
HONOLULU SECURITY SEMINAR

The Office of the Public Diplomacy Advisor (J921) supports the public outreach and advocacy of U.S. diplomatic missions in the East Asia and Pacific region by designing and hosting single-country seminars known as the Honolulu Security Seminars. U.S. Country Teams identify the issues and themes that are critical to reinforce public understanding and support for U.S. security policy and U.S. military engagement in the PACOM AOR. Diplomatic missions value the opportunity the Honolulu Security Seminar offers them to reinforce their long-term relationship-building efforts with strategically important local institutions and leaders through this unique program.

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs (the "R Bureau") has funded a number of these thematic programs in the past through a special, one-time grant to embassies' Public Affairs Sections. Alternately, diplomatic missions have funded these seminars from their annual public diplomacy programming resources. Ranging from four-to-seven days in length, the Honolulu Security Seminars provide an opportunity for influential members of civil society – academia, media, non-governmental community leaders and local government officials – to gain personal insights and an enhanced understanding of U.S. regional security engagement that they otherwise could not obtain from studying these issues outside the U.S.
