

**‘JOINT DECLARATION’ OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC PEACE
OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTERS (AAPTCT)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2018**

We, the delegations of AAPTCT members, during the Conference from 21 to 23 May 2018 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, have agreed to the conclusions as follows:

- a. Approved the amendment in the Articles of the Association;
- b. Agreed to send formal invitations from the Secretariat to Brunei, Tonga, and USA to become ‘Members’ of AAPTCT;
- c. Offer the Chairmanship of AAPTCT and host of the 2019 workshop to the Kingdom of Thailand; Chairman and host for 2020 to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and Tentative Chairman and host for 2021 to Australia;
- d. Agreed to send formal invitations from the Secretariat to Countries Contributing Peacekeepers to United Nations Peace Operations of the Asia-Pacific Region to join the AAPTCT;
- e. Submit the official email address and website (if any) to the Secretariat for uploading in the AAPTCT website <www.aaptc.asia>;
- f. Agreed to exchange Subject Matter Experts and conduct classes through VTC for various courses as and when feasible;
- g. Agreed to cooperate by sharing the vacancies for the thematic courses;
- h. Endeavor to share Lessons Learned and Best Practices amongst the members through the website of the Secretariat;
- j. Encourage members to share the schedule of Seminars/Workshops and offer participation;
- k. Efforts will be taken to participate in the Annual General Meetings of other three regional associations by the AAPTCT members. Other regional associations may be encouraged to initiate the invitations to attend the AGM by the members of AAPTCT;
- l. Support UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations in preparing the ‘Mission Specific Training Needs Assessments’.
- m. Support Australian Defence Force in developing the course curriculum for ‘Female Peacekeepers’;
- n. Encourage members to send feedback to UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations on specialized training materials;
- o. Encourage members’ Permanent Missions to UN Headquarters to individually encourage UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (OMA and ITS) participation in AAPTCT workshops and activities;
- p. Submit a communiqué to the United Nations’ DPKO (OMA and ITS) outlining Association membership accomplishments toward advancing peacekeeping training and concerns. All

members of AAPTTC are requested to follow the proceedings of the communiqué by their respective Permanent Missions in the UNHQ and give update in next AGM;

q. Agree to advocate, as a collective, Association, at the IAPTC annual meeting as well as through individual national channels to the United Nations for more effective peacekeeping training;

r. Reaffirm intent to permanently invite the institution holding the position of IAPTC Secretariat to attend the annual AAPTTC workshop;


s. Extend our heartfelt appreciation to Lt Gen Dos Santos Cruz (Retd), Brig Gen Babacar Faye of OMA, Mr. Khalid Zine of ITS, Mr. Hatem Elatawy of IAPTC for their participation and contribution in the AGM;

t. Extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Republic of Korea Peacekeeping Operations Center for their leadership as the host and organizer of this year's meeting.

In keeping with the Articles of Association of the Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers (AAPTTC), we affirm our commitment to ensure the highest quality of training of peacekeepers for United Nations peace operations.



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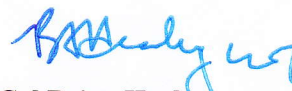
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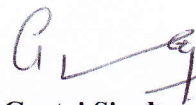
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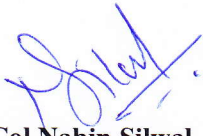
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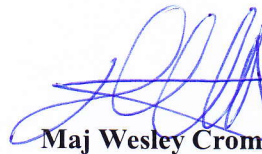
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