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"AFPPKOC: A Key Player in Philippine's Revitalization Efforts in UN Peace Operations"

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INTRODUCTION:

____ In behalf of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, I am COL FRANCISCO R. GOODY JR. (AFSA) - PAF (MNSA), Commanding Officer Armed Forces of the Philippines Peacekeeping Operations Center, with my colleagues, allow me to greet the esteemed members and participants of this year's annual general [assembly meeting](#) and workshop.

I would like also to extend our sincere gratitude to our gracious host, Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT) [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) for facilitating this year's ASSOCIATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC PEACE OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP [\(CLICK\)](#) with the theme,

"Development of multi-dimensional peacekeeping training modules with the use of new technologies to deal with the evolving asymmetric threats for effective implementation of UN mandates in UN peace operation environment."

[\(CLICK\)](#) The Armed Forces of the Philippines Peacekeeping Operations Center as the primary institution of the Armed Forces of the Philippines responsible in training future Filipino peacekeepers has been relentless in pursuit of quality and efficient ways to carry out its task as the forefront of the Philippine's [AFP](#) Peacekeeping Operations. [\(CLICK\)](#) With the pronouncement of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. of revitalizing the Philippine's participation to UN peace operations, and the current Philippine Pledges of formed units [see peacekeeping operations in UN Mission Areas](#), the AFPPKOC

is currently embarking on a journey that will test our capacity as peacekeeping operations [training center](#). **(CLICK)**

Today's peacekeeping operations have become more complex and sensitive which requires concerted actions from every TCC and other civilian humanitarian actors. Every day our military peacekeepers have been facing a lot of challenges in the field ranging from societal and economic issues, and for us, military components, [we are confronted by](#) safety and security issues. **(CLICK)** And [we are also being](#) address these issues, let us remain committed to be steadfast partners for peacekeeping operations by providing well-trained and capable military peacekeepers. **(PAUSE FOR 2-3 SECONDS)**

(SLIDE 10) The Philippines has sent thousands of Filipino peacekeepers in different UN mission areas and it can be recalled that the country had its last deployment of formed units to UN mission in 2017 with [the](#) conclusion of the Philippine Contingent to Haiti. Since then, the Philippines has contributed Filipino peacekeepers through its individual deployment to UN peacekeeping operations. Currently, the Philippines has a deployment of 11 Military Observers [UNMIS](#) and PKF Staff [as well as](#) 23 Police Officers in three UN Mission areas, namely;

UNMISS, MINUSCA and UNMOGIP. Though it may seem handul compared to other TCCs, the Philippines endeavors to increase our footprint to UN peacekeeping missions [by deploying once again military formed units](#) **(CLICK)**

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As part of the Philippines commitment to international peace and security, the Philippine [government](#) ~~government~~ [through the National Council for United Nations Peace Operations](#) ~~through the National Council for United Nations Peace Operations~~ [has](#) ~~has~~ pledged **(CLICK)** one (1) Quick Reaction [Force](#) ~~Force~~ Company and **(CLICK)** one (1) Military Construction Engineering Company during the 2023 UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting (UNPKMM) in Accra, Ghana, [which](#) ~~which~~ [and are currently under Level I of the UNPKRS](#). These pledges are among the focus of the [Philippine Armed Forces of the Philippines and the AFPKOC](#) ~~Philippine Armed Forces of the Philippines and the AFPKOC~~ [in](#) ~~in~~ preparing our formed military units for [possible](#) ~~possible~~ future deployment. **(CLICK)**

The AFPPKOC has already programmed the conduct of the Pre-Deployment Trainings for these two (2) Pledges ~~of formed military units~~ ~~in~~ September 2024 which will capacitate Filipino peacekeepers on the rudiments of peacekeeping operations in

accordance with UN [Integrated Training Service](#) standards. [\(CLICK\)](#)

As the AFPPKOC prepares our future peacekeepers, it is likely that current and updated training modules for multi-dimensional peacekeeping operations be adopted and the latest technological advancements/developments should likewise be incorporated. [\(CLICK\)](#)

~~These technological advancements such as Artificial Intelligence or AI, mobile applications and simulations could ease instructional loads and would create a virtual training environment conducive to learning and education. Thanks to one of our reliable partners, Canada has spearheaded the development of the role-playing games (RPGs) particularly for military observers which is now being utilized by other peacekeeping operations training center [\(CLICK\)](#) that also benefited our personnel who attended UNMO course in Switzerland. With this, the AFPPKOC is considering this innovation in technology to our future training programs. These virtual platforms could also fill in the gaps in terms of limited numbers and availability of credible and qualified UN training instructors in respective regions. Though we should never discount and forget the valuable experiences of those who~~

have been deployed in UN Missions as part of the learning methods and processes of our respective training centers. [\(CLICK\)](#) I still believe that the most effective way of learning is where our aspiring peacekeepers hear directly from seasoned peacekeepers what the latter have experienced from the field.

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Further, the Center would also like to acknowledge Peace Operations Training Institute's invitation to join its free e-learning on peace operations through its National Training Centre E-learning Platform Program to complement our programmed UN-related trainings. [\(CLICK\)](#)

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In addition, drone operations and the use of unmanned aerial vehicles and systems (UAV/UAS) should also be included in the list of our training enhancements for both individual and formed unit deployments. This will improve the capacities of our military peacekeepers in terms of situational awareness in peacekeeping missions. [\(CLICK\)](#)

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—The AFPPKOC as your partner will continue to support every program and partnership that every member states of the UN advances and advocates particularly in enhancing the capabilities of our respective training centers. [\(CLICK\)](#)

_____We believe that in [this continuing these programs and partnerships](#) we are not the only the ones that will benefit our only benefit our as training institutions and our future peacekeepers serving under the UN [\(CLICK\)](#) [\(CLICK\)](#) but more importantly the depressed communities and the people in conflict areas around the world whom the UN is mandated to protect and help alleviate [human their sufferings from the scourge of armed conflicts](#). [\(CLICK\)](#)

As I conclude, let us continue our efforts for collaboration and partnerships among Peacekeeping Centers and find innovative ways to better equip and train our future peacekeepers. Rest assured that the AFPPKOC will remain your active and steadfast partner in these engagements. [\(CLICK\)](#)

Before I end, finally—I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to MGEN NASIM PARVEZ Commandant Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operations Training for inviting Philippines the host of this year's conference—Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operations Training. Thank you for the warm welcome. **(CLICK)**

And finally to all our the esteemed delegates of AAPTC, we hope that in the succeeding days we may be able to collaborate and draw our collective efforts as learning centers developing relevant and responsive training centers to deal with the evolving threats in peace operations for effective UN mandate implementation through effective and efficient training programs/modules and packages for multi-dimensional peacekeeping operations. **(CLICK)**

THAT ENDS MY PRESENTATION,
THANK YOU AND GOOD DAY