



## Earth Journalism Network Now in Asia and Mexico

### EJN Expands in Asia and Explores Future Partnerships in Latin America

Moving to its next stage of development, the Earth Journalism Network (EJN), will build its programs from Thailand, where EJN Executive Director James Fahn will also serve as Country Director for Internews Network. The Earth Journalism Network is a project started up by Internews Network to work with environmental journalists worldwide. From its new base, EJN will field-test its curricula and build the capacity of Asian networks of environmental journalists.

EJN will expand its work in Asia in autumn 2005 with a brainstorming workshop of prominent Asian environmental journalists. The goal of the workshop is to design strategies for environmental journalism with the help of some of Asia's best practitioners in the field.

EJN will also continue its work in Latin America with a workshop planned for December in Mexico and other opportunities being pursued in the Andean region.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

During its first nine months of operation, EJN held environmental journalism training sessions for TV journalists in Indonesia and radio reporters in Mexico. Follow-up workshops are currently being designed. The results of these efforts are expected to form the basis for the development of thriving networks of environmental journalists in these countries.

EJN has also successfully gained financial support from the Rockefeller Financial Associates, the Ford Foundation and other donors.

#### REGIONAL INTERESTS AND FUTURE PARTNERSHIPS

There has been significant interest in EJN's work from journalists in Asia, which is one reason Fahn is temporarily moving to Thailand. There, in addition to organizing Indonesian workshops, he is exploring opportunities to build the capacity of environmental journalism networks in Vietnam, Thailand, China and other countries.

Besides its work in Asia, EJN will continue to pursue opportunities in Latin America. Fahn recently attended the Austin Forum on Journalism in the Americas at the University of Texas, where he met with representatives of journalism groups from throughout Latin America. Many expressed great interest in partnering with EJN. If funding can be secured, there is potential to work with journalists in Peru, Brazil, Chile, the Caribbean, and the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. In the immediate future, however, Fahn will be concentrating on building up the programs in



A broadcast tower flanks an historic temple in Thailand.

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#### REPORTING & PROGRAMMING

Meanwhile, EJN President Gary Stricker is contributing environmental news reports to CNN and NBC. He is working on agreements to provide news and documentary programming to public, satellite and cable television.

