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IN MEMORIAM

G. Raymond Nunn (1918-2009)

Godfrey Raymond Nunn, Professor Emeritus of the University of Hawaii, and first director of the East-West Center, died in Honolulu, Hawaii, on April 8, 2009, at the age of 90. Dr. Nunn was born in Pirbright, London, and was one month away from receiving his economics degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1940 when he was called to fight in World War II, where he served in the British and Indian armies in India, Singapore, Burma, and Indonesia and attained the rank of major.

Nunn returned to university after the war and graduated with a B.A. honors degree in Japanese from the London School of Oriental and African Studies. In 1951 he and his wife came to the United States to take up a post at the University of Michigan, from which he received his Ph.D. in 1957. In 1961 he moved to Hawaii to set up the East-West Center.

Nunn taught himself several languages, including Hindi and Japanese, and was able to speak six languages and read and write over ten. A highly regarded historian and author of nineteen books, he was one of the premier bibliographers of Asian reference materials and pioneered the Southeast Asia Collection at the University of Hawaii Hamilton Library. He retired in 1997.

Nunn is survived by his wife E. Margaret Nunn, daughters Pamela Nunn and Lesley Love, son Michael D. Nunn, and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held June 27, 2009, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church in Makiki, Hawaii. The family has established the G. Raymond Nunn Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University of Hawaii Foundation.

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Shohei Muta

Mr. Shohei Muta, Senior Specialist for Archival Affairs, National Archives of Japan, and Senior Researcher, Japan Center for Asian Historical Records, passed away after a long illness at the age of fifty-five on September 28, 2009.

Mr. Muta significantly contributed to the development of the Japan Center for Asian Historical Records (JACAR <http://www.jacar.go.jp/english/index.html>) as well as the recent reform of the National Archives of Japan. Without his dedicated work, the Public Records Act in Japan enacted in July of 2009 would have never been realized.

Mr. Muta was also recognized internationally as Japan's leader in preservation of electronic records and management of digital archives. He developed strong and trusted relationships with the library and archival communities in Japan and worldwide.

Mr. Muta's recent publications include "Myth and Reality about Pre-World War II Government Records," which was originally presented at the conference titled "Access to Archives: The Japanese and American Practices" held at the University of Tokyo May 9-11, 2007, and available on the Society of American Archivists website at <http://www.archivists.org/publications/proceedings/accesstoarchives/index.asp>.

Mr. Muta also spoke at the CEAL meetings in 2008 in Atlanta and the meetings of the JSAA (Japanese Studies Association of Australia) in 2007 in Canberra.

Mr. Muta is survived by his wife, Hiromi Muta. Memorial services were held September 29 and 30 in Tokyo.

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