

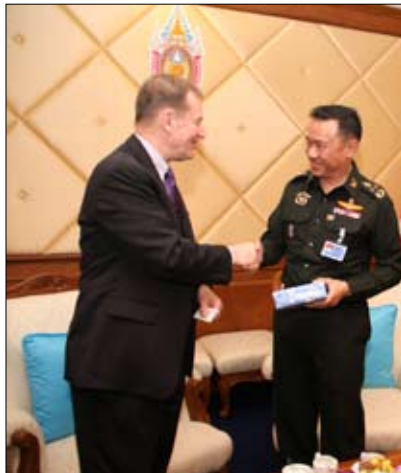
Lt.Gen. Smith meets Prime Minister of Bangladesh

Photo from the Daily Star (Bangladesh)



Director of Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ed Smith met with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office June 19. This meeting was arranged by U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, James F. Moriarty, to have Director Smith outline what APCSS could offer in the form of a partnered workshop examining civil-military relations in Bangladesh today. ■

APCSS Team Conducts Outreach to Thailand and Vietnam



APCSS Director retired Army Lt. Gen. Edwin Smith exchanges gifts with Thailand Chief of Defense Force General Songkitti Jaggabatara at Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters in Bangkok.



Director Smith discusses security challenges and exchanges ideas with Major General Jerdwut, director of the Peace Operations Centre at Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters in Bangkok.

APCSS Director, retired Army Lt. Gen. Edwin Smith, recently visited Thailand where he met with military officials and APCSS alumni to discuss security challenges in the Region.

After Thailand, Director Smith proceeded to Hanoi where APCSS and the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV) co-hosted a “Vietnam and United Nations

Peace Operations” workshop (*see story on page 22*)

Mid-level and senior policy level leaders from the Vietnamese Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs involved in peace operations participated in this workshop. Examined was Vietnam’s potential future role as a peace-keeping contributor nation. ■

Security Challenges in Southeast Asia

In August, Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen and U.S. Ambassador Carol A. Rodley gave the opening remarks at the beginning of a four-and-a-half day comprehensive course focused on Security Challenges in Southeast Asia. The course, held in Phnom Penh from August 17-21, focused on addressing the principal security challenges associated with the evolving dynamic of terrorism in Southeast Asia.

The course, co-hosted by the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies and the Cambodian National Counter-Terrorism Committee, was designed to complement APCSS' existing CSRT resident course program, but was held in-region. Course participants included security practitioners and subject matter experts from Australia, the United States and the following Southeast Asian countries: Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Singapore, and Brunei.

In her opening remarks, Ambassador Rodley stated that, "Terrorism remains a very real threat to the safety of individuals and the stability of states across Southeast Asia." Additionally, Ambassador Rodley said,



Course participants include CT experts and representatives from nine different Southeast Asian countries.

"terrorism is not merely a military problem. It is a multi-dimensional threat which cuts across governmental, economic, social, and religious divides."

The course, which concluded on August 21 in a closing ceremony presided over by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister, Sok Ann, was created as an aid towards identifying effective ways and means to enhance existing cooperative efforts in Southeast Asia to detect and defeat terrorist acts, both at the international and regional levels, particularly with respect to deterring, interdicting and managing extremist political violence that poses a direct challenge to effective regional governance.

In one of Ambassador Rodley's final comments at the opening, she stated that, "this seminar is but one example of the commitment of the United States to the peace and security of Cambodia, all the states of Southeast Asia, and indeed



U.S. Ambassador Carol A. Rodley and Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen gave the opening remarks at the beginning of the course.



the Asia Pacific region. All good nations must stand together as partners to fight the threat of terrorism." ■

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Stability & Reconstruction

APCSS and the George C. Marshall Center for Security Studies recently held their second joint senior alumni workshop. The workshop, held in Garmisch, Germany, Oct. 19-23, focused on Stability Operations and was attended by 27 alumni from 26 countries.

As with all the programs of both centers, this workshop brought together a diverse group of civilian and military leaders from both the Asia-Pacific and Europe-Eurasia regions.

In addition to providing an opportunity to share experiences and best practices related to Stability Operations, the workshop had as a major objective allowing participants to view such operations through each others eyes.

Workshop topics included: drivers of fragility and state failure, inter-agency and multi-national challenges related to reconstruction, and more. Case studies were presented on Timor-Leste, Afghanistan, and Sudan.

Speakers included Mrs. Helene H. Bourgade, head of the Unit for Social and Human Development and Migration for the European Commission and British Lt. Gen. J.B. "Jim" Dutton, deputy commander of the International Security and



Lt. Col. Marian Schiebilski (Germany), Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Chitra Gurung (Nepal), Mr. Slobodan Radulovic (Serbia), Mr. Matt Leslie (New Zealand), and Col. Dan-Nicolae Stroescu (Romania).

Assistance Force in Afghanistan. Also speaking were Mr. Walter Kowbow, formerly of the German Defense Ministry and Amb. David Greenlee of the U.S. State Department's Coordinator's Office for Reconstruction and Stabilization. ■



Col. Alan Gauthier (Canada)

(left) Mr. Herman Finley and Mr. Savas Simsek (Turkey).



Retired Lt. Gen. Farooq Khan (Pakistan), Maj. Gen. Koichiro Bansho (Japan), Dr. Gyrogy Borok (Hungary).



Twenty-seven Fellows participated in the workshop held in Garmisch.



Mr. Rodel Cruz (Philippines)



Regional Center directors: Dr. John Rose (GCMC) and Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Smith (APCSS).

Focusing on UN Peacekeeping Options, Challenges

An Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) team led by Director retired Army Lt. Gen. Ed Smith led a workshop entitled “Vietnam and United Nations Peace Operations” at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV) in Hanoi in April.

The focus of the five-day workshop was to examine the issues and challenges that countries face in conducting peacekeeping operations (PKO). Co-hosted by the DAV, nearly 50 mid-level and senior policy leaders from the Vietnamese Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Public Safety and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who are involved in peace operations actively participated in the workshop.

“This workshop has helped me explore different aspects of UN peace operations, and gain in-depth knowledge of their challenges and opportunities,” said one Vietnamese workshop participant. “The practical experiences shared by the speakers have reminded me to adopt a more objective view of the effectiveness of UN PKO.”

President of the DAV retired Amb. Duong Van Quang delivered opening remarks and Amb. Michael Michalak, U.S. Embassy Hanoi, also spoke at the opening ceremony.



The workshop included nearly 50 attendees from the Vietnamese Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Public Safety and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who are involved in peace operations.

Retired Maj. Gen. Patrick Cammaert, a former Dutch military commander, United Nations Force Commander and military advisor to the UN Security Council, was a workshop speaker and subject matter expert (SME) who shared many real-life experiences with the participants. He discussed some of the challenges a new country faces when beginning to work in the field and how to coordinate with UN Headquarters.

Other SMEs on hand were Stein Ellingsen, who discussed legal and training issues and Army Col. William Keyes, who discussed financial and logistics issues, and the UN’s requirements for support to troops out in the field.



“Our subject matter experts General Cammert, Stein Ellingsen and Colonel Keyes’s added a great deal to what APCSS had to offer,” said APCSS State Department advisor retired Ambassador Charles Salmon.

The academic lead for the conference was APCSS associate professor Tom Peterman, who also assisted Dr. Alexander Vuving in facilitating one of two groups during breakout sessions.

Amb. Salmon and Lt. Col. Matthew Schwab facilitated the second breakout group.

“The workshop was a valuable learning experience for everyone involved” said Schwab. “The Vietnamese participants were enthusiastic and eager to learn more about UN Peacekeeping Operations and discuss their views. Just as important, by sharing their perspectives, the workshop participants provided the APCSS faculty with valuable insights



Tom Peterman conducts a session on Peacekeeping Operations.



and deeper appreciation for Vietnamese culture and national priorities.

“I was very impressed with the quality of the workshop subject matter experts as well as the caliber of the all the participants,” Schwab continued. “We were especially impressed that the use of English throughout the workshop did not inhibit open discussion and sharing of different perspectives.”

A final goal of the workshop was to formulate how working with the UN will affect Vietnamese participation in peace operations. Near the end of the workshop, the two subgroups nominated representatives to deliver their presentations. The intent of the reports were to be recommended next steps for Vietnam’s participation in UN peacekeeping operations may be presented in due course to the Government of Vietnam.



Lt. Gen. Ed Smith speaking with Retired Maj. Gen. Patrick Cammaert, a former Dutch military commander, United Nations Force Commander and military advisor to the UN Security Council.



Dr. Ngy Duy Ngo, Deputy Director General of the Diplomatic Academy, pictured with Amb. Charles Salmon, is an APCSS alumnus (EC07-2 & CRC08-1).

“Attendees of this workshop come from different ministries, which will have a role in the preparation process and the participating of Vietnam in PKO,” another participant further explained. “They will brief their bosses on the insights of PKO, the available expertise and knowhow Vietnam can make use of...I’m positive that Vietnam is in a better position now to prepare for participation in PKO.” Laying the groundwork for the workshop also played a vital role in it’s success, according to Salmon.

“The work APCSS and the Diplomatic Academy had done together in December 2007 on the UN Security Council was clearly helpful,” explained Salmon. “Support from Ambassador Michalak and his country team was outstanding. All in all a very successful event on the critically important subject of international peacekeeping about which Vietnam is thinking very carefully.” ■

Alumni Association Leadership Workshop

Together with the Philippines Alumni Association, APCSS co-hosted an alumni regional security cooperation workshop focused on improving the connectivity between alumni and increasing the opportunity for enhancing national security capabilities and regional security cooperation. The conference was held July 13-15 in Manila.

Representatives from 14 nations including: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Laos participated in the three-day workshop. They assessed the current and future roles of APCSS alumni in advancing national and regional security cooperation and capability. The workshop was also intended to enable and empower the alumni network, including formal/informal associations, by facilitated development of action plans. The action plans addressed how to connect, network, build self-sustaining capacity, and launch security cooperation initiatives within respective countries and regions.

Key speakers included the Honorable Evan P. Garcia, the Philippines Assistant Secretary for United Nations and Other International Organizations, who spoke about "Multilateral Networking and Collaboration." Philippines National



Security Advisor, the Honorable Norberto B. Gonzales spoke to the group about National Security Issues of the Philippines and Deputy Director General James M. Kraft of the Philippines National Intelligence Coordinating Agency discussed the importance of "Interagency Cooperation." The Honorable Ricardo Blancaflor, Philippines Undersecretary, Department of Justice, also spoke on the "Role of Civil Sector in Security."

Each alumnus briefed recommendations for an action plan to the co-hosts representatives, Undersecretary Jose Tale and Brig. Gen. (Ret.) James Hirai. These plans are recommendations only as they must be considered by each country's alumni association prior to approval and implementation. For the workshop's closing event, the APCSS

Foundation hosted the Philippines Alumni Association, workshop participants, and special guests including the Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy, Ms. Leslie A. Bassett, who spoke at the event.



APCSS' Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Jim Hirai, Tahir Hanfi (Pakistan), Ms. Rudeewan Kateluxana (Thailand), Ms. Charie Joaquin (Philippines), AVM (Ret) Lal Perera (Sri Lanka), Undersecretary Jose Tale (Philippines), Chief of Armed Police Force Sanat Basnet (Nepal).

According to APCSS alumni director John Gasner, "this workshop produced

several positive effects. It helped APCSS connect with alumni and helped them connect with each other through the online portal, APCSSLink. It also resulted in the proposal of many innovative initiatives to improve interagency and multinational cooperation on security-related issues."



Dr. Rouben Azizian, Under Secretary Jose Tale, and Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Jim Hirai.



Security Advisor, the Honorable Norberto B. Gonzales with AM (Ret.) AK Singh (India).

The Fellows Project was enthusiastically received by the participants. Alumni agreed that such projects could empower Fellows in post course, back-at-work environment. They also agreed that some projects could become a rallying point for alumni in support of national issues. Representatives decided to assist Fellows in implementing their project action plans to achieve objectives.

According to Gasner, participants appreciated the sub-regional focus of the workshop. They shared similar geographic, politi-

cal and cultural experiences and discussed possible sub-regional collaboration. The South Asian alumni group intended to establish an informal “track two” process to support the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and other sub-regional projects.

“The very effective workshop support provided by the Philippine Alumni Association was inspirational for other alumni in demonstrating the capabilities and influence of an association,” said Gasner. “The caliber of workshop speakers, invited guests and overall attention from the Philippine Government demonstrated the great potential of alumni associations in enhancing national capabilities and multilateral cooperation.”

One workshop participant commented that “the APCSS experience really makes us proud to belong to a community of security practitioners seriously talking about diverse topics that impact on global security.” ■



The APCSS Philippine Alumni Association with APCSS Faculty.

Alumni Association Successfully Co-Hosts Workshop in Manila

As co-host, the APCSS Philippine Alumni Association (or APA) considers the AAW as a major milestone in its growth as an alumni association, said Charie Joaquin, APA Secretary.

Mr. Jose Tale, APA President, said that the Alumni Association Workshop “enhanced the APA’s credibility, boosted its confidence and increased its capacity to pursue inter-agency and multinational cooperation efforts”.

He said that the AAW provided the much-needed impetus for Filipino alumni to move towards security-related collaborative endeavors such as planning and executing a major multinational workshop like the AAW.

The APA, in close coordination with the APCSS, identified and coordinated

with guest speakers, provided logistics and administrative support during the conduct of the AAW and coordinated with Filipino alumni for social events and other activities. The APA relied on informal and formal coordination, usually through alumni, among numerous government agencies. The role of the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) as an effective base of alumni activities was also a significant factor.

APCSS Deputy Director Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Jim Hirai commended the APA for providing very effective workshop support. He said that the APA is “inspirational for other alumni in demonstrating the capabilities and influence of an association while building on the APCSS’ Alumni Workshop Outreach collaborative model.” ■

Around the Region



During his trip to Bangladesh, Lt. Gen. Smith (2nd from left) met with President, Bangladesh Alumni Association Col. ZRM Ashraf Uddin (Ret.) of EC04-2. Also pictured: APCSS' Lt. Col Brian Nelson and Maj. Mark Pralat of the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka.



Visting Alumni in Washington D.C.

When APCSS hosted it's first ever class in D.C. it gave APCSS staff & faculty members a chance to meet with some alumni. Pictured are: *Left to right:* Dr. Yochiro Sato, Lt. Col. Matt Schwab, Amb. Char-

lie Salmon, Dr. Rouben Azizian, Dr. Lee Endress, Maj. William Boswell (CCM08-1), and Tom Patykula, Byron Shorter (EC02-1, CSRT05-2), Cmdr. Noel Dahlke, Byron Black (EC03-1), and

Lt. Col. James Robinson (SSD10-1)



Left: Bryon Shorter. Taylor Scott (EC05-1), and Dr. Lee Endress.

Joint Marshall Center – Asia-Pacific Center Alumni Event in Mongolia

Story by George C. Marshall Center Public Affairs

On April 22, 60 alumni from the Marshall Center and the Asia-Pacific Center gathered at the Military Museum in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, together with about 30 attendees of the two-day conference, “Present and Future Security Environment in North-East and Central Asia: Ulaanbaatar - New Helsinki”.

Col. J. Enkhbayar (EPASS 2006-7), president of the Marshall Center Alumni Association in Mongolia, opened the event. Joseph Embler, Marshall Center Outreach Programs directorate, provided an update on Marshall Center programs and the alumni Knowledge Portal; and U.S. Army Lt. Col. Matthew Schwab, military professor from the Asia-Pacific Center, updated the alumni on the Hawaii-based center.

Col. A. Tuvshintugs, president of the APCSS Alumni Association of Mongolia made the closing remarks, which were followed by refreshments, networking, and a traditional Mongolian cultural performance. Also present were Brig. Gen. D. Davaadorj, Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies, National Security Council; Col. D. Jargalsaikhan (SES 2008-6), Chief of Administration, National Security Council; and U.S. Army Lt. Col. David Tatman, U.S. Defense Attache. ■



Lt. Col. Matthew Schwab



Col. A. Tuvshintugs (EC99-2), president of the APCSS Alumni Association of Mongolia made the closing remarks.

Outreach to China

At a reception in China with the China Association for Friendly International Contact (CAFIC)

Pictured (l-r): Lt. Col. Randy Lawrence, former faculty & currently with the U.S. Embassy; Dr. Rollie Lal; Prof. Yuan Ming, Beijing University; Capt. (Ret.) Carleton Cramer; Mrs. Li Zhaoxing; Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Smith, former Chinese Foreign Minister and President of CAFIC Mr. Li Zhaoxing; Dr. Mohan Malik, Mr. Shen Weiping, vice president of CAFIC; Ms. Sunny Liu; and, Mr. Chen Zuming, CAFIC secretary general.



(Right) Capt. (Ret.) Carleton Cramer, Dr. Mohan Malik, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Smith, and Dr. Rollie Lal visited China last summer to discuss participation in APCSS courses and Outreach with potential partner organizations in China.

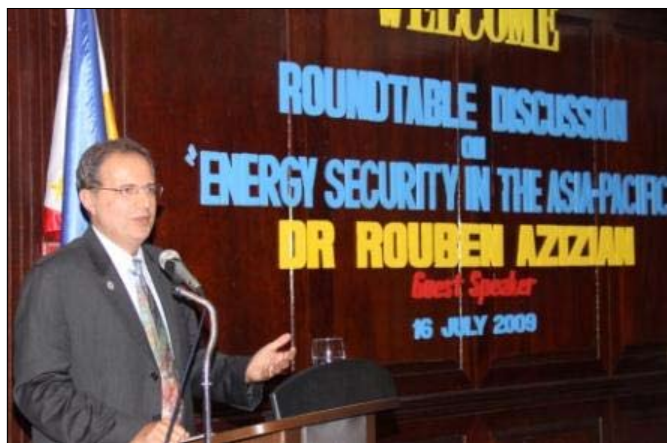


Dr. Azizian visits National Defense College of the Philippines

Forty-eight experts and practitioners gathered at the National Defense College of the Philippines July 16, to discuss energy security in the Asia-Pacific.

“Today, many of the academics in the field of international relations are discussing energy as a new factor which has very interesting impact,” said APCSS Professor Dr. Rouben Azizian, the roundtable discussion’s main speaker.

Dr. Azizian examined national security and international



Dr. Rouben Azizan makes a presentation on energy security. relations using the concept of energy security. ity, reliability, and sustainability of energy.”

Energy security pertains to the “availability, affordabil-

Agencies represented include the Department of

National Defense, Armed Forces of the Philippines, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, Department of Energy, Philippine National Oil Company and the Department of Science and Technology.

NDCP faculty, staff and students of the NDCP’s Master in National Security Administration (MNSA) program also attended the discussion. ■

Photo and story from the NDCP website.