

**JOINT DECLARATION OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC
PEACE OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTERS (AAPT)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2019**

We, the delegations of AAPT members, during the Annual General Meeting held between 23 and 26 April 2019 in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, have agreed to the following conclusions:

- a. Expresses deepest condolences to the countries that suffered casualties in the Sri Lanka attacks on 21 April 2019;
- b. Welcome the United States as a new member of AAPT; observer status for Brunei Darussalam and the Kingdom of Tonga will be maintained;
- c. Welcome the participation of Singapore in its first AAPT AGM with the intent to extend an invitation in 2020;
- d. Continues to extend invitations to other Asia-Pacific nation, such as the Kingdom of Bhutan and Timor-Leste, that contribute to peacekeeping operations to attend the AGM;
- e. Agrees that the Chairmanship and host of AAPT 2020 AGM and workshop will be the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; the Chairmanship has been offered to the Commonwealth of Australia to host the 2021 AGM and workshop; by Association precedence, the 2022 AGM will be offered to the People's Republic of Bangladesh;
- f. Request National Training Centers/Programs update their official email address and website (if any) with the Secretariat for uploading onto the AAPT website <www.aaptc.asia> by 31 July 2019;
- g. Arrange a pilot project between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Kingdom of Thailand, or other member countries, to conduct classes through VTC for various courses;
- h. Continue to cooperate by sharing vacancies for thematic courses;
- i. Encourage more Association members to share Lessons Learned and Best Practices, for instance, the emerging need for peacekeeping information-led operations, amongst the members through the website of the Secretariat;
- j. Encourage members to share the schedule of Seminars/Workshops and offer participation;
- k. The Secretariat will continue to endeavor to participate in the Annual General Meetings of other three regional associations by the AAPT members; other regional associations may be encouraged to extend invitations to attend their AGM by the members of AAPT;
- l. Continuing to support the United Nations Department of Peace Operations in preparing the 'Mission Specific Training Needs Assessments';
- k. Recognizing the importance of the United Nations Actions for Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative through the implementation of the related policies and resolutions;
- l. Recommends members continue to send feedback to United Nations Department of Peace Operations on specialized training materials;
- m. Encouraging members' Permanent Missions to United Nations Headquarters to actively encourage the United Nations Department of Peace Operations' (OMA and ITS) participation in

AAPTCT workshops and activities;

- n. Supports United Nations' gender mainstreaming initiatives to increase female participation through the expansion of training opportunities and their employment in conventional military and leadership roles throughout peacekeeping operations;
- o. Calls upon the members of the Association to embrace the evolving mindset of the contemporary peacekeeping environment through implementation of the Cruz Report's recommendations;
- p. Emphasizes the importance to advocate, as an Association, at the IAPTC annual meeting, as well as through individual national channels to the United Nations, for more effective peacekeeping training;
- q. Extend our heartfelt appreciation to Major General Hugh Van Roosen, DMILAD, Mr. Rafael Barbieri, ITS, Colonel Helen Cooper, NZDF/President IAPTC and Colonel Roberto Gil, ALCOPAZ for their participation and contribution in the AGM;
- r. Extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Kingdom of Thailand and the Royal Thai Armed Forces Peace 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 (AAPTCT), we affirm our commitment to ensure the highest quality of training of peacekeepers for United Nations peace operations.



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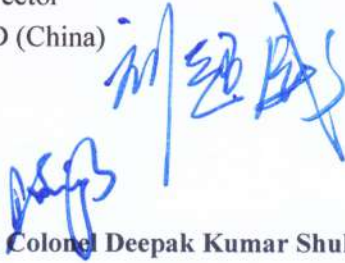


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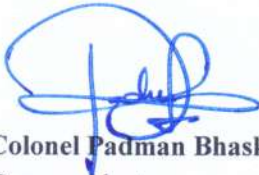


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