Message from the Director:
Aloha and Hafa adai! This September, we will celebrate our Center’s 25th anniversary, and throughout this year, we will reflect on past accomplishments, current efforts and future directions. The theme for our anniversary will link our Center’s motto and logo with the inspirational title of an upcoming DKI APCSS publication: Hindsight, Insight, Foresight: A Legacy of Educating, Connecting and Empowering. We plan to weave this theme into all of our programs, courses, workshops, dialogues, events and visits this year. We will also integrate alumni activities into this year’s celebration. To begin with, we request that you, as part of our ohana, send us an individual or group photo incorporating our 25th anniversary logo in the picture. We will use these photos to create a wonderful collage and poster to help commemorate our special anniversary.

This year, we’ve also created a new journal entitled ‘Security Nexus.’ It is a free, open-access, international, peer-reviewed, online publication by DKI APCSS faculty and alumni. It features original research, reviews, policy papers, and management articles in the broad area of security cooperation with a special focus on security-sector development, crises, disasters, counter-terrorism, maritime, and other transnational security challenges.

The core business of Security Nexus is to:
• Serve as a security cooperation journal for all DKI APCSS Alumni (Faculty and Fellows)
• Create a legitimate vehicle for alumni to share their work, insights and achievements
• Support regional security cooperation by disseminating timely policy guidance and information
• Raise the profile of DKI APCSS alumni as security professionals throughout the Indo-Pacific region

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DKI APCSS alumni can submit papers or articles via email to the “Editor” at nexus@apcss.org

Information about submissions can be found on the Security Nexus journal site at: https://apcss.org/nexus/

Mahalo for your kind cooperation. We always appreciate your support, especially as we look forward to the next 25 years of fostering peace, stability and prosperity in the region and the world.

Peter A. Gumataotao
Director

Lieutenant Colonel Rafat Awudu (Ghana), CSRT19-1, completed his project, “Ensuring Increase in Female Participation in Security Operations in Ghana Army by 2019.” This Fellows Project resulted in 100% increase in the 2019 recruitment of women into the Ghana Army and they are currently undergoing military training which will end in April 2020. This was aimed at empowering women in the Ghana Army thereby increasing their capacity in the military for a comprehensive security approach to countering terrorism.

Phone Myint Naing (Myanmar), ASC18-1, completed a project to develop a strategic trade control system. Please read the article about this project at the following link.


While attending the Raisina Dialogue in India, Director Gumataotao met with the former Defense Minister of Madagascar, Lieutenant General Dominique Rakotozafy, EC99-2.

Major General A.N.M. Muniruzzaman (Bangladesh), SEC06-2, joined a panel with Honorable Bob Rae, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Canada, to discuss the ongoing Rohingya crisis.” For more information, please check www.bipss.org.bd
News Stories from Alumni:

Former DKI APCSS Deputy Chief of Alumni Division, Major (Ret) Rod Santulan (U.S.), APOC09-1, met with several Filipino alumni in Bonifacio Global City, Philippines. The alumni included Captain Angel Viliran, Colonel Shirley Plaza, Rear Admiral (Ret) Aurelio Rabusa, all from ASC11-1.

Dr. Shanthie D’Souza (India), ORA10-1, published several articles in the Mantraya Annual Report 2019.


Dr. Rudi Sukandar (Indonesia), CCM15-1, returned to DKI APCSS as a guest speaker in the CCM20-1 course.

Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi (Solomon Islands), ASC16-1, visited the Rove Central Correctional Centre to update the inmates on the progress he is making on their behalf and to inspire and motivate them to lead better lives.

Dr. Thida Tun (Myanmar), ASC19-2, traveled to Japan to implement one of her Fellows Project milestones.

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News Stories from Alumni:

The *Thailand Alumni Association* invited the DKI APCSS Thai NSC dialogue facilitators to an association event wherein the group prepared the incoming Fellows for the Comprehensive Crisis Management Course at DKI APCSS.

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Promotions and Position Changes:

**Khandi Elieisar** (Micronesia), EC00-1, was appointed *Secretary of Foreign Affairs*.

**Brigadier General Ahmed Shahid** *(Maldives)*, EC00-2, *retired* from military service.

**Brigadier General (Ret) Rodrigo Diapana** *(Philippines)*, CSRT04-2, is working with the Veterans Federation of the Philippines.

**Kamchai Wongsri** *(Thailand)*, EC05-1, was promoted to *major general*.

**Karma Tshosar** *(Bhutan)*, EC06-1, was appointed *Deputy Permanent Representative* of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the United Nations.

**Shireen Singh** *(India)*, EC08-1, was promoted as Director for South Asia at the Asia Group, Washington D.C.

**Titawat Satiantip** *(Thailand)*, ASC10-1, was promoted to *major general*.

**Eduardo Ullivarri** *(Chile)*, CSRT10-1, was promoted as *Prefect Inspector General*.
Promotions and Position Changes:

Dr. Shanthie D’Souza (India), ORA10-1, is Founder and President Mantraya.

Jo Hyung Chan (Korea), ASC10-2, was promoted to colonel. He retired from the military and is now a Project Manager at Ehwa Technologies Information.

Dr. Nasir Andisha (Afghanistan), TSC10-2, was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva Switzerland.

Ross Bender (Australia), APOC10-2, was promoted to air commodore.

Bruce Chen (Taiwan), ASC11-1, was promoted as Director General of Special Affairs in the Office of the President.

Afrizal Hendra (Indonesia), ASC11-1, is working as Internal Auditor for Education at the General Inspectorate of Indonesian Armed Forces HQ.

Chuluunbat Sharkhuu (Mongolia), ASC12-1, was promoted to colonel in the Mongolian Border Forces.

Surachai Yongkan (Thailand), CCM12-1, is Deputy Director, Thai Maritime Enforcement Command Center.

Major General Jose Luis Barrios Espinosa (Peru), ASC12-2, was assigned as Air attaché to the Peruvian Embassy in Washington D.C.

William Pickering (U.S.), CA12-4 and SEAPOC15-1, retired from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Christopher Leung (U.S.), ASC13-1, was promoted to colonel.

Tanka Upreti (Nepal), ASC13-1, was appointed Chief of Nepal Television’s new NTV channel.

Stefan Michie (New Zealand), CA13-7, was promoted to colonel.

Major General Niel Nelson (U.S.), SEAPOC14-1, retired from military service.

First Admiral Anor Hj Jaafar (Malaysia), ASC14-2, retired from the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency.

Major Chris Erlewine (U.S.), APOC15-2, is Assistant Director of Operations, KC135 Instructor Pilot at the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan.
Promotions and Position Changes:

Captain Yohan Kim (Korea), APOC16-1, is working as a Military Education Officer at the Marine Corps HQ.

Ferdinand Jose Rivera (Philippines), ASC16-1, was promoted to brigadier general and designated Dean of the Corps of Professors, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Captain Lisa Hunn (New Zealand), ASC16-2, was the first woman to command a Royal New Zealand Naval combatant ship.

Farhan Sufyan Bin Borhan (Malaysia), CCM19-1, was promoted as Assistant Commissioner of Fire.

Michael Odgers (Australia), TSC19-1, was promoted as Assistant Secretary, Department of Home Affairs.

Joint Secretary Ram Prasad Subedi (Nepal), TSC19-2, was appointed Head of Policy Planning, Development Diplomacy and Overseas Nepali Affairs Division.

Michael Nochete (New Zealand), IPOC19-3, was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Brigadier General James O’Meara (U.S.), SEAPOC15-1, retired from military service.

DKI APCSS News:

Director Gumataotao met with a father-son DKI APCSS alumni duo in Bangladesh, Major General Muniruzzaman, SEC06-2 and his son Shafqat Munir, ASC18-2. He also met with other alumni at a dinner event with the U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh.

While visiting Taiwan, DKI APCSS professor, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Michael Burgoyne met with several DKI APCSS alumni.
Dr. Bill Wieninger and Lieutenant Commander Ben Crowell participated in the SEAMLI seminar in Malaysia. While in Kuala Lumpur, they met with several DKI APCSS alumni, including Captain Genito Bagorio Basilio (Philippines), CMSC19-1; Commander Rak Rakbamrung (Thailand), CSRT19-1; Major General Dúng Trung Bui, (Vietnam), CA15-1; Major General Yin Sothy, (Cambodia), ASC11-1; Commander David Negron-Alicea, (U.S.), APOC09-1; Lieutenant Colonel Santipong Matt Keller, (U.S.), ASC14-3 and APOC14-1; Mr Charles Anthony Richards, (U.S.), APOC10-3; and Rear Admiral David Grant Throop (U.S.), IPOC19-3.

While visiting Myanmar, Lieutenant Commander Ben Crowell met with several DKI APCSS alumni.


Noor also has a new article published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies on “Artificial Intelligence: the case of international cooperation.” In the article, she outlines two areas of “digital disjuncture” related to AI: the evolving global order and inclusivity in governance. Noor states, “As technology looks set to increasingly become a determinant of national power, political and strategic tensions will coalesce and intensify around developments such as AI. Correspondingly, market access and dominance, as well as technical standards-setting for the next generation of technological infrastructure, will become greater points of contention. This will have significant implications for multinational providers servicing publics around the world.” Read the full article online at: https://www.iiss.org/blogs/survival-blog/2019/12/ai-international-cooperation

Dr. Ethan Allen recently published an article entitled “Water for Life: Enhancing Security through Science Education” in Liaison magazine. The article addresses the use of community-based science education and application of appropriate technologies to enhance water security in Pacific island states. Read the full article online at: https://www.cfe-dmha.org/Portals/0/liaison/LiaisonXI-2-DEC2019.pdf#page30


“Terrorism in the Indo-Pacific: The Year Gone by and the Road Ahead” by Dr. Sam Mullins covers significant developments in terrorism during 2019 including attacks in Pulwama, Kashmir; Christchurch, New Zealand; the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka; and shootings in El Paso.


**Administration:**

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**Maritime Security Challenges**

“The Royal Canadian Navy’s International Engagement team, based out of Maritime Forces Pacific on Canada’s west coast, has had the great pleasure to count all of its members as alumni of DKI APCSS. As such, the International Engagement team works hard to continue the security and diplomacy conversations started at DKI APCSS with the Royal Canadian Navy, which is why one of our major initiatives is a biennial maritime security conference, which we organize in close cooperation with DKI APCSS. The team is pleased to announce that 2020 is another conference year, and we will be hosting the ninth iteration of Maritime Security Challenges in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, from 20-22 October 2020. Victoria is home to a strong APCSS alumni contingent, and we would be absolutely delighted if any of our local and international friends can join us this year!

Maritime Security Challenges 2020 will concentrate on Great Power competition in the Indo-Pacific, with a particular focus on how middle powers are navigating in this demanding environment. Discussions of the challenges and risks of charting these choppy waters are a regular feature of DKI APCSS courses, and we think that alumni, coming from a diversity of backgrounds and understandings of this critical region, would be important contributors to the conference. A full program is now available at mscconference.com, and alumni can seek further info from Brett Witthoeft at brett.witthoeft@forces.gc.ca.

We hope to welcome you in Victoria in October!”
Below is a link to a page kept current by State concerning all the US Assistance (military and otherwise) to every nation (unclassified).
"US Security Assistance" has been in the news every day for the last month.
This interactive map helps us all understand who is getting what -- when, where and how, from the USA. Some of the results are surprising.
https://foreignassistance.gov/explore

“China’s Vision for a New World Order”
https://www.nbr.org/publication/chinas-vision-for-a-new-world-order/

Democracy Under Siege: Advancing Cooperation and Common Values in the Indo-Pacific

Can Science and Technology Be a Silver Bullet for the North Korean Economy?
https://www.38north.noclick_org/2020/01/mwilliams200108/

Premature Epitaphs for Nuclear Diplomacy with North Korea
https://www.38north.noclick_org/2020/01/lsigal200109/

China 2049: Economic Challenges of a Rising Global Power
https://www.brookings.noclick_edu/research/china-2049-economic-challenges-of-a-rising-global-power/

Perspectives on Taiwan: Insights from the 2019 Taiwan-U.S. Policy Program

China Might Take Iran’s Side in a War with US

5G and the Front Lines of the U.S.-China Great Power Competition
https://www.mitre.noclick_org/publications/technical-papers/5g-and-the-front-lines-of-the-us-china-great-power-competition

The Myth of ‘Pure Evil’: Using Behavioral Science to Help Understand and Counter Terrorism
DKI APCSS Courses:
The Comprehensive Crisis Management Course CCM20-1 completed on Feb 26, 2020 with 110 Fellows.

DKI APCSS Workshops:
In Bangkok, we conducted a two-day dialogue with the Thai National Security Council entitled, “National Security in Complex Environments: Future Trends and Challenges for Thailand.”

https://apcss.org/dki-apcss-and-thai-nsc-host-

We conducted a workshop at DKI APCSS entitled “Space and the Indo-Pacific: Issues, Challenges and Cooperative Priorities.” Among the participants we welcomed the return of nine alumni.

https://apcss.org/space-an-exploratory-discussion/
DKI APCSS Alumni Visitors:

The 9th Mission Support Group visited DKI APCSS. Within the group of visitors, there were several alumni including, LTC John Yoshimori (AP12-1), LTC Peter Stebbing (ASC17-2), LTC Nathen Reynolds (AP14-2), COL J. Larry Thomas (IPOC19-3), MAJ Robert Behrman (IPOC 19-3), COL Jose Melgarejo (IPOC19-3), Bruce McFarland (IPOC 19-3), Marc Stegman (AP13-2), and LTC Igor Dubinsky (AP18-2).

Vladimir Cherny (Russia), EC02-2, Director Modern Science Institute, returned to DKI APCSS while attending a conference in Hawaii.

Ambassador (Ret) Steven McGann TSC09-2, visited DKI APCSS.

Colonel Timothy Martinez (U.S.), ASC16-1, returned to DKI APCSS as a guest speaker in the CCM20-1 course.
On behalf of all the DKI APCSS “Ohana,” both here in Hawaii and throughout our region, we would like to extend our warmest wishes and congratulations on these special occasions for your countries. We hope the future finds continued peace and security for all your families, your countries and our shared neighborhood in the Asia-Pacific region:

06 February ............ Sri Lanka National Day
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**National Days in February**

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