



**ASIAN UNIVERSITY  
FOR WOMEN**

**Support Foundation**



**2015**  
Annual Report

**OUR PARTERSHIPS**

We are fortunate to have the support of a number of respected organizations and corporations who contribute to the A UW mission in varying ways. Some assist with recruitment, such as Grameen Bank, The Daughters for Life Foundation, and BRAC Afghanistan. The Goldman Sachs Foundation and JP Morgan Chase have both made contributions to university programs, such as the Access Academy, which enabled the university to open its doors in the early years. Finally, many sponsors cover the full cost of select students' education. These partners include IKEA Foundation, L'Oréal, Chevron Corporation, and UNIQLO.



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AUWSF Board of Directors Chairman Emeritus Jack Meyer with AUW alumna Marvah Shakib '14 in Hong Kong in August.

Dear friends,

It is our pleasure to present to you the 2015 Asian University for Women Support Foundation Annual Report. This publication provides an overview of the Support Foundation activities and AUW milestones of the past year. We appreciate your support in helping talented young women from Asia and the Middle East pursue higher education at AUW.

The Asian University for Women continues to remind us that our commitment is cultivating real results.

This May, AUW graduated its third class, bringing our alumnae ranks to more than 360 young women from 12 countries. Urging our new graduates to their horizons, AUW Chancellor Cherie Blair shared reflections at the graduation ceremony. Mrs. Blair told the class of 2015, "Despite the challenges, prejudices, and sorrows that riddle this world, I feel hope because I have seen what you women can do with your dreams." AUW recently welcomed a new class of inspiring young women, this year's Access Academy students, who will join their sisters one day in following their dreams as part of the AUW network. Many of them are already going where no one in their family has gone before: more than half of the Class of 2019 are the first in their family to attend university.

As members of the AUWSF Board of Directors, we have had the privilege of witnessing the AUW cause reach a wider audience every day. In August, AUWSF held a series of events in Hong Kong aimed at introducing AUW to new supporters and solidifying a pan-Asia support network for our students. You can see more details about our Hong Kong events on page eight. In September, ten of our students and alumnae represented AUW at a discussion on girls' education with Michelle Obama in New York City.

It was also in Hong Kong that Jack Meyer, AUW Co-Founder and AUWSF Chairman Emeritus, announced our \$100 million campaign. This campaign aims to pave the path to institutional sustainability by funding three main development goals: completing Phase I of the permanent campus; establishing an endowment; and providing stabilization funds while the campus is being built. We will be announcing different giving opportunities as we kick off 2016.

Tien Ho, a class of 2015 graduate from Vietnam, said that, "AUW has definitely given me the tools to dare to be who I am and what I can be." From all of us, thank you for your support of AUW, which gives us the tools to build the university into what it is, and what it can be.

Best wishes,

**AUW SUPPORT FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jack Meyer (Chairman Emeritus), Young Joon Kim (Chairman), Kamal Ahmad, Betty Y. Chen, Kapil Jain, Mohammad Abdullah Al Jalahma, Sheena S. Iyengar, Kathy M. Matsui, Catherine Watters Sasanuma, Miwa Seki

**DETAILS ON THE CAMPAIGNS**

This August, AUW Co-Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the AUWSF Board of Directors Jack Meyer announced our **new campaign to raise \$100 million** in support of the permanent campus and financial sustainability. You can view the announcement here: [www.bloomberg.com/news/videos/2015-08-31/investing-in-asia-s-future-female-leaders](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/videos/2015-08-31/investing-in-asia-s-future-female-leaders)

**\$25 MILLION**  
Stabilization Funds

**\$50 MILLION**  
Phase I of the Permanent Campus

**\$25 MILLION**  
Endowment

**\$35 MILLION**  
Full Scholarships for 500

Coinciding with this campaign is the \$35 million campaign, intended to provide full scholarships for 500 women over the next four years.



## GOVERNANCE

The Asian University for Women is an independent, international university chartered by the Parliament of Bangladesh. The AUW Charter ensures full institutional autonomy and academic freedom for the university. The Board of Trustees, which can number up to 23 members including two Government of Bangladesh officials serving as ex officio members, is responsible for the governance of the institution, including appointment and termination of the Vice Chancellor. Separately, several independent “support foundations” have been created in different tax jurisdictions around the world to mobilize financial resources for the university. These support foundations exist in Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, and the United States. We also work with partner organizations in Japan and elsewhere. The AUW Support Foundation based in Cambridge, Massachusetts is by far the most important source of funding mobilization for the university. It is governed by its own Board of Directors, several of whom also serve on the AUW Board of Trustees.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**\*Md. Nazrul Islam Khan**, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Gov't of Bangladesh

**\*Md. Shahidul Haque**, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Gov't of Bangladesh

### Council of Patrons

*The Council of Patrons is chaired by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina and includes the following distinguished women leaders.*

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*Advisors are eminent citizens from Bangladesh who provide counsel to the university on its day-to-day work.*

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**Sir Fazle Hasan Abed**

**Kamal Ahmad**

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**Miwa Seki**, Entrepreneur

*\* Ex-officio members*



Computer-generated image of the Campus Center designed by Moshe Safdie for AUW's permanent campus.

## International Council of Advisors

ICA members form a worldwide network of AUW supporters who assist in a range of activities to strengthen the university, such as faculty and student recruitment, internships and mentorships, and fundraising for scholarships or other activities.

**Dr. Jerome Friedman** (Chairman), Nobel Laureate; Institute Professor and Professor of Physics, Emeritus, MIT

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**Zheng Yu Huang**, Entrepreneur

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**Kin-Chung Lam**, Managing Director, Ebizanywhere Technologies Ltd

**Alan Lightman**, Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Dr. Serra Kirdar**, Social Entrepreneur

**Sally Jutabha Michaels**, Former Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Kingdom of Thailand

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**Diane Whitty**, Executive Director at J.P. Morgan Chase; Global Head of Philanthropy

**Jennie Kim**, Program Manager at Udacity



This summer, the Asian University for Women held an inaugural course on Global Mental Health, creating a platform for students to collaborate with visiting faculty from the United States, India, and Singapore. Pictured here, **Professor Anne Becker of Harvard Medical School** covered topics such as diagnostic frameworks, the life-course perspective, dementia, and case studies from her own work. The Global Mental Health course received support from the Ladd Family Foundation, the Harvard University Asia Center, and the Harvard South Asia Institute.

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*"I am so grateful to the students for sharing their insights, experience, and expertise on how they view some of the mental health issues we've discussed in a global framework and in two case examples from Fiji and Haiti, within their own regions. I hope that the students who took the course learned something new about mental health that engages them and mobilizes their interest in advocacy, science, and action that will address some of the health needs in their respective regions."*

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### DR. ANNE BECKER

Maude and Lillian Presley Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine, and Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

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## OUR FACULTY

The faculty at the Asian University for Women are as diverse as the student body, hailing from places as far as Sri Lanka, Australia, and the United States, and as near as Bangladesh. They are dedicated to their research and pedagogy, and to nurturing the young women at AUW to think critically and become discerning, well-informed, and courageous future leaders in their communities.



### ▲ Dr. Herman Tutehau Salton

Ph.D., University of Auckland, New Zealand

**Courses:** International Ethics; The United Nations in World Politics; A History of International Relations in 50 Objects; Global Ethics and Human Rights

Originally from a part of Italy close to the borders of Austria and Switzerland, Professor Salton, a human rights lawyer, grew up with an international outlook. When he first learned about AUW, he was drawn to the AUW mission and its diversity. Professor Salton is currently writing a book about the organizational pathologies of the UN.

#### How have you changed while at AUW?

The dedication, motivation and desire for learning of our students in the face of considerable challenges are unbelievable. To say that they are inspiring is a British understatement—I learn from them so much more than I teach them. I also love the fact that this is an international university where the students come from all over the world. Because of my upbringing, I am rather uncomfortable within a mono-national environment, so AUW fits me perfectly.

#### Could you share a favorite memory from your time at AUW?

A couple of years ago I took a group of students to the UN day in Dhaka as part of my United Nations course. We met some high-ranking UN representatives, all of whom were men, saw themselves as important and gave a rosy picture of the organization. Our students were the only women in the room! I was very impressed by the outspoken and critical—but also intelligent and courteous—way in which our students challenged that environment and those UN officials. Although I am not sure that we will be invited again, it hit me at that time that what we are doing at AUW is indeed making a difference.

### Dr. Meherun Ahmed ▼

Ph.D., University of Washington, United States

**Courses:** Principles of Microeconomics; Labor Economics; Development Economics; Game Theory; Advanced Economics

A native to Bangladesh, Professor Ahmed decided to teach at AUW because of how strongly the university's mission resonated with her own values. She began teaching at AUW in the fall of 2010. Her research focuses on the microeconomic analysis of household behavior, with an emphasis on investment in education and health, crisis coping mechanisms, nutrition, poverty, labor force supply, and inequality.

#### Why have you stayed at AUW?

After my first year here, I had to make a decision: whether to stay or go back to the USA. The decision was not difficult at all. I am a great fan of Rabindranath Tagore. In one of his famous poems, he urges us to leave a mark, no matter how insignificant it may seem. Teaching amazing young ladies from 15 different countries, learning from them, I was energized to a different level and I knew teaching here at AUW is the true calling of my life. It is the only way I can contribute, maybe in an infinitesimally small manner, and to change the narrow and dogmatic views of our societies in regards to women.

#### How have you changed while at AUW?

I think I have matured as a teacher here at AUW. I do not just teach theories in development economics anymore; I see real-life examples in my students. They bring so much insight, and ask so many thought-provoking questions. Teaching has become immensely engaging and exciting. I have learned the strength of commitment and perseverance from my students who rose up to life's challenges and obstacles; I am inspired by their desire for success, leading to hard work and efficiency; and I have gained courage to face difficult situations, taking in their respect for togetherness, energy to get the work done, and the synergy in managing opposing ideas. Being here is a humbling and yet extraordinarily rewarding experience.

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**DR. MEHERUN AHMED**

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## OUR STUDENTS

Ranging from Access Academy students who may be the first in their hometown to leave the country for higher education, to seniors writing theses and applying to jobs around the world, students are the heart of the Asian University for Women. Every year, as roughly 500 young women from 15 countries gather together to live and learn together in a multicultural, empowerment-focused setting, each student travels further in her own journey of personal discovery. This year we are focusing the spotlight on students who exemplify AUW's values of leadership, service, and curiosity.



### ◀ Ashwinii Tamil Chelvan '17

Selangor, Malaysia

**Major:** Biological Sciences

Ashwinii is AUW's first Malaysian student. This past summer, she interned at Maybank and traveled around her home country to give talks about her work and about her personal journey. She also enrolled in AUW's inaugural Global Mental Health Course, Global Mental Health Course, a five-week class taught by visiting faculty, including professors from Harvard and Yale Medical Schools. Now, she is passionate about breaking the stigma surrounding mental health. In her home country, she says, "Parents who have children with depression think that they are weak or have a weak heart, that they can't stand sadness or pain. I've never seen anyone bringing a person who's depressed to psychotherapy." Ashwinii's thoughts and realizations about this issue have clarified her own future plans. "I want to be a neuroscientist," Ashwinii affirms. "There is a high rate of suicide cases due to the stigma, and during [the course], we focused on how to create intervention measures to overcome this in Asia. This is something I want to do."



### ◀ Mitra Hussaini '17

Kabul, Afghanistan

**Major:** Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Mitra is the paragon of an innovative spirit. This past summer, she interned at BRAC International Center and spearheaded her own proposal to provide clean water in various regions of Kabul. Now that her proposal has been approved for funding, Mitra is excited to see her idea implemented. She is currently working on establishing the first women's-only fitness center in Afghanistan in order to break the taboo surrounding women's physical activity, and is planning two other projects: providing healthcare to pregnant women in rural areas in Afghanistan without easy access to transportation, and to establish a Model United Nations chapter in Kabul. All of these projects, she hopes, will help her pay her education forward. "I would like to thank AUW for giving me these leadership skills, so that I don't believe in saying *I can't*." Mitra is determined to bring these projects to fruition, and aspires "to work in the UN to help marginalized people."

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**MITRA HUSSAINI '17**







### ◀ Sonia Akter '16

Tangail, Bangladesh

**Major:** Economics

"I've grown up watching women deprived of their rights to education, freedom, and employment. I came from a male-dominated society where women don't get the rights to fulfill their dreams. Watching this situation from childhood, I strongly feel that I should fight for the women in my community, as well as my country, to get proper human rights," says Sonia, now in her final year at AUW. This summer, Sonia had the opportunity to take a step towards that dream, as she was selected to attend a human rights course at the University of Lucerne School of Law in Switzerland. Sonia received support from the United States Embassy in Dhaka in order to attend the program.

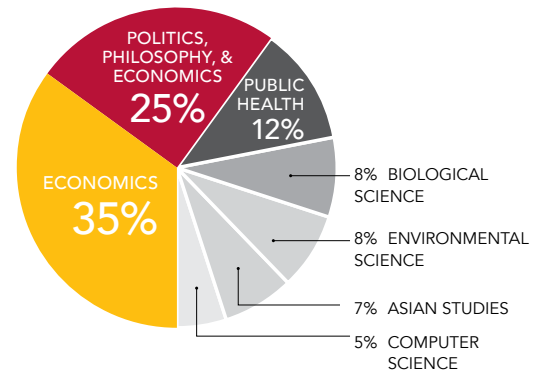
At Lucerne, she took four intensive courses: Introduction to Human Rights; Foreign Investment and Human Rights; Aspects of the Right to Life; and Human Rights in a Changing Society. Though she was the only one among her peers who did not hail from a law background, Sonia did not feel at a disadvantage. For the final moot court competition, which required her to compete against fifty-one other students before six honorable Supreme Court judges, she says, "We have to give so many oral presentations at AUW, and I had had practice with speaking in front of others. We also had to do extensive research for the trial." In all, her AUW research skills "really helped" and she left the courthouse with a first-place trophy in hand.

The coursework at Lucerne clarified Sonia's plan for her final year at AUW, and for her plans post-graduation. "I can now find diverse ways to look at problems and find solutions," she says. "I want to work on women's empowerment, education, and child rights." Sonia is a "Grameen Daughter" scholar, a student who was recruited through the Grameen Bank Borrowers network, which gives her a deep respect for women entrepreneurs. This year, she is writing her thesis on women's empowerment and the garment industry, and applying graduate school programs in development Economics to facilitate access to human rights.

## STUDENTS BY THE NUMBERS

Academic Year 2015 – 2016

### MAJORS AT AUW



### ACCESS ACADEMY (CLASS OF 2019)

Ethnic Groups	24
Native languages	17
Religions	4
<b>First woman in the family to attend university</b>	<b>68%</b>

### STUDENTS BY REGION

COUNTRY	STUDENTS	GRADUATES
Afghanistan	44	18
Bangladesh	223	181
Bhutan	38	12
Cambodia	14	13
China	2	4
India	21	31
Indonesia	2	0
Malaysia	1	0
Myanmar	11	3
Nepal	29	39
Pakistan	27	13
Palestine	5	2
Sri Lanka	15	47
Syria	6	0
Vietnam	37	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>379</b>

### ◀ Sneha Sandez '17

Pollibetta, India

**Major:** Asian Studies

Sneha is President of the Public Speaking Club, and a founding member of Humans of AUW, an online photojournalism blog "aimed at celebrating the diversity and inspiring stories of the AUW family." This past summer, she attended the first South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit held in Dhaka, and acted as a delegate representing Bangladesh in the Education, Science, and Cultural Committee. Her favorite part of the program was "identifying and understanding the social and political problems that are deteriorating South Asian collaboration." She elaborates, "I am really happy about being able to think and analyze issues differently. Earlier, I was not very critical on issues related to gender and religion. I observed and developed opinions based on stereotypes and cultural beliefs... The AUW learning environment is helping me develop as a better learner and thinker."

## GRADUATE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

Roughly 20% of AUW alumnae go to graduate schools around the world, including:

SCHOOL	COUNTRY
Ashoka University	India
BRAC University	Bangladesh
University of Bradford	United Kingdom
Brandeis University	United States
College of Natural Resources	Bhutan
Columbia University	United States
Dhaka University	Bangladesh
University of East Anglia	United Kingdom
University of Eastern Finland	Finland
Ewha Womans University	South Korea
University of Guelph	Canada
University of Hamburg	Germany
Universiti Kebangsaan	Malaysia
Latrobe University	Australia
Lund University	Sweden
Macquarie University	Australia
Nepal Engineer College Center	Nepal
North South University	Bangladesh
University of Queensland	Australia
School for International Training	United States
Seameo Recfon University	Indonesia
SOAS University of London	United Kingdom
Southern Illinois University	United States
South Asian University	India
Stanford University	United States
University of Surrey	United Kingdom
University of Trento	Italy
Umea University	Sweden
University for Peace	Costa Rica
University of Utah	United States
Ural Federal University	Russia
Vidura College	Sri Lanka
Wageningen University	Netherlands
University of Western Sydney	Australia
University of Westminster	United Kingdom
Yonsei Women's University	South Korea

## OUR ALUMNAE

After graduating from AUW, alumnae tend to return to their home country unless they are attending graduate school abroad. Their commitment to issues of social justice—such as education, healthcare access, and gender-based violence—are a testament to their motivation to tackle their societies' challenges. Examples of alumnae job placements include the World Bank, Save the Children, Chevron Bangladesh, Democracy International, Teach for Nepal, Accenture, and BRAC Young Professionals Program. We are delighted to feature Tam, Jampa, and Sweta as examples of alumnae success.



### ▲ Tam Nguyen '14

*Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*

**Major:** Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Tam's passion is centered on strengthening education in her country. Fittingly, she now works on the marketing team of FasTracKids Vietnam, a franchise that advocates for enrichment education during early childhood, where she designs the company's brochures, banners, website, fan page, and other communications materials. Tam wants to work on "provoking children to be curious...to always want to learn," as opposed to merely "stuffing or feeding knowledge into their heads." In her spare time, Tam is also a community manager for URB.im, a volunteer project of Dallant Networks and the Ford Foundation that connects 23 cities around the world, establishing a community that will share ideas, experiences, and solutions to urban poverty. In a year or two, she hopes to pursue a Master's degree in Education Management.





◀ **Jampa Latso '15**  
*Ganzi City, Tibet, China*  
**Major:** Asian Studies

A prolific writer, Jampa has been a long-time correspondent on online publications. In 2014, she was selected as one of three women from around the world to attend the World Pulse speaking tour in the United States. In July, she published an article on the World Pulse Global Issues page about her journey to higher education, tracing her life from growing up in a small village where boys were favored over girls, to the gradual discovery and reaffirmation of her talent and potential.

Now, Jampa has begun her Master's program in Sustainable Development, Leadership, and Social Change at the School for International Training (SIT) in Vermont, United States. She hopes this degree will be another step towards her dream: "In the future, I would like to establish a learning center for women and girls in my community, help them to realize their own potential, and also give them tools to equip themselves with life skills and enable them to do what they want to do."



▲ **Sweta Kumari '15**  
*Jharkhand, India*  
**Major:** Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Sweta is now a Young India Fellow at Ashoka University in Haryana, India. She is a part of a one-year Post-Graduate Diploma program in Liberal Studies and Leadership, for which she was awarded a full scholarship. At Ashoka, Sweta hopes to work towards her future plans, which are to "work with an organization that works in the area of development, such as livelihood, health, and economics." Sweta aspires to work with local NGOs to "increase the employment opportunities for less educated women of rural place of my region." She elaborates, "I want to create some kind of business that not only becomes a place for women to work, but also becomes a platform for them to interact with each other and discuss issues of concern, such as sanitation and safety."





## OUR EVENTS

AUW Supporters live all around the world, joining each other in cities such as Tokyo, New York, Hong Kong, and London to put on events related to the causes of women's education and international development. Below is a collection of highlights from various AUW events in 2015.

### 2015

- March** Tokyo, Japan: Japan Support Group Event
- May** Chittagong, Bangladesh: Third Commencement
- August** Hong Kong: Asia Society Panel
- September** Seoul, South Korea: Ewha Womans University Panel
- New York, United States: Metropolitan Museum of Art Event Sponsored by Abbott
- New York, United States: Let Girls Learn Panel with Michelle Obama



The Class of 2015 celebrated their Commencement in May.

The Asian University for Women Support Foundation would like to extend its deepest gratitude to all those who hosted our event series in Hong Kong. We are delighted to welcome the following newly elected members of the AUW Support Foundation (Hong Kong) Limited:

#### Co-Chairs

**Lynne Anne Davis**, President & Senior Partner, FleishmanHillard Asia Pacific

**Läle Kesebi**, Chief Communications Officer & Head of Strategic Engagement, Li & Fung

#### Members

**Jennifer Carver**, Chief Investment Officer, NEST Investments

**Anne Charron**, Lawyer and Counsellor

**Abigail DeLessio**, Chairwoman, Board of Managers, Hong Kong International School

**Richard Lee Folsom**, Representative Partner, Advantage Partners

**Yan-Yan Li**, Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, SAIL Advisors Limited

**Alice Lin**, Vice President of Global Business Finance/CFO, Oracle Asia Pacific

**Katharina Reimer**, Managing Partner, Reimer & Partners

**Robert Woll**, Partner, Deacons LLP

Hong Kong has been an important source of support for AUW for many years, and now the organization of a dedicated foundation in Hong Kong will enable us to significantly bolster Hong Kong's participation in the campaign to develop AUW into a sustainable and enduring institution.

We would like to thank the **Asia Society Hong Kong Center** and its Chairman **Mr. Ronnie Chan** for hosting "For Lasting Change: Women's Education and Empowerment" on August 31, 2015. AUW Chancellor Cherie Blair, co-founder Jack Meyer, alumna Marvah Shakib from Afghanistan, and student Christina Tamang from Nepal each shared their perspectives on this pressing matter in a panel discussion moderated by Ronnie Chan. "For Lasting Change" saw an impressive turnout, with over 350 in attendance, making it one of the larger events hosted at the venue.

Our activities in Hong Kong could not have happened without the support of many like-minded individuals. A warm thank you to **Morgan Sze**, Founder and Chief Investment Officer of Aventus, who hosted Mr. Meyer the next day at a roundtable event, and to the 100 Women in Hedge Funds for lunch with Mr. Meyer. We would also like to thank **Mark Tucker** of AIA Group Limited for hosting dinner on August 30th. We deeply appreciate, too, **Vincent Duhamel** and **Anne Charron** of **Lombard Odier** for an engaging dinner after "For Lasting Change" at the Asia Society. Finally, we were delighted to join the **American Chamber of Commerce** and Brunswick Group with AUW Chancellor Mrs. Blair. We would also like to thank **Jean Sung** for holding a thought-provoking **Women in Philanthropy** discussion on girls' education, titled, "Exploring the Role of Philanthropy in Changing the World." All events made for thoughtful and evocative discussion on the urgency of women's education, and on women's rights as human rights.

#### THANK YOU:



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Miwa Seki, Saniya Bloomer, Drishya Gurung '13, First Lady of Japan Akie Abe, Nawra Mehrin '13, Catherine Watters-Sasanuma, and Kathy Matsui at the Japan Support Group event in Tokyo.



UNESCO Director-General and AUW Patron Irina Bokova, Policy Director, Office of the First Lady of the United States Krishanti Vignarajah, and Fatima Sabri '14 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art generously sponsored by Abbott.



Jack Meyer, Marvah Shakib '14, Cherie Blair, Christina Tamang '17, and Asia Society Hong Kong Center Chairman Ronnie Chan in Hong Kong.



Ewha Womans University President Choi Kyung-Hee and Cherie Blair in Seoul.



AUW Hong Kong Support Foundation Board Members gathered in August to attend the Asia Society event and plan for the upcoming year. Top from left, Kamal Ahmad, Lâle Kesebi, Jack Meyer, Alice Lin, Young Joon Kim; bottom from left, Yan-Yan Li, Katharine Reimer, Cherie Blair, Lynne Anne Davis, and Abigail DeLessio.



## 2015 GIFTS TO AUW

AUW supporters contribute at a range of levels to our mission of educating the next generation of women leaders in Asia and the Middle East. We are pleased to have the opportunity to recognize donors by lifetime cumulative giving, and gifts over the 2015 fiscal year. Supporters who have given at the highest levels are placed in Giving Societies named for the AUW Houses, which celebrate the characteristics which AUW seeks to instill: Wisdom, Service, Courage, Justice, Imagination, Joy, and Truth.

*“Chevron is proud to partner with the Asian University for Women to provide opportunities for young women to study science, technology, engineering and math. I’m confident the AUW scholarship students we’ve supported over the years will make significant contributions to their home countries as they develop into future leaders. I look forward to following their progress.”*

### MELODY MEYER

President, Chevron Asia Pacific Exploration and Production

With support reaching back to AUW’s first year of operations, **Chevron Corporation** is a leading example of corporate social responsibility and investment in women’s education in Asia. Chevron is currently providing scholarships for women in science majors at AUW.



**Andreas Sadler** (Policy, Government & Public Affairs Advisor, Chevron Asia Pacific Exploration & Production), **Nusrat Kakon '17**, **Anika Nawer '17**, **Tahira Tazreen '17**, **Jean Bodeau** (Manager, Health, Environment and Safety, Chevron Asia Pacific Exploration & Production), **Chathuri Weerasinghe '17**, and **Katsuki Sakai** (Asia Outreach Manager, AUW Support Foundation Singapore)

### LIFETIME GIVING SOCIETIES

The individuals and organizations listed below have contributed to AUW with commitment and generosity over the years. We would like to recognize their impact by acknowledging our gratitude for their level of cumulative giving shown in the societies below.

#### WISDOM SOCIETY

##### Cumulative Support of \$10 million or more

Jack and Beth Meyer  
Stichting IKEA Foundation

#### SERVICE SOCIETY

##### Cumulative Support of \$5 million or more

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##### Support of \$1 million to \$4,999,999

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Kathy Matsui and Jesper Koll  
Open Society Institute  
United States Department of State  
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##### Cumulative Support of \$250,000 to \$999,999

Mary D. Byron	Packard Foundation
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Fumiko Ozawa	
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#### IN-KIND

Google.org	Mintz Levin Cohn Ferriz Glovsky & Popeo
The Government of Bangladesh	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw	Sotheby's



## ANNUAL GIVING SOCIETIES 2014 – 2015

We gratefully acknowledge the support from the following individuals, corporations, foundations, and governments from the past year. The following Giving Societies are based on contributions in the 2015 fiscal year and exclude pledges. For cumulative giving, please see the Lifetime Giving Societies.

### IN-KIND

Google.org  
Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw  
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

### IMAGINATION SOCIETY

#### Annual Gifts of \$100,000 and up

Abbott  
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Kathy Matsui and Jesper Koll  
Jack and Beth Meyer  
Catherine and Taisuke Sasanuma  
UNIQLO Co., Ltd  
United States Department of State

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#### Annual Gifts of \$50,000 to \$99,999

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#### Annual Gifts of \$15,000 to \$49,999

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### ADVOCATES SOCIETY

#### Annual Gifts of \$5,000 to \$14,999

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Mitsui & Co., Ltd.	Tsumie Yamaguchi
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### SUPPORTERS SOCIETY

#### Annual Gifts of \$1,000 to \$4,999

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### FRIENDS SOCIETY

#### Annual Gifts of up to \$999

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Tiziana Agnese Alamprese	Atsuko Egawa	Naoko and Akira Kondoh	Ann Sado
Nishad Alani	Christine Elliott	Asako Kubo	Heidi Sanford
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Kay Deguchi	Tatsuro and Mari Kiyohara	Sara Oseasohn	Makoto Yoshida
Jan Desseiss		Melinda Papowitz	

*"I became an immediate supporter and fan of AUW when I was first introduced to it in 2009. My parents, who were both in academia and education, instilled in me and my siblings the value and importance of lifelong education and learning, which I am also endeavoring to pass on to my children, three of whom are girls. I have spent my entire adult career in Asia, now having the opportunity to live in Hong Kong, and I would like to help build momentum and support for AUW."*

### RICHARD FOLSOM

Representative Partner, Advantage Partners

## OUR INTERNS

### ▼ Syeda Nafisa Nawal '16

*Dhaka, Bangladesh*

**Major:** Economics

This summer, Syeda interned under Dr. Dipu Moni, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs, and former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh. Syeda conducted extensive research compiling "a list of all the treaties that Bangladesh has signed and ratified so far." About the experience, she says, "It was exciting to think we were a part of something so important." Another aspect Syeda truly appreciated was being able to see Dr. Moni's working style; Syeda describes her as, "very devoted to the people" and serves as a female role model. The internship gave Syeda a unique glimpse into foreign affairs, which will help her as she crafts her senior thesis on cross-country analysis on foreign remittance and inflation.



## OUR INTERNSHIPS

The AUW curriculum pairs coursework with professional experience, to prepare our students to become leaders in their fields and communities. These internships provide students with a glimpse into various career trajectories which helps them plan for their futures. This summer, over 100 students completed internships at 54 different organizations.

Internship sites included:

Abbott (India, Vietnam)

Aga Khan Rural Support Program (Pakistan)

Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation

BRAC (Afghanistan, Bangladesh)

Central Environmental Authority (Sri Lanka)

Children Development Center of Myanmar

FTI Consulting (Belgium, England)

Grameen Bank (Bangladesh)

Hashoo Foundation (Pakistan)

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L'Oréal (China, India)

Ministry of Counter Narcotics, Government of Afghanistan

Ministry of Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs (Bangladesh)

Natural Resources Development Corporation Limited (Bhutan)

Office of Dr. Dipu Moni, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs (Bangladesh)

Office of the Hon'bl Speaker of the House, Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury (Bangladesh)

Royal Society for Protection of Nature of Bhutan

SEALNet Project Cambodia

Temple University (Japan)

UNIQLO (Bangladesh, Japan)

World Bank (Bangladesh)

### ► Duyen Tran '16

*Dong Nai Province, Vietnam*

**Major:** Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Duyen interned in the Talent Acquisition department at Abbott this summer. In addition to testing out recruitment activities, she was also responsible for composing a plan for Abbott that would encompass social media outreach and website publications. In this regard, Duyen had to analyze the tools that influential companies had used and discern which methods worked best. In turn, her experience at Abbott gave Duyen her first exposure to the professional world. "The difference here is professionalism," Duyen says. She has been struck by the attitudes of the employees at Abbott, saying, "They are very hardworking. What I have learned from the company, I can definitely use in my future—how to showcase myself, how to express myself."





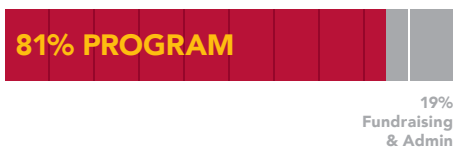
## FINANCIAL REPORT

Over the past year, the Asian University for Women spent \$5.7 million on programs and administration, providing higher education to nearly 500 women from Asia and the Middle East. For the third consecutive year, contributions have increased, showing a rising commitment to women's education around the world. Without scholarships, many AUW students would not be able to pursue their undergraduate degrees. Below is a breakdown of revenues and expenses for Fiscal Year 2015.

### EFFICIENT AND ACCOUNTABLE

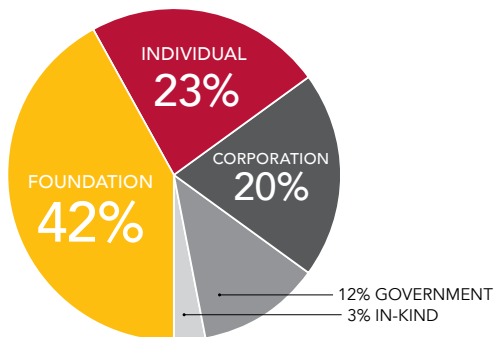
In Fiscal Year 2015, 81% of funds went to education-related activities, and 19% to fundraising and administration. Your gift has a direct impact on educating AUW students.

Using your gifts wisely:

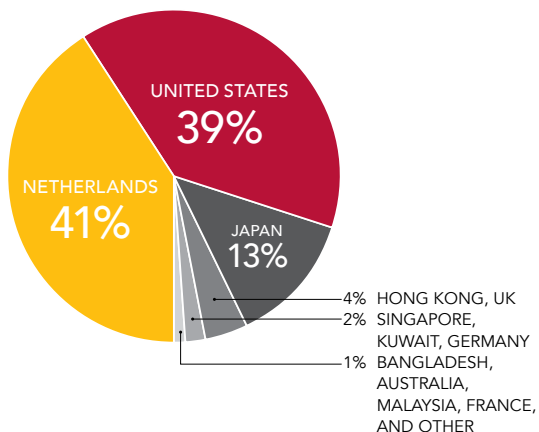


### OUR SUPPORTERS

Supporter Type Breakdown FY 2015



Supporter Country Breakdown FY 2015



## Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

	2015	2014
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Contributions and Grants	\$1,644,779	\$1,596,713
Donated services	\$153,738	\$133,354
Rental income	\$0	\$13,000
Interest and dividend income	\$43	\$1,080
Miscellaneous income	\$7,188	\$6,105
Net assets released from restrictions	\$4,013,881	\$4,998,420
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$5,819,629</b>	<b>\$6,748,672</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Services		
University	\$3,784,270	\$4,940,108
Access Academy	\$865,515	\$875,218
Campus Planning and Operations	\$1,318	\$16,807
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$4,651,103</b>	<b>\$5,832,133</b>
Supporting Services		
Management and general	\$405,566	\$424,696
Fundraising	\$718,033	\$614,791
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>	<b>\$1,123,599</b>	<b>\$1,039,487</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,774,702</b>	<b>\$6,871,620</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Net assets, beginning of year	\$14,476,973	\$11,495,256
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(\$3,289,807)	\$2,981,717
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$11,187,166</b>	<b>\$14,476,973</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$609,601	\$615,141
Unconditional promises to give	\$6,267,551	\$8,852,793
Other Assets	\$4,559,071	\$5,412,107
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$11,436,223</b>	<b>\$14,880,041</b>

AUWSF makes its past audited financial statements publicly available here: <http://asian-university.org/whoware/> Reports are under the "Finances" tab.





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*“My advice to young women is to look beyond what is present, to dream and never be ashamed to dream, and to understand that we are worth more than what we receive today.”*

**ASWATHY VIJAYAKUMAR**  
AUW Class of 2013

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