial People's Congress to attend the Meeting of the Fujian Executive Training Project Group on 5 - 8 June 1995. The visits were part of **CPIRD**'s proposed project of cooperation among UBC, Fujian Province and Xiamen University, China for an innovative human resource development program aimed at senior personnel in public administration, enterprise management, and science and

technology fields who will be provided with upgrade training at UBC. The project forms part of the Letter of Intent that was signed in Fuzhou on 7 April 1995. The first group of trainees is scheduled to arrive in January 1997.

Canada Asia Pacific Research Initiatives (CAPRI)

Since its launching in 1993, **CAPRI**, a self-funded public policy program of research and international exchange, has received five scholars under its International Associates Forum. The two new scholars this year are: **Carsten Dessau** who researched on cultural barriers, particularly on understanding foreign mentalities and their effect on direct foreign investment and **Takeshi Shimano** who did a study on "The Growth and Potential of the Asia Pacific Region."

With a \$55,000 SSHRC grant to study the internationalization of Japanese business, **Masao Nakamura** and **Mark Fruin** are looking at the international transfer of Japanese technology and organizational methods to North America, Europe, and Asia in three industries: electronics/electrical equipment, specialty paper, and ball bearings. Both **Fruin** and **Nakamura** gave papers at the Association of Japanese Business Studies annual meeting during the second quarter of 1995.

Publications

Asia Pacific Report, the biannual newsletter of the Institute is distributed to about 1,500 subscribers and friends of Asian research. The Fall 1995 special issue was on India and South Asia. The next issue, Spring 1996, focused on the Institute's transfer to the new Choi Building and the building's unique architectural design. The latest issue, Fall 1996, highlighted the Asia Empowerment Conference last October and the changes and new visions of the Institute under a new leadership and a new system of governance.

To mark the official opening of the C.K. Choi Building, the Institute published its inaugural volume, *Design for the Next Millennium: The C.K. Choi Building for the Institute of Asian Research*, which gives a detailed description of the new building and the Institute's activities. The book is composed of three sections. The first, "Campus Greening," describes the design and processes needed to create an environmentally sustainable building. The second, "Institution Building," deals with the history, organization, and research activities of the Institute and its Centres. The third, "Global Networking," focuses on UBC's linkages with institutions in the Asia Pacific region. The book is edited by **Eleanor R. Laquian**.

The Institute also published **CSEAR's** Research Monograph Series with six additions this year: "Chinese Firms and Conglomerates in the ASEAN Countries," **Brian Wallace Semkow** (1995); "Canada-ASEAN Corporate Linkages," **C.L. Hung** (1995); "Opportunities and Constraints for Canadian Financial Institutions in ASEAN," **Cecil R. Dipchand** (1995); "Vietnam-Canada-ASEAN Institutional Cooperation," **Geoffrey Hainsworth** (1995); "Contemporary Perspectives on Thai Foodways," **Marilyn Walker** and **Gisèle Yasmeeen**, eds. (1996); "Socio-Economic Aspects of Environmental Management: Comparative Experience from Southeast Asia," **Geoffrey Hainsworth**, ed. (1996). From CJR's paper series, new publications include: "Past Imperfect: Women, War And The Japanese Emperor System," **Yoshiko Shimada** (1995); "White Collar Workers And Foreign Worker Problem In Japan," **C. Noble** (1995); "Translating Imperialism: The Emperor System, Waka, And Its English Translation," **J. Mostow** (1995). **CCR** distributed eight

discussion papers (see above).

Budget and Research Grants

This report will cover two fiscal years: (a) April 1995 - March 1996 and (b) the first half of April 1996 - March 1997 which will include the period until 31 December 1996 .

For fiscal year 1 April 1995 - 31 March 1996 the Institute's budget was \$389,189 which includes \$336,319 for salaries, benefits and professional fees and a \$4,000 operating budget for each of the five Centres.

The Institute's budget for fiscal year 1 April 1996 - 31 March 1997 is \$415,695 including an operating budget of \$4,000 for each of the five Centres, \$327,328 for salaries and benefits and \$50,000 for the computer facilities of the Institute's Asia Multimedia Resource Centre.

From 1995-1996, the following research grants and contracts were received:

- **Takeshi Shimano** (Visiting Scholar) from JETRO/MITI for the project "Growth Potential for Asian Pacific Countries" = **\$58,426.00**
- **Centre for Chinese Research** for the workshop series "Retention and Adaptation of Chinese Culture in Canada" from **Tak Wah Chan** and **De-Cheng Ma** = **\$20,000.00**
- **Centre for Korean Research** for the two conferences on Modernization in Korea from Kyung Hyang Daily News = **US\$ 57,880.00**
- **IAR** from Ford Foundation through **NWRCSEAS** for Consortium Activities = **\$1,782.00** (last installment)
- **Masao Nakamura** from Statistics Canada and the University of Alberta for the project "Immigrant Employment, Earnings and Expenditures" = **\$15,000.00**
- **Barrie Morrison** from SSHRC for Sri Lanka and Kerala Project = **\$29,200.00** (2nd and 3rd installments)
- Mandakranta Bose from UBC/HSS: SSHRC for the project "Critical Edition of 17th Century Sanskrit Text" = **\$4,620.00**
- **Terry McGee** from UBC - University Development Fund --- Scholarly Research Grant = **\$2,500.00**
- **CSEAR** from the Hampton Fund --- Research Grant = **\$74,600.00**
- **Kirsten Lovelock** from New Zealand Foundation for Research: Post Doctoral Fellowship for the project "Intercountry Adoption: A Comparative Study of Chinese Hong Kong Adoptees and Social Policy in New Zealand, U.S. and Canada" = **\$50, 676** (1st installment)
- For Korean Language Project = **\$21,000.00**

Total for research grants = **CDN \$ 356,520.00**

Personnel

By the end of December 1996, IAR had five work study students, four of whom are working with the Centres (**Gurpreet Johal**, CISAR; **Annie Cheng**, CSEAR; **Paul Ham**, CKR; **Melissa Wu**, CJR) and one with the IAR, **Dennis Le**. There are two part-time student caretakers: **Anthony Yeung** and **Bertrand Chan**. With the AMRC fully operational, the Institute hired two computer consultants:

Pierre Fallavier and **Lisa Kwan**. Graduate students **Alwyn Spies** and **Gisèle Yasmeen** are the new GAAs. **Andrew Marton** is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at CCR.

The President's Office appointed **Chris Brown** from the Department of National Defense in Victoria, BC for a year starting 1 September 1996 to assist the President's Office, the Institute of Asian Research, the Institute of International Relations and the Centre for Legal Studies with government and business liaison. He has an office at the IAR.

Former BC Premier and UBC Alumnus **Mike Harcourt** occupied his office in the Choi Building at the start of his two-year appointment as adjunct professor at UBC on 1st July 1996. He will be working closely with the Sustainable Development Research Institute (SDRI) and other Graduate Studies units such as the Centre for Human Settlements, the Institute of Asian Research and the Centre for India and South Asia Research on a project on "sustainable cities" in India.

Asian Centre and Choi Building Administration

During its last months (July 1995 - February 1996) at the Asian Centre, the Institute handled 334 bookings for the Seminar Room, Auditorium, Music Studio, Tea Gallery and Room 615. The Institute transferred this responsibility to the International Liaison office when it moved to the Choi Building in February 1996. Since its move to the new building, the Institute has had 197 bookings for the seminar and conference rooms and the foyer in the first nine months. There have been 61 seminars and lectures, two conferences, two symposia and 12 cultural and social events in the new building. In addition, it has presented three exhibitions and seven cultural performances. The Choi Building has become a favorite venue for a variety of seminars and conferences because of its unique characteristics and excellent location.

Future Activities and Research Priorities

Over the next five years, the Institute will concentrate on developing research in eight main areas namely: (1) the Asian diaspora; (2) the role of networks in Asian migration and mobility; (3) "development transitions" in Asia; (4) the impact of globalization in Asia; (5) Canada-Asia relations; (6) new regional formations in the Asia Pacific region; (7) urbanization in the Pacific Rim; and (8) cultural studies. Each of the regional Centres will develop its own research thrust in relation to these areas reflecting its expertise and resources. The role of the Institute is much broader - developing thematic projects which are region-wide. A concrete example of this is the recently concluded October '96 Asia Empowerment Conference.

As part of the "Asian diaspora" thrust, the Institute is collaborating with **Prod Laquian** of the Centre for Human Settlements on a project proposal for an analytical study of "Asian Immigration and Racism in Canada." The proposed two-year project will study immigration issues from both the vantage point of Asian countries of origin and destination place. It will collect, analyze and synthesize information materials in order to document two emotional and highly-charged topics that have so far thrived on myths, misinformation and stereotypes. This project is based on the premise that the best way to understand immigration and combat racism in Canada is by providing factual information about the Asian immigrants themselves, their countries of origin and how they meet the objectives of Canada's immigration policies. The project will organize workshops involving scholars and researchers working on these issues and publish a monograph of selected papers from the

workshops.

Other projects are: (1) "Development transition in Asia" which is being coordinated by **Tony Beck**, research associate in the **CISAR**. It will involve various researches from the Centres and other Faculties of UBC. A proposal for submission to funding agencies is now being prepared. (2) "APEC Research Network." This proposal being developed by **John Price** (IAR research associate) and **Terry McGee** is designed to provide information to NGOs and the public on developments in the Asia Pacific Economic Council forum which will be held in Vancouver in November 1997. (3) "Images of Women in Asian Literature" which is being coordinated by **Mandakranta Bose**. This project involves developing a research network of UBC scholars on this subject. A workshop will be held in March 1997 to develop a proposal for funding. (4) "Chinese Business Networks." McGee is currently working with a committee of SFU, UVIC and UBC scholars and the coordinating committee of the Fourth Chinese Entrepreneurs Conference to inaugurate a research workshop on this topic to be held in mid-April 1997. This will lead to two sessions at the Fourth Chinese Entrepreneurial Conference to be held on 28-30 August in Vancouver. (5) "Globalization in Asia Project." McGee is currently developing a project on globalization in Asia for submission to SSHRC in October 1997. (6) "Urbanization in Asia." McGee is currently enlarging a network of scholars based in Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Korea, Japan and China to continue ongoing research on mega-urban regions in Asia.

In fulfillment of the Institute's research thrusts, the **CCR** has several interdisciplinary projects in the pipeline. A project in the early stages of development is a study of the problems and the consequences of accelerated change in several coastal provinces in China. As part of its outreach activities, the Centre, in cooperation with the Chinese Cultural Centre in Vancouver, is sponsoring a seminar-workshop series for 1996-1997 entitled "The Retention and Adaptation of Chinese Culture in Canada."

CJR is planning to participate actively in an interdisciplinary MA program on contemporary Asia, the proposal of which is being developed by the IAR. The role of Japanese technology transfer, foreign direct investment, and trade in the development of Asia is among Japan-related topics to be covered by the proposed MA program.

CKR is slated to host the Fourth Pacific and Asian Conference on Korean Studies in the spring of 1998. This conference which will be funded by the Korea Research Foundation and the Korea Foundation is expected to draw some 150 participants who are specializing in the field of Korean research. The conference theme will focus on the subject "Between Tradition and Modernity."

Faculty members and research associates of the **CSEAR** are developing several projects foremost of which is a proposal to renew and extend the "twinning project" with Vietnam's NCSSH has been submitted to CIDA and IDRC which would further link **CSEAR** with a wider network of universities and research institutions throughout Vietnam to help enhance local capacity for "integrated policy analysis" of local and national problems. **CSEAR** is also planning to establish a Summer Institute Program focused on SEA studies for the summer of 1998. Following a successful series of workshops carried out in the past, another workshop in Vietnam is scheduled in 1997 involving participants from all over Southeast Asia and focusing on experience with rural industrialization.

In making full use of the facilities of the Asia Multimedia Resource Centre (AMRC), the Institute

has submitted a proposal for an **Asia Image Archive** to the AMS Innovative Projects Fund. The project, which is the brainchild of **Michael Leaf**, faculty associate of **CSEAR**, aims to establish an archive of graphic images of Asia using CD-ROM technology and the Internet, and to improve the accessibility to facilities for integrating those images and videos into CD-ROM-based hyper-media documents. The archive is also intended to draw interest to Asia as a region, the images as visual art and the actual research projects and the issues discussed in them.

Three other projects using the AMRC are: (1) "Best Websites Information Service." This project, supervised by **June Kawaguchi**, provides an online database of Internet sites relevant to the Institute's research interests. The subject indexing of sites is done in accordance with the Library of Congress Subject Heading and is descriptive and evaluative. When the information service is fully developed, it will be offered on a subscription basis to users on and off campus. (2) "Asia Online Today Exhibit." This is an ongoing exhibit in the Choi Building lounge area featuring materials gathered from different Asian websites. It includes current events, photos and graphics, scholarly as well as light feature articles, commentaries, statistics, arts and crafts, and up-to-date information on social, economic, political and cultural developments on Asia. (3) "The Umbrella Network." This is an Institute-sponsored e-mail information listserve as part of the IAR's support for graduate students doing research on Asia. The listserve sends out regular updates on events, guests speakers, lunch time talks, study groups, new courses, funding opportunities, conferences and other items relevant to Asian research at UBC.

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