

# IN THE 19TH CENTURY, THE INHABITANTS ON THE RIM OF THE VAST PACIFIC OCEAN BARELY KNEW ONE ANOTHER. DURING THE 20TH CENTURY THEY MET, SOMETIMES VIOLENTLY. BUT WHEN THE HISTORY OF THE 21ST CENTURY IS WRITTEN,

IT WILL RECORD THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE PACIFIC RIM CAME TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER AND TO SHARE IN VALUES THAT LED TO A GREATER PEACE AND PROSPERITY THAN THE REGION HAD EVER KNOWN. This is the vision of the Pacific Century Institute. Its mission is to build bridges between the peoples of the Pacific Rim, focusing especially on gaps not being filled by other institutions. PCI uses imaginative programming to foster education, research, cross-cultural communication, and policy dialogue. Its constituency – scholars, government officials, businesspersons, journalists, military, students, workers, environmentalists, and social activists - is determined only by the ability to build a better bridge to understanding. The prestigious Building Bridges Award is given each year to an individual who has exemplified a commitment to enhancing relations among the peoples of the Pacific Rim. Project Bridge provides American high school students from diverse backgrounds a year long program, culminating in a trip to Asia, designed to develop mutual understanding between cultures.



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