

### PROMOTIONS

#### BANGLADESH

- **Mohammad Tawhid**, CSRT05-2, promoted to brigadier general and selected as head of the Counter Terrorism Intelligence Bureau.

- **Muhammad Mustafa**, CCM14-1, promoted to joint secretary.

- **Abu Esrar**, EC06-3, promoted to air marshal.

#### CAMBODIA

- **Veasna Var**, ASC12-2, promoted to brigadier general. He is undertaking a Ph.D. program at the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defense Force Academy.

#### CANADA

- **Christine Whitecross**, SEAPOC14-1, promoted to lieutenant general and appointed commander, Military Personnel Command.

- **Michael Hood**, SEAPOC14-2, promoted to lieutenant general and appointed commander of the Canadian Air Force.

#### COLOMBIA

- **Juan Palacios**, CSRT15-1, was promoted to colonel.

#### INDIA

- **Sundari Subramaniam Pujari**, EC00-3, promoted as director, General Defence Estates, Ministry of Defense.

- **Sushil Kumar Sharma**, ASC10-2, was promoted to brigadier general, and he completed his Ph.D. on internal security.

#### INDONESIA

- **Syaiful Anwar**, EC02-3, promoted to major general.

- **Erwin Suherman**, CSRT08-1, promoted to colonel. He is working as the Indonesian defense attaché to Pretoria, South Africa.

- **Col. Afrizal Hendra**, ASC11-1, promoted as head of the Cooperation Department in the Academic Bureau of the Indonesia Defense University.

- **Lt. Col. Victor George**, ASC14-1, is working at U.N. Headquarters in New York.



#### Director meets with alumni in Palau

DKI APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf (*center*) traveled to Palau, Vietnam, and Korea in November to reinforce U.S. national security objectives, provide focused recruiting for the Center's security education programs, and facilitate network-building. The director met with alumni in each of the three locations. The general, along with DKI APCSS faculty member Dr. Lori Forman (*at left, second row*), is pictured here with alumni from Palau.

## Alumni Associations



### Nepal earthquake response

Two of the several DKI APCSS alumni who had a role in the April Nepal earthquake response and recovery were (*left to right*) President of the Nepal Center on Disaster Management Meen Chhetri and U.N. humanitarian affairs officer Rene Nijenhuis. Chhetri recently articulated challenges associated with the recovery effort to the *Nepal Republic Media*, and Nijenhuis deployed to Nepal for three months as part of the U.N.'s relief efforts.



### KOREA

- **Kim, Jin Ho**, EC03-2, was promoted to brigadier general.

### MALAYSIA

- **Puzi Ab Kahar**, EC01-1/TSC14-2, was promoted to admiral and appointed as director general, Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency.

- **Che Hassan bin Jusoh**, SEC06-2, promoted to vice admiral and appointed as deputy director of operations, Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency.

### MALDIVES

- **Abdulla Nawaz**, ASC14-1, was promoted as assistant commissioner of police.

### MONGOLIA

- **Gansukh Erkhembayar**, CCM12-1, was promoted to major.

### NEW ZEALAND

- **Steve Hancock**, CA14-1, was promoted to wing commander and transferred to the New Zealand Defence College headquarters as the director, education and training chief of staff.

### NEPAL

- **Shekhar Basnyat**, CSRT15-1, promoted to major general and appointed as divisional commander.

### PANAMA

- **Yovani Chavez**, CSRT14-1, was promoted to major.

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- **Eseki Wenzel**, ASC10-2, was promoted to colonel and appointed chief of joint operations, PNG Defense Force.

### PHILIPPINES

- **Police Col. Jean Fajardo**, ASC14-1, was promoted as chief of police in the city of San Fernando Pampanga, Philippines.

### SRI LANKA

- **Nalindra Jayasinghe**, ASC14-3, was promoted to captain.

### TAIWAN

- **Adm. Yeong Kang Chen**, SEC05-2, was promoted as deputy minister of national defense.

### THAILAND

- **Manote Plai-ngam**, CCM14-1, was promoted to wing commander and appointed chief of operational section, Aeromedical Evacuation Control Center, Institute of Aviation Medicine. He is currently studying in the Senior Air Officer Course of the Royal Thai Air Force.

- **Vutti Vuttisant**, EC05-3, was promoted as Ambassador to Nepal.

Afghanistan  
 American Samoa  
 Australia  
 Bangladesh  
 Bhutan  
 Cambodia\*  
 Cameroon  
 Canada  
 Chile  
 China  
 Colombia  
 Comoros \*\*  
 Cook Islands  
 Fiji  
 Guam  
 Hong Kong  
 India  
 Indonesia  
 Iraq  
 Japan  
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 Lao PDR  
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 Mozambique  
 Myanmar  
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 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

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## ALUMNI NEWS

- **Peerapong Muangboonchoo**, ASC15-1, was promoted to major general.

- **Chusak Chupaitoon**, EC05-1, promoted to rear admiral and selected to attend the Thai Defense College.

### TANZANIA

- **Willy Mlulu**, ASC12-2, was promoted as Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police.

### TIMOR-LESTE

- **Salustiano De Vasconcelos**, ASC11-1, was promoted to major, and is working with the U.N. in South Sudan.

### UNITED STATES

- **Brian Middleton**, CCM08-2, was promoted to lieutenant colonel and was selected to command the newly reactivated, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines.

- **John Black**, APOC12-2 was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

## POSITION CHANGES

### AUSTRALIA

- **Sandra Edwards**, CSRT10-1, is assistant director, military strategic futures, military strategy branch.

- **Ky Blackman**, ASC12-1 and CCM13-1, is counsellor defense at the Australian High Commission, London.

### BANGLADESH

- **Group Capt. Sharif Sarker**, CCM12-1, was appointed director of overseas air operation directorate in

Air Headquarters.

- **Benazir Ahmed**, CSRT07-1, was appointed director general, rapid action battalion forces. He is responsible for counterterrorism operations and fighting organized crime.

- **Lt. Gen. Abu Belal Mohammad Shafiu Huq**, TSC12-2, was appointed chief of the Bangladesh Army.

- **Lt. Col. Mohammad Saif Ullah**, CSRT15-1, is director of special Security force, an elite unit providing protection to the president, prime minister and other Bangladesh officials.

- **Masudur Rahman**, ASC09-1, is consul general in Dubai.

- **Wing Commander Md Shariful Islam**, CCM11-1, is serving with the U.N. Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization mission in Mali.



### Earns doctorate

Sri Lanka Adm. (Ret) Jayanath Colombage, an alumnus of Executive Course (EC 06-3), recently earned a Ph.D. from the General Sir John Kotalawa Defence University in Ratmalana. He is the first to earn a doctorate from the Sri Lankan university.

- **Abdul Motaleb Sarker**, EC06-1, was appointed Bangladesh ambassador to Lebanon.

### CAMBODIA

- **Ung Eang**, CCM09-1, CSRT09-2 and ASC11-1, was appointed vice president, secretariat of national counterterrorism committee with the rank of secretary of state.

### CANADA

- **Col. Colin Magee**, CA13-07, was assigned as senior staff officer, joint professional development for the Canadian Armed Forces. He also completed his Ph.D. in management (organizational leadership).

- **Maj. Gen. (Ret) Richard Blanchette**, TSC10-2, is a consultant at RVB Securi-T in Quebec.

- **Rear Adm. Gilles Couturier**, TSC14-2, was appointed commander, Maritime Forces Pacific and Joint Task Force Commander Pacific.

- **Rod Knecht**, SEC08-1, was appointed chief of police in Edmonton, Canada.

- **Lt. Col. James Follwell**, APOC11-2, transferred to the U.N. Command as the multinational coordination lead and commander of the Canadian Contingent.

- **Lt. Gen. Steve Bowes**, TSC13-1, was appointed commander, Canadian Joint Operations Command.

### CHILE

- **Claudio Rojas Rachel**, ASC15-1, has been posted to Georgetown, Guyana.

### CHINA

- **Jian Yang**, EC00-3, was appointed ambassador to Brunei.



### Taiwan alumni gather

DKI APCSS' new foreign policy advisor, Brent Christensen (*center*), accompanied the Center's director, Lt. Gen. Dan Leaf (*right of center*) on a July three-nation visit with government officials and alumni in Mongolia, Japan and Taiwan. The pair, along with faculty member Dr. Lora Saalman (*fourth from right*) are pictured here with Taiwan alumni during a July 20 gathering in Taipei.

### FIJI

- **Maj. Gen. Ioane Naivalurua**, SEC05-1, was appointed ambassador to Beijing, China.
- **Commodore Esala Teleni**, SEC06-1 and ASC15-1, was appointed ambassador to Papua New Guinea.
- **Erica Lee**, ASC14-3, transferred to the Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme under the U.N. Development Programme, Pacific Office, as the communications associate.

### INDIA

- **Brig. Gen. Pranav Jaiswal**, CCM08-3, was assigned to a Power Sector enterprise under the Ministry of Power, Government of India.
- **Air Commodore Vimal Dubey**, ASC10-2, was appointed deputy director general of Armed Forces Medical Services.
- **Inspector General Kuldip Singh Sheoran**, ASC11-2, is commander of the Indian Coast Guard Region A&N.

- **Ambassador Vishnu Prakash**, EC96-1, was appointed India's high commissioner to Canada.

### INDONESIA

- **Agung Sampurno**, CCM10-1, is directorate general of immigration, Ministry of Interior.
- **Maj. Gen. Imam Edy Mulyono**, TSC12-1, is working in Western Sahara as part of the U.N. mission in Minurso; he is the Minurso force commander.
- **Col. Agus Renaldi Kusuma**, ASC14-2, was selected as commander for an intelligence task force for domestic affairs.
- **Ruli Rulijanto**, EC05-2, is deputy director of enforcement on task compliance, directorate general of customs and excise, Ministry of Finance.
- **NFN Aguswandi**, CCM08-2, has been posted to the Solomon Islands as a U.N. peacebuilding and development adviser.

- **Rizal Wirakara**, ASC09-2, is working as head of division-2, directorate of Asia-Pacific and Africa intra-regional cooperation.
- **Col. Aditya Kumara**, ASC10-2, was assigned to Seoul, Korea, as the Indonesian defense attaché.

### JAPAN

- **Lt. Gen. Shigeru Kobayashi**, EC03-1, is vice president of the National Defense Academy.
- **Atsuo Suzuki**, SEC08-2, is deputy director general, defense policy bureau, Ministry of Defense.
- **Shimpei Ara**, APOC10-1, is deputy director, National Security Council.
- **Maj. Gen. Tamotsu Kidono**, TSC10-2, is director, personnel, education and training department.
- **Takashi Kawamoto**, APOC13-1, is senior researcher, KEIO Research Institute.

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## ALUMNI NEWS

### LAOS

- **Khamsouay Keodalavong**, ASC12-1, was appointed ambassador to Republic of Korea.

### LEBANON

- **Michel Abdo**, CCM12-1, was elected to serve in national disaster and crisis management.

### MALAYSIA

- **Abdul Samad Othman**, CCM14-1, was appointed as Malaysian ambassador to Italy.

### MICRONESIA

- **Joses Gallen**, ASC10-2, was appointed secretary of Micronesia's Department of Justice.

### MONGOLIA

- **Mr. Avirmed Battur**, SEC05-1, was appointed vice minister of defense.

- **Gunaajav Batjargal**, TSC09-2, was appointed ambassador of Mongolia to Austria and permanent representative of Mongolia to the U.N. in Vienna.

- **Ms. Enkhgerel Enkhtuvshin**, ASC10-2, is advisor to Member of Parliament.

### NEPAL

- **Col. Niranjan Shrestha**, CSRT08-2, is serving the U.N. mission in South Sudan as the senior military liaison officer.

- **Dr. Thakur Mohan Shrestha**, EC08-2, is a member of the "Executive Committee National Coordination Council of Government Ex. Employees Association Nepal."

- **Lalit Bahadur Basnet**, ASC09-2, was appointed legal adviser to the president of Nepal. This is a position at the state minister level.

- **Col. Sagar Thapa**, CCM08-2, was

nominated as the deputy chief of the Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism (JBVMM) between North and South Sudan.

### NEW ZEALAND

- **Ambassador Robert Kaiwai**, TSC11-1, is now consul general to the United States in Hawaii.

### PAKISTAN

- **Adm. (Ret) Asif Sandila**, SEC07-1, is part of the Moawin Foundation, a non-profit organization aimed at uplifting the education standards of boys and girls in Pakistan's rural areas.

- **Brig. Gen. Nadeem Anjum**, TSC14-1, has joined the Royal College of Defence Studies in the United Kingdom.

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- **Bernadette Efi**, ASC14-3, was ap-



### **Alumni meet during climate change workshop in China**

DKI APCSS Deputy Director Brig. Gen. (Ret) James Hirai (*front, second from left*) is pictured with alumni and Center team members who attended the Nov. 3 to 6 "Climate Change and Environmental Security in High Asia" workshop in Beijing. DKI APCSS and the Chinese Academy of Sciences jointly hosted the event focused on improving collaboration to combat emerging environmental threats. Look for a detailed story in the next edition of *Currents*.

pointed director of public relations media and liaison division, PNG Science and Technology Council Secretariat.

## PHILIPPINES

- **Brig. Gen. Joselito Kakilala**, EC08-2, was appointed as commander, civil relations service and the Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesman.

- **Rear Adm. Aurelio Rabusa**, ASC11-1, is the deputy chief of staff for reservist and retiree Affairs.

- **Col. Romeo Brawner, Jr.**, ASC14-2, is chief of staff, 6th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army in Maguindanao.

- **Brig. Gen. Nic Ojeda**, EC06-2, is the deputy executive director for cybersecurity, information and communications technology office.

## RUSSIA

- **Olga Noyanova**, EC03-1, is head of the international cooperation department, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation.

## THAILAND

- **Marinee Suwanmoli**, ASC10-1, is deputy consul general, Royal Thai Consulate, Hong Kong.

- **Senior Col. Titawat Satiantip**, ASC10-1, is director of Army attaché office, external relations, directorate of intelligence, Royal Thai Army.

## TIMOR-LESTE

- **Dr. Julio Tomas Pinto**, TSC09-1, the former secretary of state for defence, is a senior lecturer in the department of political science, National University of Timor-Leste.

## TURKEY

- **Mustafa Uckuyu**, CSRT14-1, was appointed vice governor of Balikesir.

## UNITED STATES

- **Col. Ron Sargent**, SSD10-1, graduated from the National War College. He has been assigned as the U.S. Army attaché in Malaysia.

- **Capt. Jennifer Miller**, CSRT13-1, completed her tour of duty at APC-SS. She is now assigned to Headquarters Marine Forces Pacific.

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

- **Capt. Tony Cowden**, APOC12-2, is a military faculty member teaching in the national security affairs department, Naval War College, Rhode Island.

- **Tommy Penrose**, ASC13-1, is the chief of safety for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Korea.

- **Rear Adm. Thomas Carney**, SEAPOC12-1, is serving at U.S. Pacific Command as vice director for force structure, resources and assessment.

- **Col. (Ret) David Kasberg**, SEAPOC12-1, is vice president for U.S. Air Force customer business at Rolls-Royce North America.

- **Scott Marciel**, SEC06-1, nominated as ambassador to the Union of Burma.

- **Sgt. Maj. Richard Thresher**, APOC15-1, transferred to the II Marine Expeditionary Force as the sergeant major of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

## VIETNAM

- **Ambassador Le Duc Luu**, EC01-2,

is Vietnam's ambassador to Bulgaria.

- **Pham Hoang Kim**, EC05-3, deputy director general, head of administrative office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- **Senior Capt. Vu Van Hiep**, CA14-1, is working as a U.N. peacekeeper in Africa.

## RETIREMENTS

### GUAM

- **Fred Bordallo**, JEC05-3, retired as Guam chief of police.



### NEPAL

- **Brig. Gen. Suresh Sharma**, EC06-3, retired from the military and he is now general manager, Harvestmoon International Trekking and Expedition, Ltd.



### PHILIPPINES

- **Lita Enok**, CCM09-1, retired from government service, after completed her work with the Philippine government, training people on contingency planning for emergencies and related crisis situations.



### UNITED STATES

- **Lt. Col. Matt Keller**, APOC14-1 and ASC14-3, retired from the military.



- **Jesse Flores**, APOC11-2, retired from the military and is now working with Lockheed Martin.