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- initiate and develop a multidisciplinary research programme addressing New Zealand-Asia issues;
- provide a forum for discussion and debate on policy issues and disseminate the output from these activities;
- develop relationships with external constituencies in New Zealand and the Asia region (notably government, business, media and Asian communities, non-governmental organisations, universities, research institutes, funding agencies and alumni); and
- serve as the point of access by external constituencies to the university and to its expertise on Asia.

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Director's Introduction

One of the most significant developments in 2003, impacting on Institute activities while centred off shore, was the spread of SARS throughout parts of the Asian region. Apart from the loss of life and social impact, the economic consequences were considerable, with business and leisure travel dramatically cut back for a period of several months.

At the macro level, SARS was a reminder, not only to the countries where the disease struck hardest, of the reliance on the ease of intra-regional communication and linkages, and the economic importance of this. More specifically for the Institute, travel plans of visitors were immediately affected; and one planned conference had to be moved to another venue because of SARS. At a time when terrorism was very much a concern to the fore, this outbreak was a sharp wake-up call about the region's vulnerability to other hazards.

It was some relief therefore that our first major conference for the year, *From Miracle to Crisis and Beyond: Governance, Institutions and Anti-Corruption in Asia*, saw only one speaker withdraw entirely, although most of our speakers from Asia were affected in some way. The conference demonstrated the many different forms of corruption in the Asia-Pacific region and the need not only for laws and regulations, but for the support of governments, media and the public at large in making these work.

At the other end of 2003, the Institute was also involved in two other major conferences, the 15th NZASIA International Conference, *Asia: Images, Ideas, Identities*, and in the *Seriously Asia* forum organised by the Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand, in which several staff from this university and the Institute participated. The dangers of allowing research capacity on Asia and this country's linkages with that region to fall behind were drawn out on both occasions, directly by the Prime Minister in respect of the forum and more broadly by several of the international speakers at NZASIA who noted the efforts of countries like Australia and the United States in reversing the decline of studies of the region, partly in light of the heightened security concerns post-September 2001.

The Institute has continued operating to its core objectives, through fostering research, publications and debate, in providing media comment as well as briefing for incoming visitors to the university. These are fully detailed under Programme of Activities. The Institute has also been the base for a few visiting professors; and we have benefited from their research in the seminar programmes that were run during 2003.

The Director has continued to profile the Institute and the university in regional travel which, while SARS-affected, included visits to Brunei, East Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam and, at year-end, to China.

2003 was therefore a year of considerable activity, as this report shows. In part, this was possible due to increased project funding. But it has to be clearly understood that in addition to direct funding, the indirect support of sponsors, who are named

elsewhere, is critical to the operation of this Institute. Support in kind is not readily reflected in a balance sheet (although we note that some sister institutions are moving to record these inputs through ascribing a value to such support), but it is worth reinforcing the point made later in this report that assistance with the costs of visitors, or the provision of venues for meetings, for instance, are key components in assuring the viability of our programmes. Sponsors do not always seek recognition, but that does not lessen the need for us to acknowledge their generosity as well as noting that this support in kind has a considerable financial impact.

Programme of Activities

Even with the unexpected SARS disruption in the early part of the year, the Institute maintained a comprehensive programme and made remarkable progress in expanding its research portfolio and substantiating its academic relations with its Asian partners. The wide-ranging academic and community-out-reaching events helped NZAI to further raise its profile both locally and internationally. Its international conference on governance, institutions and anti-corruption in Asia, for example, was covered by New Zealand TV1, with three participants interviewed by two of its popular programmes, *Breakfast* and *Telstra Clear Business*. *The New Zealand Herald*, the *National Business Review*, Radio New Zealand, TV3 and TV2's *Flipside* programme also covered some of the Institute's events or interviewed its staff. The Institute's continued service to the community by providing a forum for informed policy debates was highly acknowledged nationwide. This was exemplified by the participation, in its major functions, of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt Hon Helen Clark, top public administrators, and a number of key business and academic leaders from New Zealand.

The appended Chronology of Events records the full details of the 2003 programme. Among the highlights was the international conference on *From Miracle to Crisis and Beyond: Governance, Institutions and Anti-Corruption in Asia* held at the Institute on 28 April – 1 May. Seventeen international and local participants from the academic community, government, the World Bank, and civil society organisations, presented their research findings of corruption issues in twelve major Asian economies as well as in New Zealand.

The case studies touched upon different forms of corruption in different times and places. They examined in depth systemic changes and whether corruption was intrinsically related to any one form of government more than another, and whether a "smaller" government would necessarily provide less opportunities for corruption. The consensus reached was that decentralisation would contribute to greater participation and more democracy. For laws and regulations to work against corruption, however, they needed the support of institutions, non-governmental as well as governmental, and the media. More importantly, they needed the support of opinion. Education must therefore play a role, especially that delivered by examples of governments, politicians and officials themselves. With privatisation leaving more to public/private arrangements, business itself needed a code of morality as well.

Key papers are to appear in a book now being edited by Professor Nicholas Tarling. In addition, a preliminary agreement was already reached between the Institute and the Faculty of Economics & Administration at the University of Malaya to organise jointly a follow-up project on *Ethnicity, Equity and the Nation: The State, Development and Identity in Multi-Ethnic Societies* in 2004.

To contribute to the government initiative *Seriously Asia*, the Institute organised a workshop on *Regional Free Trade Arrangements: Good for New Zealand Business?* on 1 October. Other sponsors of the event included the APEC Study Centre, NZPECC, and the legal firm of Minter Ellison Rudd Watts. Some 50 people from government, the consular corps, the academic community, media, business and the professions attended the session. Benefits and drawbacks for New Zealand business of regional free trade arrangements were examined by Dr Kim Kihwan, Chair of PECC; Associate Professor Robert Scollay of Auckland's APEC Study Centre; George Troup, New Zealand's Senior APEC Official and head of the Economic Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Peter Landon-Lane of Fonterra Co-operative Group Ltd and President of Nippon NZMP Ltd; and Scott Gallacher, the joint head of the International Trade Law Group of Minter Ellison Rudd Watts. The conclusions drawn from the keynote speeches and the aftermath discussion, involving both the panel and attendees, were submitted to *Seriously Asia*. Papers are on the NZAI website.

With the support of an organising committee comprising staff principally but not entirely from this university, the Institute organised, in association with the School of Asian Studies, the 15th New Zealand Asian Studies Conference *Asia: Images, Ideas, Identities* on 21 – 24 November. This was an event of national significance both academically and in policy terms because the government and public realised the necessity to re-energise New Zealand's relationship with its partners in the Asia-Pacific region and update perceptions of Asia. In her speech at the opening evening, Prime Minister Helen Clark noted that New Zealand needed to change its one-dimensional, dollar-driven attitude towards Asia, and hoped that the conference reflected a change of focus which would help bring New Zealand and Asia closer together. The opening function was held in conjunction with an exhibition at the Auckland Museum of ceramics by renowned ceramicist Solan Chan.

The conference attracted more than 150 international and New Zealand scholars, who presented papers on a wide-ranging subjects, including culture, literature, media, education, language, demographics, migration, politics, business, development, and IT. The presentations were threaded together by the keynote speeches of four internationally-distinguished scholars. They were Prof Anthony Reid from the National University of Singapore (*Studying Cultural Difference in a Globalising World*), Prof Elaine Kim from the University of California at Berkeley (*Feminism, Nationalism and Diaspora*), Prof Robin Jeffrey from the La Trobe University (*Does Bowling for Asia Mean Bowling Alone? Public Policy and Cultural Change in Australia*), and Mr Brad Glosserman from the Pacific Forum CSIS (*Uprooted: Japan's Search for Identity in the 21st Century*).

The number of international students in New Zealand has grown markedly in recent years, and the economic and social impact has been considerable. The growth in numbers has not, however, been matched by an expansion or deepening of research

into the phenomenon. To make sure that New Zealand makes the most of it, not merely or even mainly in the monetary terms in which it is all too frequently viewed, but in terms of the wider benefits that should be encompassed by the term ‘internationalisation’, the Institute embarked on a research project on international education in 2003. The initial phase, supported by the University Development Fund, was close to conclusion by the end of the year, in which the patterns of mobility over the last half-century were examined as a means of forming projections for the coming decades. In the research, New Zealand experience was studied side by side with that of other countries, particularly Australia, and also Singapore, a source country in the past, now itself a supplier of international education. Initial findings were presented at the 15th New Zealand Asian Studies Conference.

On 9 – 10 December, a New Zealand delegation headed by the Director attended a symposium in Shanghai on regional security and non-traditional security issues, which was jointly organised by the Institute and the Shanghai Institute for International Studies. New Zealand Ambassador John McKinnon, the Executive Director of the Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand, Ambassador Christopher Butler, and five New Zealand academics spoke at the symposium. Chinese participants were especially pleased to have this relatively rare opportunity to exchange opinions with scholars from New Zealand.

Chinese interest in New Zealand socio-political affairs attested to the relevance of the visit to Peking University by the Director and some of the delegation. Vice-President Hao Ping and Prof Liu Shusen updated the New Zealand party on preparations for the establishment of a New Zealand Studies Centre in Peking University. On behalf of the University of Auckland, the Director presented a set of the New Zealand Dictionary of National Biography to the future Centre. The Director also spoke to a large group of students of English. Their enthusiasm in asking questions after the speech indicated a healthy curiosity about New Zealand and its higher education among Chinese university students. Separate meetings were also held with Chinese foreign policy think-tanks in Beijing.

The Institute’s seminar series covered a wide range of topics, featuring international visitors and local speakers. The Institute also continued its popular Business Breakfast series. The three sessions addressed respectively by Ambassador John McKinnon on *China’s New Leadership: The Impact for New Zealand*, Dr Wayne Mapp, M.P on *New Zealand and East Asia within a Global Uni-Polar Power Structure*, and Dr Viphandh Roengithya, Thai Chair of ABAC & President, Asian University of Science & Technology on *APEC and Its Business Coalition: A Thai Perspective*. Details of the discussions are covered in the Institute’s newsletter *Asia Info* on www.auckland.ac.nz/nzai.

Thanks to the continued support of the Korean Consulate-General in Auckland, the Institute and the School of Asian Studies jointly ran another successful series of Korean films, which were appreciated by large audiences from the university and the community.

Collaboration, Outreach and Staff Activities

In addition to organising events jointly with relevant schools in the university (including Asian Studies, Business, and the Faculty of Law), the Institute continues to work with interested institutions and groups in its programmes in Auckland. The Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand and the New Zealand Committee for the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council are key collaborators, and were major partners in the workshop on regional free trade arrangements, co-sponsored with law firm Minter Ellison Rudd Watts in October. The workshop's conclusions formed part of the briefing material for *Seriously Asia*. The Foundation and NZPECC have also assisted with costs of speakers for Institute events. Other seminars, including in our breakfast series, were co-sponsored by relevant business councils.

The Director's outreach engagements included a speech to the ASEAN/New Zealand Combined Business Councils on the importance of ASEAN to New Zealand, and to media. As noted above, the Director participated in the work of the *Seriously Asia* forum and was a member of the preparatory group that considered political and security issues ahead of the forum meeting. He also continued membership of the Board of Governors of the English Language Academy of The University of Auckland, the board of The University of Auckland Business School's Business Case Writing Centre, and the New Zealand Committee for the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council.

SARS notwithstanding, the Institute hosted or briefed a large number of delegations from Asian countries throughout the year, notably from China, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. In some cases, meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Office of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International) or the School of Asian Studies.

Ad hoc seminars were arranged for visitors with Asian interests from the region as well as from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London, from the APEC Business Advisory Council in Bangkok and from the Washington DC office of the East-West Center.

The Director visited Asia twice in 2003. The first visit was centred on the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, held in Brunei Darussalam in September, which he attended as a member of the New Zealand Committee. That afforded the occasion to visit think-tanks and universities in East Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam. In Hanoi, Dr Kember gave an address to the Hanoi University of Foreign Studies. The visit was an opportunity not only to outline the Institute's interests in closer collaboration but also to explore more broadly the prospects for academic and research collaboration between respective universities and institutions.

In December, the Director led a delegation of academics from The University of Auckland and other institutions to a joint conference with the Shanghai Institute for International Studies, in Shanghai. This meeting had been scheduled for earlier in the year but had had to be postponed due to SARS and focused on Asia-Pacific issues as well as China-New Zealand relations. Around this visit, the Director also paid calls

on universities and think-tanks in Shanghai and Beijing and gave an address to students at Peking University.

Dr. Young-hee Lee took her study leave at Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands from 16 September to 5 November. There she began directed readings in Buddhist kasa of the Chosôn period. The result of these preliminary readings is a new joint research project with Professor Boudewijn Walraven of Leiden University.

Personnel

The Institute continued to operate in 2003 with the same permanent staff complement of three, supported by Institute Fellow Emeritus Professor Nicholas Tarling. The Institute's Management Committee, headed by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr Christopher Tremewan, have agreed to review the staffing structure in the context of a broader review of the current mission objectives.

Japan Studies Centre Director Dr Reiko Aoki is currently on the first year of a two-year post as Associate Professor at the Institute of Economic Research at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo.

The Advisory Board met in March and October considering a range of research, outreach and programme proposals. The Institute expresses its thanks to Board members, especially to those who have for various reasons relinquished their responsibilities during the year.

Henry Acland, a graduate student in Politics, has assisted with Institute programmes during the year as well as on the Institute's research on international students. Last year, he presented papers on East Timor independence at two international conferences as well as finishing his Masters. He is now working with National Radio to make his papers on East Timor into a radio documentary.

James Chang, a graduate student in Political Studies, joined the Institute in 2003. In addition to assisting with a variety of administrative tasks and with conferences and seminar programmes, he is currently working on a MA thesis entitled *Contemporary Maori Perceptions of Asian Immigration*, due for completion in early 2004.

Chris Novak, a graduate student in Political Studies joined the Institute in October 2003. Chris is currently working on his MA thesis on the effects of global poverty on International Relations. He is especially concerned that existing institutions and state policies are not able to adequately cope with increasing levels of poverty. This is exacerbated due to current trends in world politics for states to neglect their global responsibilities in an increasingly interconnected world.

Financial Resources

Operating expenses of the Institute are met by the University. Programme and research activity however is funded largely by way of grants raised. The most

important of these are noted below and also acknowledged at the outset of this *Annual Report*.

However, increasingly, support has come in ways that cannot easily be reflected in a balance statement, either because a specific value has not been attributed or because the sponsor does not wish this to occur. It is however important to note that the provision of conference space, the hosting of functions, and assistance with the costs of bringing visitors to New Zealand, and the accommodation and hospitality offered to the Director and others on travel overseas, are among the items of support in kind that would add several thousand dollars on both sides of the ledger of a true-cost balance sheet. We warmly acknowledge those who have assisted the Institute in this way.

The Institute obtained major grants and contributions as follows:

Source	Amount \$NZ	Purpose
Asia 2000 Foundation	7080	Contribution towards participant costs for the international conference <i>From Miracle to Crisis and Beyond: Governance, Institutions and Anti-Corruption in Asia</i>
Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange	29,658	Conduct of international conference and related publication for conference <i>From Miracle to Crisis and Beyond: Governance, Institutions and Anti-Corruption in Asia</i>
Community EFTS	14,890	CEFTS earned for Institute's seminars and conferences
Korea Foundation	30,928	Interest earned on endowment from Korea Foundation Grant. Used to fund Korea Study Centre programmes and conference participation.
Korean Air	1000	Poster printing for Korean Film Series
Korea Foundation	12500	Scholarship for one student to pursue Masters level studies at the University of Auckland.
Lee Foundation Singapore.	4000	To host speakers from South East Asia for 15 th New Zealand Asian Studies Society Conference 21-24 November 2003
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand	3000	Contribution towards costs of publication of <i>China and New Zealand: A Thriving Relationship Thirty Years On</i>
New Zealand Agency for International Development	5000	Contribution towards International Conference <i>From Miracle to Crisis and Beyond: Governance, Institutions and Anti-Corruption in Asia</i> .
New Zealand Asian Studies Society	3090	Contribution towards costs of management of the NZASIA Conference <i>Asia: Images, Ideas, Identities</i>
University Development Fund	45000	International Student Mobility Project (managed through the Research Office of the University)

In addition to the above, a further \$1,123 was raised from registration fees, and \$2,081 from the sale of publications etc.

Conclusion

In the last 2½ years, the Institute has moved towards a more proactive implementation of its mission statement in terms of developing research and policy debate programmes as well as developing relationships with constituencies in New Zealand and the Asian region that benefit the university more broadly. As its survey of university staff (*Asia Nexus*) demonstrated, this university has very well-established interests in, and connections with, Asia; and the Institute has worked to enhance these.

The conference schedule for 2003 was something of a paean to the various mission objectives, covering New Zealand/Asia security and economic interests, as well as current research on Asia over a wide range of research fields. At some point, the balance between the research and policy debate activities and those geared more to relationship building will require reconsideration. In time, the research activity should increase but it behoves those who express reservations about the Institute's non-academic activity to remember those aspects of the mandate geared to developing closer linkages for the university with the Asian communities here and overseas which are important to its future well-being.

It will also be important that the university considers carefully the future funding of the Institute. Activities have increased commensurate not only with funding generated but also the non-attributable – but financially-crucial – support in kind from various institutions in Auckland. While this support, direct and indirect, has been central to a more developed programme, it is the university itself which has borne the operational costs for the Institute. The Prime Minister's declaration in November about the worrying global trend of the 'dumbing down' of foreign policy establishments is a nettle still to be grasped in terms of longer-term viability of centres like the New Zealand Asia Institute. But it is a challenge that needs urgent attention.

At the end of 2003, with the agreement of the university, the Director submitted his resignation a few months ahead of the planned three-year contract term. After what Dr Kember sees as a most rewarding assignment with the Institute and the university, he will return to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade as Director for Information and Public Affairs in February 2004.

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Appendix: Chronology of Events 2003

January

Visit of Prof Zheng Zhihai, Economic and Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, 15 January

February

Visit of Mr Juan-Carlos Brandt, the UN Representative in Sydney, 3 February

Roundtable given by Dr Kyoko Koishi, University of Otago on her work as the Japan/NZ S&T Coordinator of the Ministry of Research, Science & Technology, jointly organised with the APEC Study Centre and the Faculty of Business and Economics, 5 February

Seminar on *International Terrorism: Islamic Extremism in Indonesia and the Myth of Abu Bashir* given by Dr Tim Behrend, School of Asian Studies, jointly organised with the School of Asian Studies, 19 February

Visit of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences delegation, 28 February

March

Roundtable on *Overview of Present Situation in Aceh* given by Mr Nurdin Abdul Rahman, Founding Director, Programme of Activities of Socio-economy for Victims of Conflict in Aceh, jointly organised with the School of Asian Studies, 3 March

NZAI Advisory Board Meeting, 7 March

NZAI Director spoke on *Why Does ASEAN Matter to New Zealand* at the ASEAN New Zealand Combined Business Council Annual General Meeting, 25 March

Seminar on *Economics Education: The Case in Japan* given by Prof Michio Yamaoka from Waseda University, Prof Takenori Inose from Hirosaki University, Prof Hisashi Kurihara from Shinshu University, Prof Shintaro ABE from Josai international University, and Ms Azusa Sato from Rikyo Women's College, 26 March

Korean Film Series 2003 jointly organised with the School of Asia Studies, 26 March

April

Business Breakfast on *China's New Leadership: The Impact for New Zealand* given by Mr John McKinnon, New Zealand Ambassador to China, 3 April

International conference on *From Miracle to Crisis and Beyond, Governance, Institutions and Anti-Corruption in Asia*, 28 April – 1 May

Korean Film Series 2003 jointly organised with the School of Asian Studies, 30 April

May

Korea Film Series 2003 jointly organised with School of Asia Studies 28 May

June

Business Breakfast on *New Zealand and East Asia within a Global Uni-Polar Power Structure*, given by Dr Wayne Mapp, M.P., 11 June

Roundtable on *Asian Directions and the Australasian Destiny* given by Dr Alan Oxley, Chairman, APEC Study Centre Australia, jointly organised with the Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand and APEC Study Centre, 11 June

Business roundtable on *East Asia: The once and future region* given by Mr Simon Tay, Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore and Chairman of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, jointly organised with the Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand and NZPECC, 25 June

July

Visit of Director to University of Otago Foreign Policy School; University of Canterbury; and Victoria University of Wellington, 27 June – 4 July

August

Seminar on *Dissent and Democracy: Hong Kong at a Crossroads?* given by Hon Martin Lee, jointly organised with the Faculty of Law, 15 August

Seminar on *Japan's International Relationship with the Asia-Pacific Region: The Role of the Institute of Pacific Relations* given by Prof Nobuo Katagiri, Gumma Prefectural Women's University, Japan, 20 August

Seminar on *Political and Economic Situation in Myanmar* given by Mr Teddy Buri, President, Members of Parliament Union-Burma, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, Member Ethnic Nationalities Solidarity and Cooperation Committee, and Advisor, United Nations League for Democracy-Liberated Area (UNLD-LA), 21 August

Seminar on *Economic Education in Junior High School and University in Japan: A Comparative Study with Korea and China* given by Mr Tadayoshi Asano, Senior Lecturer, Yamamura Gakuin University, Japan, 26 August

September

Visit of NZAI Director to Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Singapore, 31 August-11 September

Seminar on *China's Economic Growth and Income Disparity* given by Ms Li Shantong, Senior Research Fellow, Development Research Centre of the State Council (Beijing) and Ambassador Wang Qilang, Chinese Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, jointly organised with AUT and NZ China Friendship Society, 22 September

Deputy Director of China Studies Centre, Prof Wei Gao represented Royal Society of New Zealand to attend Beijing Science and Technology Week, 23 – 29 September

October

Workshop on *Regional Free Trade Arrangements* as part of preparations for Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand's forum "Seriously Asia", jointly organised with NZPECC, APEC Study Centre, Asia 2000 Foundation, and School of Business, 1 October

Lecture on *Korea's Economy and PECC* given by Prof Kim Kihwan, International Chair of PECC, jointly organised with NZPECC and the Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand, 2 October

Visit of Lt. General Xu Genchu, Vice President, Academy of Military Services, People's Liberation Army, China, and delegation to NZAI and AUT, 3 October

Roundtable on *Is the security order in Asia hegemonic?* given by Dr Muthiah Alagappa, Director, East-West Centre, Washington, 9 October

NZAI Advisory Board Meeting, 31 October

November

Visit of Mr Alexander Evans, Research Analyst, South & South East Asia Research Group, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London, 7 November

Business Breakfast on *APEC and Its Business Coalition: A Thai Perspective*
given by Dr Viphandh Roengithya, Thai Chair of ABAC & President, Asian
University of Science & Technology, 18 November

NZAI hosted meeting of NZ Asia institutes and centres, 21 November

15th biennial international conference of Asian Studies on *Asia: Images, Ideas, Identities*, 21 – 24 November

December

China-New Zealand Symposium on *Regional Relations* jointly organised with
the Shanghai Institute for International Studies, 9 – 10 December

NZAI Director's visit to Fudan University, 9 December

**NZAI Director's visit to Peking University, Chinese Foreign Affairs College,
Chinese Institute of International Studies**, 11-12 December