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Vietnam's Tran Phuoc Anh briefs a strategic vision framework during a joint U.S.-Vietnam workshop March 20 at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. Anh was one of 30 Vietnam leaders who took part in a five-day event designed to enhance their understanding of international cooperation. The event was another step forward in the growing U.S.-Vietnam partnership. The complete story and others within the "Building Partnership" theme are found on pages 16-27.

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Building partnerships vital to peace, stability

In an interconnected world, the effects of events in one nation often extend into neighboring nations, and even throughout the world. A tsunami in Southeast Asia or an earthquake in Nepal, can spark a global response. Additionally, crime, conflict and terrorism often occur today at the transnational level, requiring multinational engagement.

In such a world, achieving stability and prosperity demands a commitment to building international partnerships. This edition of *Currents* showcases how the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies is reaching across language, cultural and political barriers to foster an effective network of bilateral and multilateral partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region.

APCSS alumni have literally changed the world by engaging in informed and successful professional partnerships at the individual, organizational and national levels.

With that in mind, we partnered with the Office of the (U.S.) Secretary of Defense for Policy and U.S. Pacific Command to conduct the “Building Maritime Shared Awareness in Southeast Asia” workshop in May. The event enabled the United States and 10 ASEAN nations to increase cooperation through sharing best practices on operations such as combating piracy, and narcotics smuggling.

In April, we teamed with the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs to help prepare that nation to assume the ASEAN Chair-



Frequent bilateral and multilateral courses and workshops enable APCSS to partner with governments and agencies to address challenges impacting multiple security-related arenas, to include effective governance, security sector development, and health and environment.

manship. Lao PDR will lead various ASEAN organizations and events, including hundreds of summits. Thus, we facilitated discussions on effective coordination and organizational change.

Partnering with the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, the Center hosted the “Vietnam and Regional Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific” workshop in March. Our team helped strengthen 30 Vietnam leaders’ understanding of how cooperation can enhance integration into the global community.

Our entire focus at APCSS is to empower people through education and connection; over time, this focus has borne much fruit. APCSS alumni have literally changed the world by engaging in informed and successful professional partnerships at the individual, organizational and national levels. Over the last two decades, these have resulted in a host of positive security sector developments throughout the region.

My hope is that over the next two

decades, APCSS will become even more of a force for fostering the vital partnerships needed for a peaceful, prosperous Asia-Pacific region.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Congress re-designated APCSS as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, or DKI APCSS. We will still be called “APCSS” for short by many, but at the same time, we are very honored to be taking on the name of the late Senator. A Medal of Honor recipient and long time U.S. Senator from Hawai’i, he was instrumental to the establishment of our Center. See the related news story on Page 37 for more details.

Sincerely,

Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf
Director, APCSS

APCSS professors teach at Mongolia conference

Dr. Jeffrey Reeves and Dr. Alfred Oehlers supported the Pacific Area Security Sector Working Group in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Sept. 17 to 26.

The two traveled at the request of U.S. Special Operations Command Pacific. They conducted lectures and assisted in facilitating discussions among 85 participants from nine nations on countering violent extremism, proliferation, disaster response, peacekeeping operations, and security sector development.

Among other U.S. government attendees were representatives of the U.S. Department of Energy and Joint Special Operations University.

Prof. Nankivell supports Indonesia maritime course

Professor Kerry Lynn Nankivell attended the Course on Maritime Violence at the Indonesia National Defence University Dec. 9-10. The course was conducted by the Center for Civil-Military Relations, a sub-agency of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

Nankivell provided a lecture on the South China Sea to 25 international students and served on a three-person panel along with representatives of the CCMR and Defense Institute of International Legal Studies.

Faculty members attend U.S.-Japan relations event

A team of Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies faculty members joined their Japanese peers for the Oct. 21 to 31 U.S.-Japan Relations and Maritime Security in the East and South China Seas workshop in Tokyo.

Drs. David Fouse, Virginia Bacay-Watson, Alex Vuving, and U.S. Navy Cmdr. Alan Chace took part in a dialogue to determine how the two nations can best work together to ensure security in the maritime domain of the Western Pacific. Fouse conducted research while in Tokyo to gain a deeper understanding of Japan's evolving defense and political environment.



APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf takes questions as part of the “Smart Power: The Military and Inclusive Security” panel at Georgetown University.

Inclusion focused: Director Leaf fields questions as ‘Smart Power’ panel member in D.C. symposium

“If you leave anyone in the organization on the sidelines, if you don’t leverage what they can contribute, your unit is less effective,” said Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf to an audience of students, officials, NGOs and diplomats at Georgetown University.

Leaf spoke at the symposium “Smart Power: The Military and Inclusive Security” in Washington, D.C., in December. The event was hosted by former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS).

Leaf was part of an international panel moderated by Ambassador Melanne Verveer, GIWPS director, and featuring Ambassador Mariët Schuurman, special representative to the NATO Secretary General for Women, Peace and Security; Maj. Gen. Adrian Foster, deputy military adviser for the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations; and Dr. Akihiko Tanaka, president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

When asked how a person with his background as a fighter pilot became such a strong advocate of inclusion, Leaf

explained his commitment to security sector inclusion “is not in spite of my background, it is *because of my background*.”

“As a fighter pilot, what doesn’t work or doesn’t work well isn’t merely uninteresting, it will kill you. Naturally, I gravitate to what works, and inclusion works.”

The director related how upon assuming his role at APCSS, he looked at improving the Center’s responsiveness to its mission to promote stability, security and cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific region. “The single best investment I could make...is to promote an inclusive approach to security and to promote women, peace and security.”

In response to a question on data supporting the value of inclusion, Leaf stated, “That’s one of our next strategic challenges at APCSS in women, peace and security. We’ve increased the participation; nearly doubled it. We’ve added subject matter to the curriculum.

“While the data exists,” he said, “It has not been synthesized in a way that is relevant, meaningful and compelling. Therefore, building the intellectual underpinnings of substantive instruction on WPS is a key task for the Center.”

Former RP armed forces chief talks security plan

APCSS alumnus spotlights country's 'whole-of-nation' approach

Gen. Emmanuel Bautista, former Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff, discussed his nation's internal peace and security plan Dec. 10 at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

The general is an alumnus of the Center's Security Sector Development (SSD 10-2) course. He used his APCSS experience to aid the Philippines military in developing a six-year plan to defeat terrorism. He laid out some of the plan's principle elements in a keynote speech before 28 Fellows attending the Transnational Security Cooperation Course (TSC 14-2).



Gen. Emmanuel Batista, former Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff and APCSS alumni, discusses his nation's security plan with Transnational Security Cooperation Fellows Dec. 10 at the Center.

Calling the plan “Bayanihan,” a Filipino term for community aid to one in distress, Bautista said the initiative moves the armed forces from a strictly combat strategy to a “whole-of-nation,” cross-sectoral approach.

“There is a need for complementary and concerted efforts (from) all our

stakeholders,” said Bautista. “While this is a military campaign plan, from the planning to the implementation phase, we involved other government agencies, non-government agencies, academia, religious (groups), and civil society agencies.”

The effects-based plan

has six objectives: contribute to a successful peace process; maintain a professional armed force; defeat terrorist groups; contribute to the resolution of conflict; help establish conditions enabling civil authorities to take responsibility for the population's safety; and support development initiatives.

Thus far, Bautista said the plan has resulted in the ongoing peace negotiations with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. The military has also “normalized” 48 of 75 provinces impacted by the Communist New People's Army, allowing civil authorities to take a lead security role.

The general related these effects may have contributed to the Philippines' unprecedented economic growth over the last three years.

Center supports ASEAN Regional Forum on maritime issues

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies played host to the Association of Southeast Nations annual maritime intersessional security meeting March 30 to April 1.

APCSS partnered with the ASEAN Regional Forum to facilitate discussions on pressing regional security issues, such as navigation safety, search and rescue,

maritime law enforcement, and domain awareness. They also conducted discussions on regional cooperation to resolve international tensions in the East and South China Seas.

The event was co-hosted by the U.S. State Department, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs.

Established in 2008, this annual ARF event provides a venue for “more focused dialogues” on maritime security issues impacting Southeast Asia.

The Forum is comprised of all ASEAN member states and other maritime nations, such as the United States and China.

Pictured at left, conference attendees take part in one of several workshop group breakout sessions.



Climate subject of Webinar

Climate change was the subject of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies' latest Webinar conducted April 14.

Dr. Scott Hauger led a discussion on current and future global impacts as well as proposed tactics to mediate climate change's ill effects. Some of these effects, stated Hauger, are higher ocean, air and ground temperatures, leading to rising sea levels, ice melt and desertification. Hauger shared global response initiatives under consideration in the areas of mitigation, adaptation and response. APCSS Webinars are designed to maintain connections with alumni through discussions on key security-related topics. Those interested in future sessions, should watch for APCSS announcements.

VISITORS



Ambassador Karen Stanton

U.S. Ambassador to Timor-Leste
Met with APCSS staff to discuss Center activities and issues associated with Timor-Leste on Dec. 23.

Lt. Gen. Ng Chee Meng

Singapore Chief of Defense
Visited Jan. 23 for a Center orientation and exchange of ideas with APCSS leadership and faculty. He is an alumnus of Senior Executive Course (SEC 07-1).



Rear Adm. Gojiro Watanabe

Director of Operations and Plans, Maritime Staff Office, Japan Ministry of Defense
Discussed Japan- and multinational-oriented maritime security topics with APCSS leadership and faculty Dec. 11.

Ambassador Amy Hyatt

U.S. Ambassador to Palau
Visited Feb. 27 for orientation on the Center's education and outreach programs.



Jeff Robinson

Australian Consul-General, Honolulu
Took part in discussions with APCSS staff Feb. 20.

Ambassador Judith Cefkin

U.S. Ambassador to Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, and Nauru
En route to new post in Fiji, received an APCSS orientation and discussed Center's involvement with relevant Pacific Island nations Jan. 30.



Air Commodore AHM Fazlul Haque

Director General, Directorate of Training, Armed Forces Division, Bangladesh
Gained insight on APCSS education programs and exchanged thoughts on strengthening U.S.-Bangladesh relations Oct. 30.

Ambassador Jimmie Kolker

Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Addressed global health security and opportunities for APCSS to participate in regional health diplomacy Oct. 22.





Ambassador Marcia Bernicat
 U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh
 Received an APCSS orientation and took part in a roundtable discussion with leadership and faculty Jan. 21.



Maj. Gen. Jun Nagashima
 Deputy Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary, National Security Secretariat, Japan
 Shared insights on development of Japan's new security secretariat and discussed with APCSS staff its activities associated with Northeast Asia on Jan. 23.



Gen. Lee Shying-jou
 Director, Taiwan National Security Bureau
 Received an APCSS orientation March 18 with an emphasis on APOC 15-3, to which Taiwan will send a large cohort.



Thomas Ross
 U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Security Cooperation
 Met with staff on Jan. 28 for detailed discussions on Center's mission, alumni network and program outcomes.



Fatema Sumar
 U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South & Central Asian Affairs
 Exchanged views with APCSS staff on security concerns and outreach efforts in South Asia May 5.



Gen. Lori Robinson
 Commander, Pacific Air Forces
 During Jan. 22 visit, exchanged perspectives on Asia-Pacific issues, including future trends and regional air operations.



Ambassador Mark Gilbert
 U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa
 Met with APCSS staff Jan. 21 to learn about Center's world-changing executive education program.



Ambassador Walter North
 U.S. Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu
 Discussed recent developments and APCSS activities in the region during a March 18 visit. He is an alumnus of the Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC 13-2) course.



One hundred nine Fellows from 34 locations attended the Advanced Security Cooperation (ASC 14-3) course Sept. 25 to Oct. 29.

Communicating across cultures

ASC 14-3 lays foundation for multinational problem solving

Cross-cultural communication and cooperation are vital to exploring effective strategies to meet transnational security challenges.

In the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies' Advanced Security Cooperation course, participants develop a shared understanding of critical socio-economic, military, political, and cultural issues impacting the region's evolving security environment.

"Most importantly," said course manager Professor Kerry Lynn Nankivell, "ASC moves participants to develop collaborative strategies to address regional challenges. These challenges can include everything from improving governance to preparing for and responding to natural disasters."

One hundred nine military and civilian professionals from 34 nations and territories attended the Sept. 25 to



Fozia Fayyaz, with Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, adds her perspective following an ASC 14-3 plenary discussion.

Oct. 29 session (ASC 14-3).

Attendees included military and law enforcement officers, foreign service officials, government representatives, and non-governmental and media professionals. They learned important analytical, decision-making, and leadership skills that will help them solve problems that often cut across national boundaries.

ASC 14-3 Fellows attended 18 plenary sessions conducted by APCSS

faculty members and adjunct instructors. Key discussion topics included "Complexity and Cooperation" by Dr. Bill Wieninger and "Strategy Development for Complex Adaptive Systems" by Herman Finley.

These discussions laid the groundwork for a class exercise focused on a regional biological threat. They prepared Fellows to cooperate in assessing the threat and developing an adaptive response strategy.

"This exercise came early in the course because it requires Fellows to quickly learn to communicate cross-culturally while applying advance problem-solving methods," explained Nankivell. She

ASC-at-a-Glance (Since 1999)

- 46 Courses
- 3,329 Fellows
- 62 nations

“Participants came from various walks of life; this was very fruitful for us. It broadened our view (and) gave us an opportunity to understand the partners with whom we work.”

Brig. Gen. Jagadish Pokharel
Nepal Army Director of Public Relations

added, “It sparked critical thinking while building the cooperative skills so vital to success in the course and long after.”

Learning to communicate and cooperate despite nationalistic, linguistic and cultural differences is critical in a course with such a diverse student body. Fellows came from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Fiji, Hong Kong, and India. They also came from Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, the Maldives, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan. Additionally, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Marshall Islands, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, United States, and Vietnam also sent Fellows.

“Participants came from various walks of life; this was very fruitful for us,” said Brig. Gen. Jagadish Pokharel adding, “It broadened our view (and) gave us an opportunity to understand the partners with whom we work.” Pokharel is the Nepal Army’s director of public relations.

The ASC education experience culminated in formal Fellows Projects in which attendees identified opportunities to improve security cooperation. They developed practical solutions for their organizations and briefed their projects to course mentors. The assignment objective is for each Fellow to strive



(Top) ASC 14-3, like all ASC courses, was comprised of a highly diverse cohort of international Fellows. (Bottom) Capt. Long Jiang, China Maritime Safety Agency, comments on notes summarizing his seminar group’s take on one of several Asia-Pacific security issues.

to implement their recommendations upon returning to their workplaces.

Among ASC 14-3 projects is an effort by Ahmed Mujthaba, a member of the Maldives Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to build awareness on human trafficking and youth unemployment in his country.

Philippines Air Force Brig. Gen. Charito Plaza seeks to institutionalize cooperation between her nation’s government, private industry and military

reserve units in humanitarian assistance and disaster response situations.

Plaza expressed gratitude for the opportunity to take part in the Center’s world-changing curriculum.

“The APCSS and United States gave us a legacy of promoting freedom through education and empowerment. I would like to thank the U.S. government and APCSS for this experience and the amazing knowledge I learned in this course.”

APOC: Getting smart on the Asia-Pacific region

“My key takeaway from the course was the reality, importance, gravity... of the (U.S.) rebalance to the Asia-Pacific.”

Ronan Kaplan
Senior Policy Advisor
Australian Department of Defence

Since 2007, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies has reached out to more than 2,400 security practitioners via the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course. The course educates participants from multiple nations on factors impacting global stability and development.

“The intent is to provide Fellows a greater understanding of issues that drive the region’s complex relationships and challenges,” said course manager Cmdr. Alan Chace. “They leave the Center better equipped to engage internationally and make more informed decisions in their areas of operation.”

APOC is comprised of mid-level military officers and civilian equivalents serving in defense, government, humanitarian and other security-related fields. The five-day course is held three times yearly with mobile versions conducted in the U.S. mainland as needed.

Course 15-1

The Jan. 26 to 30 APOC was the



Maj. Eric Corder, U.S. Air National Guard, facilitates a seminar discussion during APOC 14-2 at APCSS.

Center’s largest course to date with 152 Fellows from eight locations attending.

The course featured 14 topical discussions, several of which addressed current issues and trends specific to major sub-regions, such as Northeast Asia and Oceania. Other discussions covered the high-profile transnational topics of cybersecurity, terrorism and climate change.

Addressing cybersecurity, Dr. Lora Saalman detailed the enormous economic and security impacts of attacks on government, private and commercial networks. She used the recent hacking of Sony systems to illustrate global communication vulnerabilities and how criminals and terrorists exploit them.

Rosalyn Leitch, a project manager with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, praised Saalman’s handling of a complex subject. “She covered a lot of information...a ton of terms...in a way that was digestible; it’s not easy to do that with cybersecurity. Leitch works to ensure physical and cybersecurity at the Department of Energy lab. The lecture, she added, gave her deeper insight into the recent Sony incident and military cyber issues.

Leitch and fellow attendees also had their choice of 14 electives. Among offered classes were “Disaster Risk Management and Cooperation;” “North Korea’s Evolving Strategy in the Face of Shrinking Options;” and



More than 140 people attended the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course (APOC 14-2) at APCSS Sept. 8 to 12.



(Top) One hundred fifty-two Fellows attended the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course (APOC 15-1) Jan. 26 to 30. (Bottom, left to right) Dr. Helene Goiran-Ponsard, New Caledonia French Armed Forces, offers input following one of 13 APOC 14-2 topical discussions. APCSS professor Dr. Saira Yamin facilitates one of several APOC seminars, which complement plenary sessions on critical regional topics. Satoshi Morimoto, former Japan defense minister, addressed U.S.-Japan relations as a keynote speaker during APOC 15-1.

“Public Health Security and Pandemic Preparedness.”

These electives, along with APOC’s seminars and lectures, facilitated knowledge growth while helping Fellows enhance their network of international and interagency contacts.

“The combination of classes APCSS put together is its greatest strength; it (provides) a whole-of-government perspective with a combination of professional and academic perspectives,” said Dr. Imes Chiu, chief of applied research at the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance.

Joining Chiu were Fellows from Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, and Taiwan.

Course 14-2

A total of 141 Fellows from nine locations completed the Sept. 8 to 12 iteration. Among 13 discussion topics were: “U.S. Foreign Policy and Diplo-

macy in the Asia-Pacific;” “Security Dynamics in South Asia;” and “Technologies without Borders.” Nineteen electives centered on issues such as the Jammu/Kashmir conflict; public health and disease threats; and disaster paradigms.

A key emphasis point during the Sept. 8 to 12 course was America’s declared “rebalance” to the Asia-Pacific region. Faculty articulated the United States’ more concentrated effort to engage with current and potential regional allies. Using the theme “Comprehensive Engagement,” faculty addressed the U.S. rebalance in terms of key regional actors, institutions, issues and engagement tools.

“The U.S. is identifying potentially new ways to adapt and transform its regional engagements in light of the area’s dynamic operating environment. Understanding the Asia-Pacific and its actors has never been more important

for security practitioners,” explained 14-2 course manager Dr. Virginia Watson.

Australian Fellow Ronan Kaplan said, “My key take away from the course was the reality, importance, gravity and breadth of the (U.S.) rebalance...It was useful to be able to see the multiple channels through which the U.S. government is engaging the region and encouraging security.”

Kaplan is a senior policy officer with the Australian Department of Defence.

Other Fellows hailed from Canada, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and United States.

APOC at-a-Glance
(Since 2007)

- 25 Courses
- 2,464 Fellows
- 18 nations



(Left) TSC Fellows brief their proposal to deal with a transnational threat scenario. (Right) Twenty-eight international military and civilian security practitioners developed strategies for countering biological and cyber attacks during the Transnational Security Cooperation course.

In a news conference-like setting, six groups of senior multi-agency representatives briefed planned responses to a devastating Ebola outbreak and multiple damaging cyber attacks within Asia-Pacific nations.

These conceptual exercises, featuring 28 international military and civilian security practitioners, were a key element in the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC 14-2) course held Dec. 7 to 12. Fellows completed a course that promotes inter-agency collaboration in solving local, regional and even global security-related challenges.

TSC is a senior executive program designed for military officers at the general officer level and civilian equivalents in the security sector. Fellows include leaders in policing, emergency response, foreign relations, economic development and civil government.

“The program is designed to enhance Fellows’ analytical skills while building or expanding their network of contacts,” said APCSS course man-

TSC 14-2

Fellows tackle cyber attacks, viral outbreak as prep for transnational threat response

ager Dr. Mohan Malik, adding, “In essence, we build regional capability through development of critical thinking, communication and collaboration; all leveraged in combating real-world transnational threats.”

APCSS faculty accomplished this through a curriculum that included 12 discussion titles. Among them were: “Strategic Assessment & Planning;” “Shifting Geo-Politics;” and “Regional Security Architecture.” Discussions prepared attendees to more fully grasp the depth, diversity and regional nature of evolving security issues.

Fellows applied knowledge and skills in a three-phase exercise. Teams split into six panels with each first assessing a major viral outbreak or cyber attacks against key infrastructure; they analyzed impacts on critical entities, such as economic, public health and governance sectors.

In the planning phase, teams formed and documented response measures and potential solutions, which they articulated in the final recommendations stage. In each phase, teams briefed their findings to the entire class.

“This application exercise clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of a multilateral, multi-sectoral approach to problem solving; an approach that capitalizes on a diversity of ideas and capabilities,” said Malik.

Among the 28 TSC Fellows was Faustina Kumairii Rehuher-Marugg, chairperson of the Palau Resource Institute. She said she appreciated the course’s focus on ICT – information, communication and technology.

Rehuher-Marugg related that, because Palau is relatively remote, gaining connectivity with the world in terms of partnerships and communication is important to strengthening her nation’s security environment.

Joining Rehuher-Marugg were TSC Fellows from 25 other nations, to include Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Canada, China, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua-New Guinea, Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste, United States and Vietnam.

TSC at-a-Glance (Since 1999)

- 33 Courses
- 753 Fellows
- 44 nations / 2 int'l orgs

SEAPOC 14-2: Engaging senior leaders

Course strengthens Fellows' understanding of factors that drive regional security issues

The Senior Executive Asia-Pacific Orientation Course is comprised of upper-level leaders among military members and civilians serving in security-related positions, to include diplomatic or defense roles.

“SEAPOC’s (objective) is to strengthen participants’ knowledge of a highly interconnected, dynamic region,” said course manager Dr. Alex Vuving, an Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies professor. “We expect Fellows to gain insights into regional perspectives, strengthen their skills related to international collaboration and strategic communication, and explore opportunities for cooperation.”

Thirty-eight Fellows attended SEAPOC 14-2 at APCSS Oct. 7 to 9. The October iteration featured Fellows from the United States, Canada, Taiwan and South Korea. All took part in a mixture of plenary lectures and electives focused on major issues impacting the regional and global security environment.

Among SEAPOC’s six plenary discussion titles were “Socio-Economic Dynamics in the Asia-Pacific” and “Major Powers in an Emerging Asia.” Fellows chose from 17 elec-



(Counter clockwise) Senior military members and civilians gathered at APCSS Oct. 7 to 9 to gain deeper insight on the highly interconnected Asia-Pacific region. Chin-hsiang Yao, with Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, shares his security perspectives with members of the Advanced Security Cooperation course. Su Peiris, U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency, was one of 38 SEAPOC 14-2 participants.

tives with titles, such as “Myanmar’s Transition;” “Japan’s Response to the Rise of China;” and “Water Security.”

Four seminar sessions enabled Fellows to clarify and build on discussion topics in an informal, highly interactive environment.

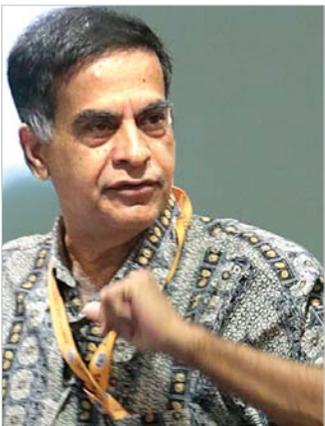
U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Joaquin Cruz said he appreciated insight gained in electives on China, India and Myanmar. “It was valuable understanding the history, culture and relationships for each of these

countries that drive their policies and strategies.” Cruz is the senior enlisted advisor for Special Operations Command, Pacific.

On Day 3, participants teamed with Fellows attending the in-session Advanced Security Cooperation (14-3) course to discuss major regional powers, and their current and future policy impacts. The course’s senior-level Fellows exchanged security perspectives with 109 ASC Fellows from 34 nations and territories.

SEAPOC at-a-Glance (Since 2008)

- 8 Courses
- 180 Fellows
- 8 nations



(Top) CSRT 15-1 Fellows attend a lecture on countering violent extremism presented via teleconference by Dr. Farah Pandith, a former U.S. State Department representative to Muslim communities. (Bottom left to right) Shyam Tekwani served as APCSS' course manager for the Feb. 11 to Mar 13 CSRT. Noor Haryantie Noor Sidin, with Malaysia's National Security Council, leads a small group discussion on terrorism-related issues. Guest lecturer Dr. Christoph Guenther, a Middle East specialist, addresses the nature and objectives of ISIS.

Thinking about terrorism

CSRT class evaluates tactics, objectives associated with today's threats

Teams of international Fellows went head-to-head during four debates that marked the latest iteration of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies' course on terrorism held Feb. 11 to March 13.

The Comprehensive Security Responses to Ter-

rorism (CSRT 15-1) course brought 107 Fellows from 47 locations worldwide to this intense month-long program. CSRT provides security practitioners from the Asia-Pacific region and other select nations with skills needed to better understand and combat terrorism and associated

transnational threats.

Course learning typically occurs through faculty lectures, guest speaker presentations, real-world case studies, and tailored exercise scenarios. However, for the first time in its 20-year history, APCSS integrated a debate series to enhance the educa-

tion experience.

"The debate is a means of making and evaluating argu-

CSRT at-a-Glance (Since 2004)

- 19 Courses
- 1,221 Fellows
- 101 nations

ments that allows Fellows to better understand their own and others' positions," said APCSS' Shyam Tekwani, CSRT course manager. "The debate format focuses on relevant and often deeply emotional and divisive propositions, emphasizing the development of critical thinking skills and tolerance for differing viewpoints."

APCSS staff selected two multinational teams of three for each debate to face off on high-impact topics: "The Global War on Terror has Reduced Terrorism;" "No Publicity, No Terrorism;" "Poverty is the Root Cause of Terrorism?;" and "Terrorism is a War of Ideas."

Col. Abdul Wahab Mozaphari, senior case officer with Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security, described the debate format as "very helpful and challenging," forcing him and other Fellows to carefully consider their own ideas as they defended or supported certain positions.

These exchanges supplemented plenary sessions and electives addressing issues often seen in today's headlines. Among the course's 18 plenary presentations was Dr. Christoph Guenther's "Obey



Ananda Khanal, director of Nepal Telecom Authority, defends his position on how media coverage impacts terrorist activities during one of four CSRT 15-1 debates. Other debate topics focused on poverty, ideology, and effectiveness of the war on terror.

"The debate format focuses on relevant and often deeply emotional and divisive propositions, emphasizing the development of critical thinking skills..."

Shyam Tekwani
APCSS professor

the Emerging Caliphate: Ideological Framework and Societal Model of ISIS." In this session, Guenther, a University of Leipzig research associate and a Middle East specialist, addressed the ideological underpinnings of the Islamic State and the societal model it proposes for Iraq, Syria and beyond.

Thirty-one elective offerings included "2015 and Beyond - Afghanistan's Role

in Central Asia After 13 Years of War." U.S. Army Lt. Col. Nathan Springer, APCSS faculty member, led discussion on key 2015 political and security-related events in Afghanistan and evolving security implications for Eurasia, Pakistan, India and Iran.

Fellows applied knowledge gained in team projects enabling them to assess a particular threat and formulate response strategies. While

doing so, they built partnerships that may enhance their ability to apply effective action against real-world local, regional and global threats.

"The course is designed to build relationships between and among the United States and current and future CbT (combating terrorism) practitioners," said Tekwani, adding, "Our objective is to build the trust and skills needed to elevate cooperation in the international collaborative effort against those who use terror."

CSRT 15-1 participants were from Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, and China.

Participants also hailed from Chile, Colombia, Djibouti, Fiji Islands, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, and New Zealand. Others hailed from Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United States, and Vietnam.



One hundred seven Fellows from 47 locations took part in CSRT 15-1 at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

Workshop builds on growing U.S.-Vietnam ties

Continuing a steady trend of increasing U.S.-Vietnam cooperation, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies teamed up for a joint workshop promoting international partnership building. The March 16 to 20 event marked the 20th anniversary of the restoration of formal U.S.-Vietnam ties.

Titled “Vietnam and Regional Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific” the workshop paired 30 Vietnam leaders with APCSS faculty for topical discussions and strategy development. The intent, said APCSS course manager Dr. Alexander Vuving, was to enhance the group’s understanding of evolving international dynamics as their nation emerges onto the world stage.

“Vietnam’s integration is taking place at a time when the world and the Asia-Pacific are undergoing profound changes,” explained Vuving. “Understanding the interconnected region and learning how to cooperate with global and regional actors has become a key imperative for Vietnam’s leaders.”

The Communist Party of Vietnam determined in 2011 to accelerate its nation’s global integration. This includes

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Vice Chair, Vietnam’s Office of the National Assembly

joining the United States in a comprehensive partnership formed in 2013 and framed in efforts to improve cooperation in, among other things, trade, education, defense and security.

According to Vuving, the March course represented a “ground-breaking” engagement jointly sponsored by the CPV and U.S. government.

The event addressed five critical areas:

- Demographic, development and geopolitical trends driving regional dynamics;
- Critical issues for cooperation (to include climate change and the water-food-energy nexus);
- Architecture and mechanisms of international cooperation (particularly

within the ASEAN context);

- Roles and perspectives of key actors in the region; and
- Vietnam’s role in the Pacific.

Following daily plenary sessions, participants used working group sessions to analyze and respond to “framing questions,” enabling the group to internalize and eventually apply lessons learned.

The week culminated in construction of a potential strategic vision for their nation by addressing three core questions: Where is Vietnam’s place in the region and world today?; What are the central objectives of Vietnam’s integration within the region?; and What are the options that Vietnam can pursue in order to meet these objectives amidst the changing situation in the region?

Woven into their proposed vision were elements of good governance, environmental sustainability and development of human capital.

One of three group leaders, Nguyen Si Dung, praised the workshop process that led to a strategic “take-home” product. “The workshop was useful because it touched the real and important challenges the Vietnamese people are trying to address. And, it was participant-centered, so we were very active in working out our own answers; the organizers simply created favorable conditions for us.”

Vietnam’s regional emergence runs concurrently with the U.S. rebalance to the Asia-Pacific. David Shear, assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific security affairs, discussed America’s regional emphasis with workshop participants during a March 20 video teleconference.

The VTC enabled the Vietnamese



Thirty Vietnam leaders gathered at APCSS March 16 to 20 to explore the dynamics of international cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.



U.S.-Vietnam relations timeline

1950: U.S. established diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

1975 – Relations severed and U.S. Embassy in Saigon closed.

1991 – George H.W. Bush Administration presents Hanoi with a “roadmap” plan for phased normalization of ties.

1994 - United States and Vietnam sign consular agreement.

1995 - President William Clinton announces “normalization of relations” with Vietnam. Embassies opened in both nations.

1999 - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Ambassador Pete Peterson dedicate the Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City, which officially opens for business.

2000 - Secretary of Defense William Cohen becomes the first U.S. defense secretary to visit Vietnam since the end of the War.

2003 - Navy missile frigate USS Vandegrift docks in Ho Chi Minh City, becoming the first U.S. Navy ship to dock in Vietnam since the end of the War.

2010 - U.S. Coordinator for International Energy Affairs David Goldwyn visits Hanoi to explore ways to share U.S. expertise and help Vietnam secure its energy resources for the future, through the Energy Governance and Capacity Initiative (EGCI).

2011 - The U.S. Department of Defense and the Vietnamese Ministry of National Defense signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding during the Defense Policy Dialogue to further advance bilateral defense cooperation.

2013 - Presidents Obama and Sang launched the U.S.-Vietnam Comprehensive Partnership, an overarching framework for advancing the bilateral relationship to bolster U.S.-Vietnam relations.

- Courtesy of U.S. State Department

(Top) Vietnam Fellow Tran Phuoc Anh discusses formation of a strategic vision for his nation with APCSS professor U.S. Navy Capt. Benjamin Clancy and intern Cody Fultz. (Bottom left to right) Hoang Thi Ha, assistant director, political cooperation, ASEAN Secretariat, presents the lecture “ASEAN and Vietnam in a Changing Region.” Nguyen Si Dung, Vietnam’s vice chair of the Office of the National Assembly, served as one of three group leaders; here, he articulates his team’s perspective on a strategic vision for Vietnam.

group and the secretary to exchange perceptions related to the region as a whole and Vietnam specifically. It also allowed Shear, a former U.S. ambassador to Vietnam, to re-connect with former professional acquaintances.

The exchange was well received, reflecting the positive trend in the two

nations’ ties. Si Dung, Vietnam’s vice chair of the Office of the National Assembly, related, “I think the U.S.-Vietnam relationship is very good and becoming better and better every day.”

The U.S. and Vietnam assumed normalized relations in 1995, two decades after the closure of the U.S. embassy in Saigon in 1975.

Fiji: Exploring a new security strategy

To help strengthen Fiji's comprehensive security capabilities, its government, in partnership with the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, conducted a Security Sector Development Workshop in Suva Feb. 24 to 27. The workshop was conducted at the invitation of the Government of Fiji, and in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Suva.

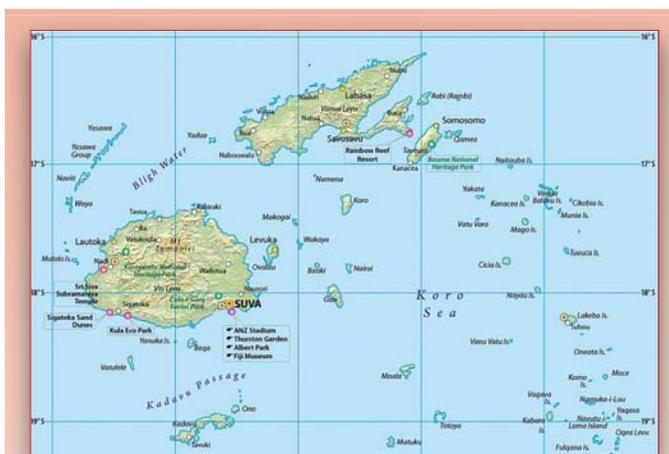
Fiji is in a period of political transformation and is engaged in building a new national security system based on its emerging democracy and evolving regional security environment. Part of this effort is a thorough review and reformation of its current security strategy and functions.

In his opening remarks to workshop participants, Esala Nayasi, Fiji's acting permanent secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said the effort is underway "to ensure that we have mechanisms in place for civilian oversight and democratic control over our defense, law enforcement and security organizations...for our new democracy."

The end result, Nayasi trusts, will be a national security system that is "robust, relevant and cost-efficient," but provides for the current and future safety, peace and prosperity of Fiji's people."

The February workshop brought together 40 mid-

Nation partners with APCSS to refashion security sector



Fiji is one of four Pacific Island nations with a formal military. Its forces have contributed to U.N. peacekeeping operations since 1978 and has worked alongside U.S. soldiers on the Sinai Peninsula, ensuring compliance with the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty. The nation's maritime capacity includes coastal patrol boats and government shipping vessels, such as the MLC Vunilagi. Its government is seeking closer ties with Asia-Pacific nations, such as the U.S. and Australia, as it emerges from a decade of relative isolation following a 2006 military coup.

senior-grade officials from 20 Fiji government entities. These included members of the National Security Council, defense and interior agencies, and other security-related agencies in economic, environmental,



Fiji government photo

and health arenas. Parliamentarians and politicians representing both the government and opposition, and other informed security analysts also took part.

Workshop participants aided by APCSS facilitators

assessed four vital security components:

- Key current and anticipated security concerns confronting Fiji, and the composition and functions within the current national security sector;
- Evolving and expected roles and responsibilities of Fiji's security institutions;
- Next steps required towards the development of a national security strategy; and
- Further enhancement of the efficiency and effectiveness of Fiji's security sector.

The workshop included a series of topical plenary presentations by primarily Fijian and APCSS subject matter experts. These were followed by break-out group discussions facilitated by APCSS faculty members.

Group discussions enabled participants to articulate improved understanding of Fiji's security sector. They also addressed issues involved in drafting and implementing a national security strategy, and enhancing the capacity and efficiency of Fiji's security-sector practices.

In the workshop survey, one senior Fiji participant stated the event was well-focused. "The workshop was timely and oriented precisely to the points that will greatly assist the National Security Strategy."

At workshop's end, two working groups consoli-



Working to build a new national security system, 40 members of various Fiji government entities joined APCSS faculty members, such as Dr. Rouben Azizian (*left*) for a security sector development workshop in February. Participants included (*middle to right*) Jonisio Mara, Fiji's deputy secretary, Ministry of Defence; Timoci Nakaruru, of the Fiji National Fire Authority; and Joeli Pickering, a member of the U.S. Embassy staff in Fiji. The workshop was held in Fiji's capital, Suva, Feb. 24 to 27.

dated their findings and provided them to a panel of five senior Fiji officials. The briefing identified six key Fiji national interests and inventoried challenges and threats to them, as well as opportunities and strengths. This provided a basis for recommendations to fully secure Fiji's interests.

The brief also recommended the purpose, scope, structure and next steps forward in developing the National Security Strategy.

APCSS' senior repre-

sentative, Deputy Director Brig. Gen. (Ret) James Hirai, praised Fiji's focus on inclusion and integration.

The end result, Nayasi trusts, is a national security system that is "robust, relevant and cost-efficient," but provides for the current and future safety, peace and prosperity of Fiji's people.

"Among our observations of Fiji's security sector development process was the successful meeting of international best practices in including 'whole-of-government' perspectives in this workshop and plans for "whole-of-society" inclusion in future sessions." Hirai also highlighted women's participation as a deliberate feature of participant recruitment.

"We believe their (women's) participation enhanced discussions and resulted in

more comprehensive products."

In a letter to Hirai, Fiji's Prime Minister Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, who was unable to attend the workshop due to his travel schedule, stated, "It gives me much pleasure to write to you on the occasion of your presence in Fiji for a very important project for my government...I am thankful to APCSS for the learning opportunity they provided and for being a benefactor of that opportunity."

Cooperating for stability on Asia-Pacific waters

All nations depend in one way or another on the world's oceans and seas for everything from basic survival to conducting billions of dollars in trade. Maintaining the stability of and accessibility to these waters is the work of naval and maritime professionals across the globe.

One hundred ninety of these professionals from 22 nations gathered in Victoria, Canada, for the Maritime Security Challenges 2014 Seapower Conference Oct. 6 to 9. Co-hosted by the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, the Royal Canadian Navy, and Navy League of Canada, the event "brought in the right people at senior levels for frank discussion on complex issues impacting Asia-Pacific waters," said APCSS event co-coordinator, Dr. Justin Nankivell.

Waters in the region are marked

Maritime Security Challenges 2014 Seapower Conference

by heightened multinational interest in offshore resources and the growing importance of seaborne trade. This has increased risk of conflict in maritime boundary disputes. Territorial disputes in the East and South China Seas were a key topic of discussion among conference participants.

Other focus areas included the U.S. naval component of America's "rebalance" strategy in the region; the impacts of technological changes on future seapower; and economic and commercial activities at sea.

Among workshop participants were Adm. Harry Harris Jr, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander; Vice Adm. Mark Norman, Royal Canadian Navy commander; Rear Adm. Caesar Taccad,

vice commander of the Philippine Navy; Dr. Hasjim Djalal, Indonesia Navy chief of staff; and Rear Adm. Xu Weibing, director of the Chinese People's Liberation Army-Navy Logistics Department.

"We brought the group together to collaborate on naval approaches to regional maritime governance," Nankivell said, adding, "This included discussions on applicable international laws and codes of conduct as well as examining current debates of significance to maritime practitioners in the Asia-Pacific."

The conference objective, Nankivell related, was to reinforce nations' common perspectives and mutual interests in the region; an effort that should, in the long run, help interested parties manage tensions and work toward long-term stability.



(Clockwise) APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf talks maritime security with Adm. Harry Harris Jr., then U.S. Pacific Fleet commander. APCSS' Dr. Justin Nankivell moderates a discussion on maritime disputes. Conference participants took part in a number of seminars focused on maritime issues. Attendees (pictured at left) toured this Canadian Navy vessel during the October workshop.



(Counter clockwise) Seventy-one people took part in the May ASEAN maritime workshop at APCSS. U.S. Navy Adm. Samuel Locklear, then commander of U.S. Pacific Command, provided introductory remarks. Participants like Monirith Kao, with Cambodia's Marine Fisheries Administration, shared best practices in areas such as combating illegal fishing. U.S. Ambassador to ASEAN Nina Hachigian offered attendees the U.S. perspective on regional maritime shared awareness.

Building maritime shared awareness in SE Asia

The vast ASEAN maritime domain is home to major fish and hydrocarbon resources, and provides shipping lanes that carry billions of dollars in international goods every year. Despite this, most ASEAN member states don't have a comprehensive operating picture of their maritime neighborhood. Challenged by jurisdictional disputes, political tensions and capacity deficits, basic maritime domain awareness in the region remains out of reach.

Faced with this dilemma, ASEAN maritime policy makers gathered for the "Building Maritime Shared Awareness in Southeast Asia" workshop hosted by APCSS with support from U.S. Pacific Command. Seventy-one people from

10 ASEAN nations and the United States attended the workshop at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies May 10 to 14 to explore feasible ways ahead to enhance the region's domain awareness.

"The event was an ideal platform to share best practices and lessons learned from recent regional maritime activities," said APCSS Associate Professor Kerry Lynn Nankivell, workshop lead. "It was driven by a recognized need for a comprehensive look at maritime information sharing, which underpins all maritime operations and informs good maritime policy."

Subject matter experts shared best practices in multi-national information sharing leading to coordinated operations in a number of transnational missions, including search and rescue, oil spill

response, and countering illegal fishing, counter-piracy, and counter-trafficking. Following lectures, multi-national breakout groups worked to identify lessons learned and how to apply them.

By workshop's end, the majority of participants agreed on recommended actions to deepen regional maritime shared awareness, including: institutionalizing a single ASEAN forum for comprehensive discussion of maritime issues; establishing a single point of contact within each ASEAN member state to facilitate regional information sharing; and deepening and expanding U.S.-ASEAN and intra-ASEAN training, exercises and exchanges.

Participants refined these recommendations and other country-level ones through

days of discussion. Nankivell said recommendations are now "well-positioned for referral to ASEAN's official mechanisms for consideration, as well as to USPA-COM, U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Coast Guard."

APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf added, "Shared awareness is complex and requires comprehensive solutions. It's not easy, but it's not as difficult as dealing with the consequences of not advancing maritime information sharing. This [workshop] has been a very important step in making progress."

ASEAN participants were from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Nations partnering in fight against biosecurity threats

Reducing Southeast Asia’s biothreat vulnerability was the focus of an international workshop held in Manila, Philippines, Nov. 3 to 7. The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies co-hosted the event, titled “Biosecurity in Southeast Asia,” along with the Philippines Department of Health and National Defense College of the Philippines.

The workshop brought together 43 health and security professionals from eight nations and 10 organizations. The group analyzed threats posed by regional

pandemics, emerging infectious diseases and bioterrorism activities – all of which present potentially catastrophic effects on nations’ populations, economies and overall security.

“Biosecurity is a key part of comprehensive security, as the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa clearly demonstrates,” related Brian Goldbeck, U.S. deputy chief of mission in Manila. He added that such transnational threats “impact us all and better policy alignment across the region will make all less vulnerable to these threats.” (This

workshop offered a unique opportunity for participants from Southeast Asian nations to collaborate on enhancing regional security.”

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Participants developed a list of 21 recommendations for the World Health Organization, according to Dr. Jim Campbell, APCSS workshop academic lead. These proposals would assist Southeast Asia organizations in aligning with international biosecurity norms, and strengthen preparedness and response processes. Recommendations included: improving capacity to mobilize resources; strengthening information sharing; identifying development of a regional collaboration center; and assisting in developing multisectoral

Workshop recommendations to the World Health Organization



Establish a Biosecurity Code of Conduct

Building on current efforts at the international level to standardize laboratory biosafety and biosecurity, and the ongoing negotiations with the Biological and Toxins Weapons Convention, participants agreed to collaborate regionally to establish a Biosecurity Code of Conduct for the ASEAN region.



Control zoonotic diseases

Zoonotic diseases are those transmittable from animals to man. Workshop participants determined that the best approach to ensure regional biosecurity is an integrated zoonoses control strategy at national, provincial and local levels, based on the One Health concept, in which infectious disease surveillance combines human, veterinary and environmental health areas.



Proactively resource biosecurity

ASEAN should take a more proactive role in resourcing biosecurity preparedness in the region by encouraging establishment of a regional emergency fund for outbreak investigation and response similar to World Health Organization proposals to create a global pandemic emergency fund, and by the World Bank for a Pandemic Emergency Facility.



Increase participation of women

Participants agreed that general educational levels and literacy of women need to be elevated throughout the Southeast Asian region, as a sine qua non for empowering women to serve in policy and decision making roles in biosecurity nationally and regionally.



pandemic preparedness plans.

Strategy formation benefitted from guided workshop discussions titled “Emerging Biosecurity Threat Environment;” “Preventing and Mitigating Biosecurity Threats;” “Regional and Global Coordination; and, “Communication, Interoperability, and Information Sharing.” The group also analyzed the case study “Ebola: Reconciling International Public Health Obligations with Domestic Health Policy.”

Another focus area was the role of women in biosecurity policy formulation and implementation. Fittingly, the November event included the highest percentage of women participants, 42 percent, to take part in an APCSS program.

Overall, participants represented an important diversity of expertise.

“Biosecurity is not an easy concept to handle... so you really need a wider group of people or experts sensitized to the issue,” said Dr. Mely Caballero-Anthony.

Caballero-Anthony is



(Top and middle) Health and security professionals from eight nations gathered in Manila, Philippines, in November to cooperate on reducing Southeast Asia’s biothreat vulnerability. Participants included (bottom left to right) Dr. Zalini Yunus, with Malaysia’s Science and Technology Research Institute, and Dr. James Campbell, who served as APCSS’ workshop academic lead.

head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies at Singapore’s Rajaratnam School of International Studies. She briefed workshop participants on preventing and mitigating bios-

security threats and national coordination. She was also part of a panel titled, “The Role of Women in Biosecurity Policy Formulation and Implementation.”

Participants represented

Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. They came from national health, foreign affairs and defense ministries, and national security councils. Subject matter experts came from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations; the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation; Asian Development Bank; the Western Pacific Regional Office of WHO; and the South East Asia One Health University Network.

“It was a humbling experience to spend five days with such remarkable professionals as they crafted a unique, whole-of-society strategy to defend their region against Public Health Emergencies of International Concern,” said Campbell.

Dr. Herawati Aru Sudoyo added, “The topic of biosecurity has been considered before, but the way in which it was presented and discussed at this workshop was entirely new, and brought a fresh perspective that was very helpful.” Sudoyo is deputy director at Eijkman Institute of Molecular Biology in Indonesia.

Partnering on education

APCSS, 18 colleges support effort to strengthen military education ties

In an effort to advance regional cooperation in professional military education, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies conducted a three-day workshop Jan. 7 to 9. Titled “Command and Staff Colleges in the Asia-Pacific: Towards a Shared Vision for Cooperation,” the event brought together 28 participants from 10 nations representing 18 command and staff colleges in the region.

“This was an extraordinary group; in aggregate, responsible for the education of nearly 12,800 future military leaders annually,” said APCSS’ Dr. Al Oehlers, workshop academic lead. “Having them all together in one room, actively networking with each other and collaboratively developing shared projects for the future was a real privilege.”

Command and staff colleges are a critical component in professional military education. The schools provide mid-grade officers with advanced skills and knowledge in leadership, communication, and analytical skills needed to succeed in higher command and staff appointments. Some schools operate at the post-graduate level and award master’s degrees in a range of studies.

January’s workshop was consistent with Association of Southeast Asian



Twenty-eight participants from 10 nations took part in the January workshop focused on building partnerships in education programs targeting primarily mid-grade military officers.

Nations’ Defense Ministers Plus ambitions to develop stronger PME linkages throughout the region. The event laid a foundation for future collaboration on issues, such as curriculum exchanges, faculty development and visits, virtual and online learning, and a dedicated Web portal to support cooperative ventures among participating colleges.

To facilitate collaboration, workshop facilitators strived to achieve:

- Enhanced understanding among attendees of the education philosophies, methodologies, curricula and administrative practices used across the region;
- Identifying a range of potential engagements among colleges (bilateral and multilateral) to enhance interaction and collaboration;
- Specific projects and way-ahead next steps for the next 12 to 18 months to advance their objectives.

APCSS Dean of the College of Security Studies Carleton Cramer said a key workshop focus was candid discussion on schools’ international components. Most or all represented colleges integrate and exchange faculty and fellows from other nations. “We looked at how schools are implementing international perspectives within

their overall programs. I think we had a consensus that this perspective is important in developing the next generation of leaders,” said Cramer.

Workshop participants hailed from Brunei, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States. Australian representatives participated via VTC. Each briefed general college structure and operations; details on their international outreach programs; and initiatives they will implement.

One of three Vietnamese participants, Senior Col. Khac Dao Tran described the event as a “very good opportunity for senior officials to not only lay a foundation for personal contacts, but also (dialogue) between the armed forces.” Tran, who is chief of training and education for Vietnam’s Army Academy, added that cooperation among colleges is another venue for enhancing peace, stability and diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region.

Cramer said the event established and matured institutional relationships previously non-existent. He hopes to further these relationships by enlarging the outreach to include faculty and students from each college’s international program in a week-long workshop within the next year.

Lao-PDR to assume ASEAN Chairmanship

APCSS helps nation prep for international leadership role

The Lao People's Democratic Republic will assume the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2016. To assist in preparations for this regional leadership role, the ASEAN department in Lao PDR's Ministry of Foreign Affairs – supported by the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies – hosted a seminar April 7 to 8 in Vientiane.

“...by the end of day 2, we were a team ready to contribute to ASEAN and peace and security in the region.”

- Lao participant

The chairmanship will involve leadership of various ASEAN organizations and events to include nearly a thousand meetings and summits. Through these, Lao PDR will lead discussions on key regional security

issues impacting the organization's member nations and dialogue partners. According to APCSS Director and Team Lead Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf, the role will require strong inter-agency cooperation within the Lao PDR government.

“Effective coordination among its ministries tied to ASEAN affairs will be crucial to success,” said Leaf, adding, “this ‘Seminar on National Coordination for ASEAN Chairmanship 2016’ aided these ministries in establishing networks among their key points of contacts.”

Four APCSS team members joined more than 50 Lao participants from 21 ministries and offices in discussions on improved coordination and organizational change. Together, they identified and documented required “next steps” to strengthen communication and coordination.

Their efforts marked the first of a series of dialogues



in support of Lao PDR preparations for the assumption of the ASEAN chairmanship. Future seminars will address issues and priorities identified by Lao PDR as significant to its future leadership efforts.

The seminar was an example of the strong and developing relationship between the United States and Lao PDR. While designed to enhance the capacity of Lao PDR officials, it also demonstrated a U.S. com-

mitment to strengthening ASEAN and ASEAN-led processes.

The seminar's unique value and contribution to national and regional capacities was summarized well by a participant. “On day 1, we arrived as participants at a seminar. On day 2, we arrived as co-workers with a unified national vision. But by the end of day 2, we were a team ready to contribute to ASEAN, and peace and security in the region.”



Four members of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies joined 50 Laotian leaders to prepare the Lao People's Democratic Republic to assume the Chairmanship of ASEAN. (Right) A member of the Lao PDR contingent offers input during workshop proceedings.

Reducing Disaster Risks

South Asian nations explore partnerships to strengthen resiliency

Reducing risks inherent in natural disasters is a critical challenge for South Asia, a region prone to severe storms, floods and earthquakes. Professionals from five South Asian nations joined members of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Colombo, Sri Lanka, March 3 to 5, to build cooperative strategies to partner and mitigate these disasters' damaging effects.

"With densely populated cities, challenging geography and vulnerable infrastructures, a large-scale natural disaster in South Asia has the potential to set back development and destabilize progress on a tremendous scale," said APCSS professor Jessica Ear.

Ear served as APCSS lead for the Colombo workshop titled, "Building Partnerships in South Asia Disaster Risk Reduction." The event brought together defense, government, civil society and private sector leaders to focus on three tasks:

- Identify and clarify DRR partnership challenges and opportunities;
- Integrate effective partnership strategies and



(Top) Subject matter experts from the Japan International Cooperation Agency and participants from South Asian nations exchanged perspectives on partnerships for disaster risk reduction March 3 to 5 in Sri Lanka. (Bottom left to right) APCSS Professor Jessica Ear was APCSS' workshop lead while Sri Lankan participant, Anoja Seneviratne, served as one of five breakout team facilitators.

best practices into current frameworks; and

- Advance DRR partnerships at national and regional levels.

The workshop aligned with the intent of the Hyogo Framework for Action, a 10-year plan endorsed by the U.N. General Assembly in 2005. The plan encour-

ages multi-stakeholder partnerships to reduce disaster risks. Such relationships, Ear stated, can facilitate vital DRR-related information-sharing, multinational training and planning efforts, and pooling of resources.

The Sri Lanka workshop featured 32 South Asian

participants. They hailed from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka, with each serving in a public or private field with a stake in their nation's DRR planning efforts.

They explored areas for partnering through 11 plenary topical discussions

that addressed issues such as regional DRR trends, risk reduction versus response, and successful partnership case studies. Speakers included subject matter experts from APCSS, U.N. agencies, and civil society and private organizations.

In group breakout sessions, teams identified and documented nation-specific DRR challenges and gaps, and recommended strategies for multilateral partnering. The ultimate objective, Ear stated, is integration of these recommendations into each nation's National Comprehensive Disaster Management Plan; this, in addition to sustaining partnerships and networks, with associated information-sharing, initiated at the workshop.

"I think this workshop



A number of factors make the South Asia region high-risk in terms of severe impacts from natural disasters.

(was) an ideal platform to build friendship and partnerships that deal with all kinds of disasters; it strengthens the proactive approach to holistically manage disaster

activities," said the event's co-host lead, Maj. Gen. L.B.R. Mark, director general of the Disaster Management Centre in Sri Lanka.

One workshop participant framed the coordination challenges in South Asia as such: "Disaster management is...management with less resources and during difficult times, but it is still management."

Ear added, "While the need for improved multi-sectoral collaboration with governments is clear, there are still many questions on how to sustain and scale partnerships for risk reduction and resilience-building...I believe this workshop enabled a group with a significant stake in reducing disaster risks to address those questions."

APCSS rep presents workshop findings at U.N. conference

Professor Jessica Ear represented the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies at the Third U.N. World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction March 17 to 18 in Sendai, Japan. The WCDRR played host to 187 nations and more than 6,500 participants.

R3ADY Asia-Pacific, an APCSS network partner in the DRR field, conducted multiple side events, including the March 17 session in which Ear shared findings from the recent APCSS workshop "Building Partnerships in South Asia Disaster Risk Reduction," in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Ear reported that workshop participants drew from examples of best

practices, such as relevant information sharing, technical assistance and utilizing unique strengths of NGOs, to identify key opportunity areas for DRR partnerships in the region.

They identified increased DRR awareness, communication and information sharing as priority areas with insufficient national and regional capability.

"Participants agreed that currently, DRR partnerships occur largely in the response phase of a disaster. This suggests that DRR partnerships are a result of mostly ad-hoc arrangements and are often not considered in planning and integration with other government processes," Ear said.

This issue, she added, was discussed in the context of strengthening existing mechanisms such as the South Asian Disaster Knowledge Network, and the Web portal developed by the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation.

Also addressed was planned establishment of a regional research center and better leveraging of existing educational institutions for information and knowledge sharing.

Workshop participants, Ear related, highlighted the need for greater emphasis on disaster impact assessments and early engagement with stakeholders in planning approaches for increased partner buy-in.

APCSS faculty members wrote the following articles and papers in their capacity as subject matter experts. The views expressed in these articles are those of the authors alone. All listed writings are available on-line.

Worlds Apart: Why North Korea Won't Follow Myanmar's Path to Reform



Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd and **Dr. Steven Kim** collaborated on an article discussing whether North Korea would follow Myanmar in adopting institutional reforms. Their article “Worlds Apart: Why North Korea Won't Follow Myanmar's Path to Reform,” which appears in the 2014 Winter edition of *Global Asia*, compares the two countries in terms of the factors affecting their decisions regarding reform.

In the article, they state: “The reason that reforms in Myanmar have raised such high expectations for North Korea is the perceived similarities of the two regimes.

As with North Korea today, under military control, Myanmar was ruled by a highly secretive, nationalistic and dictatorial clique; it was a pariah due to human rights abuses, and its extremely poor and isolated population suffered under international sanctions. The comparison is faulty, however, because these are two very different societies with contrasting sets of political institutions that have evolved under vastly dissimilar historical, social, and geographical circumstances.”

Their article explains how the difference in the political systems of these two dissimilar societies was a key factor in facilitating reform in Myanmar while inhibiting it in North Korea.

Read more about the divergent paths taken by Myanmar and North Korea and the high stakes involved in weighing the costs and benefits of reform for each regime online at <http://www.globalasia.org/article/worlds-apart-why-north-korea-wont-follow-myanmars-path-to-reform/>.

Mongolia's Counter-Terrorism Architecture: Implications for Domestic Development and Foreign Partnership

Why would a counterterrorism policy matter in a country where terrorism isn't a major threat? **Dr. Jeffrey Reeves** looks at the long-term benefits of Mongolia's counterterrorism law in his latest paper, “Mongolia's Counter-Terrorism Architecture: Implications for Domestic Development and Foreign Partnership.”



Reeves notes the nation's lack of a serious terrorist threat, thus, “for Mongolia, counterterrorism is as much about fostering inter-agency cooperation as it is about securing the country from a largely theoretical threat.”

He outlines the country's two primary counterterror institutions, which include the 2004 Law of Combatting Terrorism and the National Counter-Terrorism Coordinative Council.

To read the complete article, go to: <http://www.apcss.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Terrorism-in-Mongolia-Reeves-Oct2014.pdf>.

Japan Chair Platform: Japan Matters for South Korea's Security

Dr. Jeffrey Hornung's article “Japan Chair Platform: Japan Matters for South Korea's Security” addresses treaty requirements impacting Japan-based U.S. forces.



Hornung writes, “A few months ago, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan raised concerns in South Korea when he stated in a Diet committee hearing that U.S. Marines

cannot rush to defend South Korea without first engaging in prior consultation with Japan. Seoul's fear is that Abe can effectively control Washington's assistance to Seoul in a contingency on the Korean peninsula.”

He explains that because Tokyo understands Korea's impact on Japan's security, Seoul has little to worry about.

At issue in Abe's statement, Hornung writes, are exchanged notes between Tokyo and Washington regarding the implementation of Article VI of their bilateral security treaty. The notes state, “major changes in the deployment into Japan of United States armed forces, major changes in their equipment, and the use of facilities and areas in Japan as bases for military combat operations to be undertaken from Japan other than those conducted under Article V of the said Treaty, shall be the subjects of prior consultation with the Government of Japan.”

To read the complete article, go to: <http://www.apcss.org/?s=Japan+chair+platform&x=0&y=0>. Hornung also recently penned the commentary “Mr. Abe goes to Washington.”

Vietnam, the United States, and Japan in the South China Sea

Last year, China deployed a drilling rig in South China Sea waters claimed by Vietnam as part of its



exclusive economic zone. The move heightened tensions between the two nations and caused several states to weigh in on the side of Vietnam; the

United States and Japan among them.

In his latest paper, “Vietnam, the United States and Japan in the South China Sea,” **Dr. Alexander Vuving** examines what’s at stake in the disputed waters in terms of economic and strategic value. He looks particularly at Vietnam’s efforts to stake its claim in an area believed to be rich in fish stocks, energy reserves and mineral ores.

Vuving writes, “The fault line between Vietnam, the United States, and Japan on one side and China on

the other can be seen as one between status quo and revisionist powers. The former share the same objective of maintaining the balance of power that has kept the region in peace for the last two decades.

China, with a long period of rapid economic growth in the last three decades, appears to be determined to use its newfound power to assert its sovereignty claims, which in end effect, would amount to its dominance of the region.”

To read the paper, go to: <http://www.apcss.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/SouthChinaSea-Vuving-Oct2014.pdf>.

The Stories Nations Tell, in Three Voices



Professor Kerry Lynn Nankivell

calls examination of the role of history in the South China Sea “dangerous ground” in her article titled “The Stories Nations

Tell, in Three Voices.”

She writes that contemporary discussions about sovereignty and jurisdictions in the Sea have become so politicized as to obscure historical insights. Her essay considers the role of history in the South China Sea through the lens of three recent works on maritime Asia.

Nankivell writes, “While Robert Kaplan’s 2014 book offers an abstract account of rising states and ancient rivalries, the two other works by Bill Hayton and Bernard Cole offer more compelling explanations of the role of human agency in shaping the region’s claims. The comparison of these works yields a commentary on the South China Sea disputes, and on the methodologies employed by those who study this consequential sub-region and its maritime past.”

She adds that the stories nations tell are often sweeping, usually grand, sometimes stirring, but rarely entirely true.

To read the complete article, go to: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14799855.2015.1005740#abstract>.

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Alumni Perspectives

While attending APCSS courses, Fellows are required to complete a Fellows Project, which may be done as a presentation, research paper or policy brief. APCSS makes these papers available on-line in our “Alumni Perspectives” publications.

“Enhancing the Role of Women in Indonesia to Counter Terrorism” is a paper by **Lisa Wulan**, graduate of the Advanced Security Cooperation (ASC 14-3) course. Wulan, a security analyst, advocates Indonesia use women’s unique relational skills to enhance its ability to fight terror, especially in the area of de-radicalization. The paper is available on-line at: <http://www.apcss.org/alumni-perspectives-enhancing-the-role-of-women-in-indonesia-to-counter-terrorism/>.

Kris Mada, graduate of ASC 14-3, discusses “Empowering Indonesia’s Local Seafarers to Contain Smuggling (A Case Study: Batam, Riau Islands).” Mada, a journalist with Indonesia’s *Kompas Morning Daily*, makes the case for Indonesia to employ its non-military sea assets to overcome a lack of resources in

the battle against smuggling of contraband. The paper is on-line at: <http://www.apcss.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/AP-Indonesia-Smugglers-2.pdf>.

Fozia Fayyaz, an ASC 14-3 graduate, is director of Special Services Administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Pakistan. In her paper titled, “Developing the Human Resource Potential of South Asia,” she discusses how South Asian nations should educate and train their large, youthful populations to take advantage of the global need, particularly in aging developed nations, for skilled labor. The paper is on-line at: <http://www.apcss.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/AP-Fayyaz-HR-South-Asia-final.pdf>.

“Empowering Cambodian Women’s Full Participation in Defense and Security Sectors” is a paper by ASC 14-3 graduate **Lt. Col. Vanndy Piv**, a member of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces. Piv addresses the cultural and political barriers women face in his nation with regards to integration in defense and security roles, particularly at leadership levels. The paper is on-line at: <http://www.apcss.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/AP-Women-Cambodia-SSD-Final.pdf>.

PROMOTIONS

BANGLADESH

MD Hasan UZ Zaman, CCM08-1, was promoted to colonel and appointed as Col Staff, Military Institute of Science and Technology.

Dr. M. Maksudur Rahman, CCM13-1, was promoted to professor, department of geography and environment, University of Dhaka.

CHILE

Jose Pedro Valdivieso, EC04-3, was promoted to major general.

INDIA

Malathi Narayanan CCM08-2, was promoted to registrar in Debts Recovery Tribunal, New Delhi.

INDONESIA

Edward Simarmata, ASC14-2, was promoted to chief judge of the Baubau

District Court.

MADAGASCAR

Dominique Jean Olivier Rakotozafy, EC99-2, was promoted to lieutenant general and appointed minister of defense.

Samitiana Radoma Rabe-harindranto, EC99-1, was promoted to major general and appointed director general, Planning and Operations Ministry of National Defense.

Bruno Rakotoarisoa, EC02-2, was promoted to major general and appointed program coordinator general, Ministry of National Defense.

Louis Antoine de Padoue Ranaivoseheno, EC05-2, was promoted to rear admiral and appointed director of defense, Ministry of National Defense.

MALAYSIA

Sofian Karim, ASC14-3,



Members of the Philippines Alumni Association and APCSS staff gather following the November biosecurity conference in Manila conducted jointly by APCSS, the Philippines Department of Health and National Defense University of the Philippines.

Philippines is top APCSS alumni association for 2014

The Philippines Alumni Association is the Asia-Pacific Center for Strategic Studies Alumni Association of the Year for 2014. The group is best among 57 APCSS alumni associations worldwide.

The group's achievements include supporting the February 2014

"Exploiting the Crime-Terror Nexus" workshop in Manila. The association provided two full-time logistics support people, guest speakers, the keynote speaker and hosted cultural events.

The association also provided similar support for the November "Bios-

security in Southeast Asia" workshop in Manila and sent key participants and a speaker to the October "Maritime Security Challenges 2014 Seapower Conference" in Canada.

The Philippines association is led by its president, Joe Tale, and vice president, Ernesto Carolina.

was promoted to consul general in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

MALDIVES

Mohamed Sadiq, EC02-2, was promoted to deputy commissioner of police.

Mohamed Ziyad, EC06-3 was promoted to colonel.

Mohamed Ibrahim (Maldives), OR10-1 and ASC09-2, was promoted to colonel and appointed commander of the Coast Guard.

Abdul Rauf, ASC10-2, was promoted to colonel and appointed director of military intelligence.

Abdulla Ibrahim, ASC12-1, was promoted to colonel and appointed commander, Male Area.

Ahmed Riza, ASC12-2, was promoted to colonel.

Mohamed Mukthar, CSRT13-1, was promoted to colonel and appointed principle director, Marine Corps.

Hassan Shifau, TSC14-1, was promoted as acting high commissioner to London.

Ahmed Thohir, CSRT14-1, was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Mohamed Firdhous, ASC14-2, was promoted to major.

Shiruzimath Sameer, ASC14-2, was promoted as permanent secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

NEPAL

Jeetendra Dev, SSD11-1, was promoted as a member of Parliament.

Pashupati Upadhyay, CSRT14-1, was promoted to deputy inspector general of police and deputed to the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority.

Anuj Basnyat, EC06-1, was promoted to major general.

PAKISTAN

Sabir Hussain, CSRT10-1, was promoted to group captain.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Bernadette Efi, ASC14-3, was promoted to acting director, public relations division at the PNG Science and Technology Secretariat.

PHILIPPINES

Ricardo Visaya, EC06-3, was promoted to major general and appointed commander of the Southern Luzon Command.

Raoul Guerrero, CSRT12-1, was promoted to head agent of the National Bureau of Investigation. He is also the chief of the Counter Terrorism Division.

SRI LANKA

Nevil Ranjan Lamahewage, CCM13-1, was promoted to brigadier general and posted as brigade com-

mander in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka.

Sena Sundra Waduge, ASC12-2, was promoted to brigadier general.

Don Kapila Wanigasooriya, ASC13-1, was promoted to air commodore.

Tissley Kodituwakku, CCM13-1, was promoted to brigadier general.

Aruna Ravindra Jayarathne, CCM14-1, was promoted to deputy director, Disaster Management Center.

THAILAND

Graisri Gesorn, ASC09-1, was promoted to rear admiral.

Yuttana Sangma, CSRT15-1, was promoted to Chief of Staff Artillery Regiment, Marines Division.

TONGA

Col. Tongapo'uli Aleamotua, EC01-2 and CCM12-1, was promoted to brigadier general, and appointed as the new chief of defense.

VANUATU

Delphine Vuti, ASC14-1, was promoted to Police Superintendent.

VIETNAM

Do Minh Thai, EC03-1, was promoted to rear admiral.

BANGLADESH

Alumni Associations

Afghanistan
American Samoa
Australia
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Cambodia*
Cameroon
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros**
Cook Islands
Fiji
Guam
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Iraq
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Lao PDR
Lebanon
Madagascar**
Malaysia
Maldives
Marshall Islands
Mauritius**
Micronesia
Mongolia
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
New Zealand
Pakistan
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Russia & Far East Russia
Samoa
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Tanzania
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu
Vietnam
U.S. (D.C. & Hawaii)

* Informal group

** Joint alumni association with the Africa Center

POSITION CHANGES

Munir Chowdhury, CCM13-1, was appointed joint secretary, Ministry of Commerce.

Commodore M. Abidur Rahman, EC04-1, completed the National Defense Course 2014.

Honorable Saber Chowdhury, CA13-6 and ORA13-2, was elected president of the Geneva-based Inter-Parliamentary Union. Its current membership is comprised of 166 national legislatures with 45,000 members of parliament.

Cmdr. ATM Rezaul Hasan, CSRT06-3 and OR10-1, is commanding a Coast Guard Base in West Zone.

Commodore Abidur Rahman, EC04-1, was appointed registrar of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University.

Benazir Ahmed, CSRT07-1, transferred from his position as police commissioner to director general, Rapid Action Battalion Forces of Bangladesh.

BHUTAN

Tenzin Rondel Wangchuk, EC05-3, is a minister counselor in the Royal Bhutanese Embassy, Brussels.

Ugyen Dorji, ASC11-2, is serving as minister coun-

selor in the Bhutan Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand.

CAMBODIA

Police Brig. Gen. Sam Dara, CSRT06-1, transferred from Logistics and Finances to the General Department of Immigration and appointed as deputy director of border check.

Capt. Chhoeuth Polrith, CCM13-1, was appointed section chief of information and cooperation, Department of Weapons, Ministry of Interior, Cambodia.

CHINA

Dr. Yang Danzhi, CCM10-1, was nominated as the assistant director of the Center for Regional Security Studies, China Academy of Social Sciences.

Mr. Xu Bu, EC01-1, is deputy representative of Korean Peninsula Affairs in China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Jing Lu, EC02-1, is minister counselor and deputy head of mission from China to ASEAN.

FIJI

Col. (Ret) Jonisio Mara, EC04-1, is deputy secretary, Ministry of Defense, National Security and Immigration.

Villiam Wilikilagi, CSRT11-1, CA12-04 and ORA14-7, is director of National Security, Ministry of Defense, National Security and Immigration.

Eliki Siga, ASC13-1, is deputy conservator (Director Services), Fiji Ministry of Primary Industries.

Isireli Tagicaki, ASC13-1, is chief investigator, Fiji Independent Commission against Corruption.

INDIA

Air Commodore S.C. Kabra, ASC08-2, joined the Pacific Medical College and Hospital, Udaipur (Rajasthan), India as a professor in community medicine.

Rear Adm. Sudhir Pillai, EC03-3, has been appointed chief instructor (Navy) at the Defense Services Staff College, Wellington, India.

INDONESIA

Capt. Ari Maryadi, CSRT14-1, was posted as an intelligence analyst to the United Nations Interim Force Lebanon for peace-keeping operations.

Chaerul Yani, CSRT08-2, is the director of intelligence of Jambi Police Regional.

Heru Hanindyo, ASC14-2, is deputy chief of Tahuna District Court.

Anggiat Napitupulu, CCM10-1, was posted in Los Angeles, Calif., as Indonesian immigration consul.

KOREA

Brig. Gen. Youngkwan Ryu, EC05-2, has taken command of the 16th Fight-

er Wing.

MALDIVES

Brig. Gen. Ahmed Shahid, EC00-2 was appointed vice chief, Maldives National Defense Force.

Maj. Gen. (Ret) Moosa Ali Jaleel, EC00-3, was appointed minister of defense.

Brig. Gen. (Ret) Farhath Shaheer, CSRT08-2 and EC99-2, is chief executive officer of the Male hospital.

Fathimath Inaya, ASC10-1, is deputy minister, Foreign Affairs and high commissioner to Singapore.

Brig. Gen. Zakariyya Mansoor, OR10-1 and EC01-3, was appointed director general, Department of Counter Terrorism.

MONGOLIA

Col Amarbayasgalan Shambaljamts, ASC12-2, is a visiting professor to the Republic of Korea National Defense university

Mr. Badral Tuvshin, TSC14-2, was appointed chief, National Emergency Management Agency Mongolia.

MYANMAR

Ms. Kay Thi Soe, ORA14-6, is minister counselor, Myanmar Embassy, Rome.

NEPAL

Col. Yog Raj Sharma, ASC14-2, was posted in

New York as a military advisor for the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations.

Col. Pradeep Jung K.C., CSRT08-3, is working as a military attaché from the Nepal Army to the United Kingdom at the Embassy of Nepal in London.

Supradip Chakma, EC01-1, was appointed as ambassador to Mexico.

Maj. Gen. Binoj Basnyat, ASC11-2, was appointed commandant, Nepalese Army Command and Staff College.

NETHERLANDS

Rene Nijenhuis, CCM14-1, is humanitarian affairs officer at the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit.

NEW ZEALAND

Capt. Shaun Fogarty, CA13-3, was appointed the New Zealand Defence Force attaché to France.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Capt. Alois Tom, SEC04-2, is heading the State of Emergency on Electricity Services. He is in charge of all public and private production of electricity in the country.

Maj. Dalso Umul, ASC14-2, has been selected to attend the Australian Command and Staff College in Canberra.

2014 Alumni of the Year



Maj. Liza Theriault



Capt. Domingos Oki

Two Fellows from the Advanced Security Cooperation (ASC 14-2) course are the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Alumni of the Year for 2014. They're recognized for success in implementing APCSS Fellows Projects.

Maj. Liza Theriault, chief of senior leader development for Pacific Air Forces, advocated inclusion of a Women, Peace and Security program into her command's formal strategy guidelines. After Theriault briefed then PACAF Commander Gen. Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle on data regarding inclusion in the Asia-Pacific region, the general established a WPS program, placing it under the command's Theater Security Cooperation Division.

Capt. Domingos Oki, with the Timor-Leste Defence Force, is recognized for establishing mechanisms for multilateral engagements. He conducted face-to-face defense meetings with representatives from more than 12 nations, including China, India and France; organized the annual Defence Cooperation Talks between his nation's defense force and the Australian Defence Force; and organized the first-ever defense discussion among eight Portuguese-speaking countries.

PHILIPPINES

Brig. Gen. Gerardo Barrientos, EC06-3, was designated division commander of the 1st Infantry Division, Philippine Army.

Col. Rey Labanen, ASC10-2, is brigade commander in

the northeast region of the Philippines.

Col. Cirilito Sobejana, ASC10-2, is the assistant chief of staff for operations, G3, Philippine Army. He also recently attended the Multinational Cooperation Program in the Asia-Pacific

2014 in Tokyo, Japan.

Eugenio Gepte Jr., EC06-1, was posted as humanitarian affairs officer of policy and planning unit at the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office at Geneva.

Police Chief Superintendent Moro Virgilio Lazo, EC05-3, was designated chief, special action forces of the Philippine National Police.

SINGAPORE

Wing Commander (Ret) Dayal Wijeratne, SSTR06-2, is first officer, Airbus 330/340, Sri Lanka Airlines.

SRI LANKA

Brig. Gen. Adeepa Thilakarathna, ASC14-1, is dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Kotelawala Defence University.

Sisira Senavirathne, ASC14-1, is counselor, Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi.

Ranjith Gunaratna, EC02-2, completed his tour as ambassador to Lebanon and is now heading the policy and research division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Rear Adm. S. R. Samarunga, EC04-3 and SEC07-2, is advisor, maritime affairs for the
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POSITION CHANGES

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Petroleum Resources Development Secretariat.

W.M.R.P. Weerasinghe, EC06-1, is additional secretary, Ministry of Productivity Promotion.

Group Capt. Haripriya Abeysinghe, ASC11-1, is commanding officer, Sri Lanka Air Force Station, Bandaranaike International Airport.

Asai Lakkathas, CCM12-1, is senior assistant secretary, Ministry of Fisheries.

Col. Nihal Kodithuwakku, ASC12-2, is commanding officer, Sri Lanka Air Force Detachment.

Chaminda Hettiarachchi, ASC12-2, is controller, Department of Immigration and Emigration.

Waruna Wilpatha, ASC14-2, is acting high commissioner in Ottawa, Canada.

Renuka Jayasundara, ASC14-3, is working in the Financial Crime Investigation Division.

TAIWAN

Bruce Linghu, TSC12-1, assumed the ambassadorial post in Ottawa, Canada, as the representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Canada.

THAILAND

Wanalee Lohpechra, ASC09-2, is minister counselor at the Permanent Mission of Thailand to ASEAN in Jakarta.

Senior Col. Nattawut Sabyeroop, EC02-3, is the deputy director of the Peace Operations Center, Directorate of Joint Operations, Royal Thai Armed Forces HQ.

Kay Piyawatwichit, ASC12-2, is serving as a staff member to the minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office.

Thanawat Sirikul EC01-2, is the minister counselor at the international economics policy division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

UNITED STATES

Anthony Kolankiewicz, EC98-2, completed a two-year assignment at the American Embassy in Dakar, Senegal.

Paul Kreutzer, JEC05-3, is serving as the Department of State political advisor at Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

Lt. Col. John Lloyd, ASC11-1 and APOC11-2, completed his command deployment to Kuwait. He is now assigned as brigade executive officer for the 1st Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet command.

Shawn Trahan, CSRT12-1, is attending the National

War College in Washington D.C.

Brig. Gen. N.E. Rick Nelson, SEAPOC14-1, was assigned as chief of logistics, International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan.

Maj. Dawood Luqman APOC08-2, transferred to the Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operations Center in Hawaii.

Dr. Charles Craft, EC05-1 and APOC08-1, is the dental health director for the Division of Public Health in Nebraska.

Frank Cho, SEC06-3 and ASC14-2, is the joint multinational exercise planner for U.S. Army Pacific.



DIRECTOR MEETS WITH BHUTAN ALUMNI: APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf traveled to Thimphu, Bhutan, April 9 to 12 to develop ties with members of the Bhutan government and connect with 12 of the nation's 35 APCSS alumni. During a banquet hosted by Bhutan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Leaf provided an update on Center activities, and alumni shared benefits they've gained in APCSS engagements.

Capt. Liang-Kuan “Albert” Ho, APOC14-1, completed his work at APCSS and is transitioning to a new duty position.

Marc Estepa, CSRT10-1, is commander of the 84th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Anthony Kolankiewicz, EC98-2, transferred from Dakar, Senegal, to Jerusalem, Israel.

Gene O’Nale, EC98-3 and SP12-1, is the chief of staff, National Guard Professional Education Center at Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

VIETNAM

Ambassador Vuong Hai Nam, EC04-3, was posted as the consul general of Vietnam in San Francisco.

RETIREMENTS

AUSTRALIA



Rear Adm. Rowan Moffitt, SEC05-1, retired from the Navy and

is now the partner in charge of Ernst & Young’s defense account.

BRUNEI



Maj. Jasmin Ibrahim, CCM08-2, retired from the Royal Brunei

Armed Forces. He joined the Brunei Multipurpose Training Centre as an aviation instructor and works disaster management simulation.



CANADA
Capt. Gordon Peskett, EC99-2, retired from the Navy after nearly 38 years of distinguished military service.

FIJI



Col. Jackson Evans, EC02-1, retired from the military.

HONG KONG



Steve Wordsworth, CSRT10-1, retired from the Hong Kong Police Force.

INDIA



Maj. Gen. A.K. Siwach, ASC09-1, retired from the Indian Army as head of Territorial Army after serving for 37 years.



Kulwant Rai, EC04-3, retired as joint director in the Ministry of Defence.



R. Chandrashekhar, EC02-2, retired as additional director general in the Ministry of Defense and joined the Centre for Joint Warfare as a senior fellow.

MADAGASCAR



Brig. Gen. Edmond Rasolomahandry, EC00-3, retired from the military.

MALDIVES



Lt. Col. Husain Haleem, ASC10-2, retired from the military.



Brig. Gen. Ahmed Mohamed, TSC13-1, OR10-1, CSRT09-1 and EC00-1, retired as vice chief of Defense Force.

NEPAL



Mahabir Gurung, ASC10-2, retired as deputy inspector general after 30 years of faithful service to the Armed Police Force.

PAKISTAN



Adm. Asif Sandila, SEC07-1, retired from the Pakistan Navy as

chief of the Naval Staff. He is devoting his time to social work, helping to improve education and vocational training in Pakistan.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Dr. Gideon Kendino, ASC09-2, retired from the military and is managing a medical clinic and providing business development advice to an Australian medical company.

SRI LANKA



Adm. Jayanath Colombage, EC06-3, retired as commander of the Sri Lankan Navy. He is advisor to the chairman, Avant Garde Maritime Services.

TONGA



Brig. Gen. Tau’aika Uta’atu, SEC05-3, retired as chief of Defense and was appointed Tongan ambassador to China.

UNITED STATES



Col. Patrick Reardon, EC01-3, retired from the U.S. Army. He is residing in Cypress, Calif.

APCSS team captures awards for federal service

Twenty-one Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies employees were recognized at the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board's 59th Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards ceremony at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Officer's Club May 1.

The annual event honors employees from government agencies in Hawaii for their outstanding effort, dedication, and contributions to the workforce and community. Employees' organizations nominated them for these honors.

APCSS' award winners for 2015 are:

- **Team Excellence:** College Operations: **U.S. Navy Cmdr. Alan Chace, Dr. Lori Forman, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Ian Francis, Dr. Scott Hauger, U.S. Air Force Maj. Christopher Kuchma, Professor Kerry Lynn Nankivell, Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor Thomas Peterman, Dr. Alexander Vuving, Dr. Virginia Bacay-Watson, Dr. Mohan Malik, Dr. Saira Yamin, U.S. Navy Lt. Nicholas Matcheck, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Donald Peterson, Robin Burrell, and Florence Rapozo.**

- **Federal Leader of the Year:** **Lenore Patton**, chief, Regional Engage-



APCSS members representing the Center at the Excellence in Federal Government Awards ceremony May 1 were (left to right): Laureen Kukino, Lenore Patton, Cherrielynn Kamahahele, Robin Wong, Pedro Gutierrez-Torres, Cmdr. Alan Chace, Brig. Gen. (Ret) James Hirai, Carlton Cramer, and Richard Sears.

ment Operations Department.

- **Federal Employee of the Year (Professional/Admin/Tech):** **Carolyn Orita**, Administration Management Office.

- **Federal Employee of the Year (Clerical/Assistant):** **Larry Fryer**, Human Resources Department.

- **Exceptional Community Service:** **Johnette Chun**, chief, Human Resources Department.

- **Mentor of the Year:** **Cher-**

rielynn Kamahahele, Regional Engagement Operations Department.

APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf honored his staff's hard work. "Our APCSS schedule is daunting, with courses and workshops flowing year-long with little break between events. Our staff, however, has excelled in maximizing these opportunities to build and strengthen vital partnerships in the region. They've proven that a relatively small cohort of dedicated professionals can change the world."



Dr. Miemie Byrd

Professor highlights women's role in American progress

While showcasing women's contributions to America's social and political evolution, Dr. Miemie Byrd shared her vision of an equal workforce with U.S. soldiers at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, March 7. The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies professor served as the keynote speaker for the 9th Mission Support Command's Women's History Month observance.

Byrd traced women's achievements from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam conflict and their role in today's Armed Forces. She

also described her personal experience in male-dominated fields of military and public accounting work.

"Today, I'm happy to say we've 'come a long way baby'...however, we have more to do," said Byrd, who related that women still account for only 16.6 percent of military officer corps today.

The professor laid out a fact-based case that nations experience stronger economic and social development when women are included in key development processes.

APCSS name change honors long-time U.S. Senator Inouye

The Hawaii Congressional Delegation recently announced the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. The change was included in the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act and signed into law by the president in December.

“We’re proud and humble that we will now formally bear the name of the man who was at the center of the founding of this center ... Senator Daniel K. Inouye,” said APCSS Director Lt.Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf.

“Senator Inouye had a reputation as a man of peace who embodied trust,” said Leaf. “At APCSS, we will work hard to continue his legacy by being a trusted place for productive discussions and engagement on peace and security matters for the Asia-Pacific and the United States.”

A ceremony to mark the official name change of the Cen-



APCSS’ Dean of Academics Carleton Cramer and Dean of Business and Operations Richard Sears unveil the new Center logo. Center will be held later this year as part of the Center’s 20th Anniversary celebration.

HAILS AND FAREWELLS

APCSS welcomed a number of new members to its staff while saying goodbye to others during the period Sept. 1 to April 30.

In the Executive Operations Group, **Warren Williams** joined the administrative management office. Public Affairs welcomed **Agusto Murrillo** as the new staff photographer, and **Mary Ellen Haug** is the Library’s newest team member. EOG bid farewell to temporary staff member **Dr. Pam Milligan**.

In Admissions and Business Operations, **U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Richard Cabag** replaced **USN Chief Petty Officer Mordeaci Hawthorne** in the resource management section. RM also welcomed USN Seamen **William Reding** and **Marvin Craft**, who joined the travel office, and **Romanito Rodrigo** who replaced **Joseph Torres** in the budget and accounting division. **Corey Dodd** replaced **Catrina Thames** as an administrative assistant.

REO welcomed **Liana Bratland**



STAYING ABOARD: Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Copernick Louis (right) reenlists in the U.S. Navy at a March 27 ceremony at APCSS. The Center’s chief of procurement and supply, Lt. Cmdr. Richard Pleasants (left), officiated the ceremony. Louis supports the APCSS mission as a supply technician.

and **Melody Adezas**. **Dwayne Ako** replaced **Raymond Adames** in DABO’s information systems division and **Edwin Paras** departed his position as chief of ISD’s network technology division.

DABO bid farewell to its deputy director, **U.S. Air Force Col. Jonathan Kim**, who deployed. The organization also said

goodbye to **USAF Col. Steven Huss**.

College of Security Studies added **Massaih Ali** as a management program analyst, and **USN Lt. Daniel Bradshaw** replaced **USN Lt. Cmdr. Daravanh Kollasch** as a military operations officer. **USAF Capt Chris Erlewine** also joined the staff as a military operations officer. CSS college operations said goodbye to **USAF Maj. Christopher Kuchma**.

Mary Ann Copeland replaced **Kerine Buckley** in the CSS administrative support section. **Filomeno Batayola** joined the ops team on a temporary duty assignment.

New APCSS interns included **U.S. Navy Lt. Lyndsey Fatz**, **U.S. Army 1st Lt. Christopher Coulombe**, **Kasia Biaspalava**, **Angelica Chavers**, **Cody Fultz**, **Alyson Kim**, **Paulina Kostrzewski**, **Matyas Kreidler**, **David Lim**, **Aneta Pachedzhieva**, and **Michael Perry**. Departing interns included **USAF Capt. Liang-Kuan Ho** and **Jillian McGee**.

Mizuho Kajiwara served as a visiting academic.

Pakistan: National Security Dilemmas and Transition to Democracy

Dr. Saira Yamin's paper on "Pakistan: National Security Dilemmas and



Transition to Democracy" was recently published by the Journal of

Asian Security and International Affairs (JASIA 2:1, April 2015).

The following is an abstract:

"Empirical evidence supports the notion that emergent and hybrid democratic regimes are often unstable and conflict-ridden. While these are important findings, the implication that instability is induced by democratic transitions provides a partial understanding of the dynamic. Pakistan's recent return to a democratic system of government provides an opportunity to test this thesis and draw inferences about prospects for democratic consolidation.

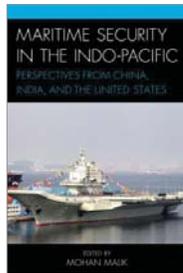
Using Pakistan as a case study, the research raises three important considerations towards a more comprehensive analysis of the dynamic of instability in democratic transitions. First, it emphasizes that a developing transitioning

state is sometimes afflicted with protracted conflict conditions; hence the transition process per se may not have a direct or significant causal relationship with pervasive instability."

You can read the full paper online at: <http://aia.sagepub.com/content/current>.

Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives from China, India and the United States

In Spring 2013, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies hosted a workshop entitled "Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific Region: China, India and U.S. Perspectives." Proceedings from the workshop have just been published in a new book, "Maritime Security in



the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives from China, India, and the United States."

According to Dr. Mohan Malik, workshop academic lead and book editor, "this book brings together a cross-section of outstanding practitioners, policymakers, scholars and analysts from China, India, Australia and the United States."

The book is available for purchase at: <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781442235328>.

APCSS Course Calendar

* Note: Dates are subject to change. Please visit our website for the most current information.

Course #	Start Date	End Date
Advanced Security Cooperation (ASC)		
15-2	24-Sep-15.....	29-Oct-15
Senior Executive Asia-Pacific Orientation Course (SEAPOC)		
15-1	6-Oct-15.....	8-Oct-15 (T)
Comprehensive Crisis Management (CCM)		
15-1	23-Jul-15.....	25-Aug-15
16-1	11-Feb-16.....	9-Mar-16
Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC)		
15-1	1-Jun-15.....	5-Jun-15
15-2	16-Nov-15.....	20-Nov-15 (T)
Asia-Pacific Orientation Course (APOC)		
15-2	22-Jun-15.....	26-Jun-15
15-3	31-Aug-15.....	04-Sep-15
16-1	25-Jan-16.....	29 Jan-15 (T)

(T) = Tentative



ASEAN handshake

Fellows with the Advanced Security Cooperation (ASC 15-1) course demonstrate an organizational gesture used to illustrate unity within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. ASC 15-1 was in session from April 2 to May 7.

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Chiefs of Defense and APCSS alumni

APCSS provides support for the annual Asia-Pacific Chiefs of Defense Conference, the latest of which took place in November in Brunei. APCSS leadership and faculty facilitated lectures and discussions, and provided logistics support. Pictured is Center Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf (center) with attendees who are also APCSS alumni. They are (left to right) Singapore Lt. Gen. Ng Chee Meng; Maldives Maj. Gen. Ahmed Shiyam; Bangladesh Lt. Gen. Shafiul Huq; Cambodia Gen. Eth Sarath; Nepal Gen. Bahadur Rana; Mongolia Lt. Gen. Byambajav Tserendejid; Tonga Brig. Gen. Tau'aika 'Uta'atu; Papua New Guinea Brig. Gen. Gilbert Toropo; and Australia Vice Adm. Ray Griggs.

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