



A LETTER OF INVITATION TO TRAINING CENTRE COMMANDER AND SENIOR INSTRUCTOR

Dear AAPTC member or observer,

The Australian Defence Force Peace Operations Training Centre (ADF POTC) welcomes all of the members and observers of the Association of Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers (AAPTC) to the AAPTC Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Workshop from 01-04 May 2023 in Sydney, Australia. This event will be in collaboration with the AAPTC Secretariat, The Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operations Training (BIPSOT), and with the support of the United States Indo-Pacific Command's Global Peace Operations Initiatives (GPOI) Program.

The theme of AAPTC 2023 is "Stronger Together: Enhancing Training Standardisation and Emerging Capabilities".

The aim of the overall conference is to provide a platform and opportunities to establish and maintain positive and collaborative relationships in order to enhance regional and global efforts in peace and security. The workshop will endeavour to inform and provide participants on relatively new UN Specialised Training Materials and courses and best practice for implementation; the process and conduct of UN ITS recognition; and emerging capabilities required to meet the demands of complex and challenging UN mission environments.

It is our honour to invite the Commander and Senior Training Instructor from all AAPTC members and observers to attend AAPTC 2023. A Joining Instruction has been prepared to include all of the administration and logistic arrangements. Please note the key timings for hotel reservation and confirmation of **participation due by 1 March 2023.**

Each member state will be required to complete the **Training Centre Data Sheet due by 14 April 2023.**

Member State Presentations

During the AAPTC 2023, two breakout groups will occur on day 2 as follows:

<u>For Commanders/Commandants:</u> Member State Commanders will be given the opportunity to present on an emerging capability/strategy/initiative from their training centre. Examples include the Triangular Partnership Programme (TPP), the UN Integrated Training Service (ITS) recognition process, the Australia Pacific Defence Schools initiative, the newly established Fiji Blackrock Training Facility, the Solar Panel Initiative, and the Smart Camp.

<u>For Senior Instructors:</u> Member States will be given the opportunity to present on new UN Specialised Training Materials (STM) courses or training delivered; or other training initiatives. Examples include Military Peace Keeping Intelligence (MPKI), Comprehensive Protection of Civilians (CPOC), Child Protection, National Investigator's Course, Key Enabler STM's, and lessons learned from recent UN deployments.

Please indicate your topic to the Program Coordinator by 31 March 2023. Each presentation should be approximately 10 minutes followed by an open discussions. Final versions of the presentations are due to the Program Coordinator by 30 April 2023

ADF POTC are delighted to inform you that the AAPTC 23 will have two members from UN Department of Peace Operations attending to provide key information sessions. Thank you to GPOI for supporting their attendance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact ADF POTC's point of contact: Major Lyndsay Freeman (email: lyndsay.freeman@defence.gov.au; Mobile: +61401 905 717, or Major Luke Baldacchino (email: adf.potc@defence.gov.au; Mobile: +61423 735 352)

ADF POTC are looking forward to hosting the AAPTC 23 and welcoming you to Sydney, Australia.

Yours Sincerely,

Nick Floyd

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

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