



JOINT DECLARATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC PEACE OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTERS (AAPTC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2022

We, the delegations of AAPTC members, during the Annual General Meeting held between 07-09 June 2022 in Ha Noi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with the theme of "Leading Change: Indo-Pacific Actions Supporting United Nations Action-for-Peace (A4P) Improving Performance in Peace Operations" and have agreed to the following conclusions:

- Express deepest condolences to the fallen heroes among the UN Peacekeepers in various missions and also to the deceased due to the Global COVID-19 Pandemic;
- b. Continue to extend invitations to other Asia-Pacific nations, who are contributing, or aspiring to contribute to the UN Peacekeeping missions, but yet to join the association to attend the next AGM;
- c. Agree that the Chairmanship and host of AAPTC 2023AGM and workshop will be the Commonwealth of Australia; the Chairmanship has been offered to the Commonwealth of Australia to host the 2023 AGM and workshop; by Association precedence, the 2024 AGM will be offered to the People's Republic of Bangladesh or any other volunteers;
- Request the AAPTC members to update the official link of respective institution in the AAPTC Website www.aaptc.asia by 31 July 2022;
- e. Request National Training Centers/Programs to update their official email address and website (if any) with the Secretariat for uploading onto the AAPTC website www.aaptc.asia by 31 July 2022;
- f. Request all members to train the peacekeepers to operate in the Digital Era of Peacekeeping for ensuring safety as well as for successful accomplishment of the mission mandate;
- g. Urge all members to continuously remain updated about the evolving trend of peace operations and transformation required to face the present challenges;
- h. Request all members to analyze the required doctrinal and structural reform required to prepare our peacekeepers to implement A4P and A4P Plus initiatives under respective UN Mandate;
- Conduct 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;





- j. Continue to cooperate by sharing vacancies for thematic courses. GPOI to share vacancies for Engagement Platoon Training, UN Peacekeeping-Intelligence Course or any other courses as applicable;
- k. Encourage more Association members to share Lessons Learned and Best Practices, for instance, lessons learnt from the COVID-19 Pandemic and the best practices amongst the members through the AAPTC website of the Secretariat;
- l. Encourage all members to share their resources in the AAPTC Website including the schedule of Seminars/Workshops, FTXs;
- m. Emphasized on the importance of pre deployment training (including Counter IED), rules and policies, mission SOP and ROE for the peacekeepers safety. Besides, sharing of intelligence and other resources by other partners would also ensure peacekeepers safety. Sharing resources and Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) would also enhance capacity of the peacekeepers;
- Encourage other regional associations to extend invitations to the President/Secretariat of AAPTC to attend their AGM;
- Continuing to support the United Nations Department of Peace Operations in preparing the 'Mission Specific Training Needs Assessments';
- Recommend members to continue to send feedback to United Nations Department of Peace Operations on specialized training materials;
- q. Encouraging members of Permanent Missions to United Nations Headquarters to actively encourage the United Nations Department of Peace Operations' (OMA and ITS) participation in AAPTC workshops and activities;
- r. Support United Nations' gender mainstreaming initiatives to increase women participation through the expansion of training opportunities and their employment in conventional military and leadership roles throughout peace operations;
- s. Call upon the members of the Association to prepare the peacekeepers in line with UNIBAM-2020 and other relevant documents;
- Recommend all members to collectively reflect upon the challenges and opportunities of the information operating environment, regarding peace operations;
- Emphasize 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;
- v. Decide to offer the membership to the observer nations who attended the 2019 conference, but not the 2022 conference; on the condition that they attend the 2023 conference;





Decide that BIPSOT to continue as the Secretariat of AAPTC for another term of 3 years;

x. Extend our heartfelt appreciation to the People's Army of Vietnam Leadership and VNDPKO as the host and the organizer of this year's event;

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

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