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**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 Rabeharindranto, 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 Ranaivochoeno, 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 “Biosecurity 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 commander, 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 commander 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 Kodituwakk, 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 Alemotua, 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**
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 counselor in the Bhutan Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand.

Elki 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.

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.

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

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

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

Heru Hanindyo, ASC14-2, is deputy chief of Tahun 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 Fighter Wing.

Maldives

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...

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.

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. Samararatunga, EC04-3 and SEC07-2, is advisor, maritime affairs for the (Continued on next page)
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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.

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.


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.

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.

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. Hussain Haleem, ASC10-2, retired from the military.

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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. Shafiu 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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