APCSS Cambodian Alumni First Meet-Up

**Background:**

Daniel. K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies had conducted the workshop titled “Alumni Association: Advancing Regional Security Cooperation” from September 9 to 13, 2019 at the centre, which aims to (1) Connecting alumni across the region and build networking (2) collaboratively developing and supporting the implementation of alumni fellow projects, and (3) supporting the mentorship for other alumni on the pre-departure and post program *(Annex)*.

Two alumni (one from Ministry of Defence, another from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation) and one representative from Office of Defence Cambodia (ODC) have attended this workshop *(Annex 1)* . Thus far, there are currently 181 Cambodian alumni (as of September 2019) from Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Ministry of Information who have attended the courses at DKI-APCSS since 2004 *(List of Alumni members and courses provided by DKI-APCSS are attached in Annex 2)*. The introduction to the fellow projects since 2014 has been an important platform for alumni to implement smaller projects that aligns with their organizations’ values, goals and missions while contributing to the positive changes in their respective organization/ministry.

**Purpose:**

Being convinced that networking, information sharing and inspire fellow projects implementation among APCSS Cambodian alumni are important and serve as the best interest of their respective organization, the APCSS Cambodian Alumni would like to propose the First Meet-up which aims to:

1. Connect all APCSS Cambodian Alumni who currently are high-ranking commanders/officers, security practitioners, diplomats, and civilian officers whose careers and expertise contributed to the national, regional and international security to get to know one another; and
2. While this first Meet-up would enrich the mutual understanding among alumni and their experience at DKI-APCSS, it could serves as the platform that alumni could discuss their respective fellow projects and gain perspectives on best practices on particular issue.

**Tentative proposed Agenda**

* Opening Remark from the honourable/senior alumni and ODC representative
* The two Cambodian alumni who attended the workshop with the coordination from representative from ODC will brief on the alumni workshop and share information on the fellow projects.
* Networking and discussing on the next alumni meet-up/ways forward

**Timeline**

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| **Weeks/Month** | **November** | **December** | **January** |
| **First week** | Proposed plan write-up | Draft the invitation to alumni and survey link on the venue.  Send out the invitation (with the coordination from APCSS/ODC for the initial phase?) |  |
| **Second Week** | Finalised the proposed plan | -Confirmation on the participating alumni  -Venue Booking (\*) | Alumni Reception with DKI APCSS Director. |
| **Third week** | Proposed meeting with H.E………. | First Meet-Up |  |
| **Fourth week** | Meeting with H.E. Gen. Neang Phat | Reflection on the first-meet up and ways forward |  |

*\*venue booking will be according to the number of attending alumni.*

Annex: Alumni workshop

Annex 1: Brief Alumni information (Title & organization)

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Annex 2:

* List of APCSS Cambodian Alumni
* Number of courses/students attending APCSS course annually

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| APCSS Alumni |  |
| Min. of National Defense | 83 |
| Royal Gendarmerie | 13 |
| Cambodian National Police | 34 |
| Min of Foreign Affairs | 18 |
| National Committee for Disaster Management | 7 |
| National Counter Terrorism Committee | 9 |
| Other ministries | 17 |
| Total | **181** |

Here are the courses for FY20:

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| **COURSE** | **ASC 19-2** | **TSC 19-2** | **CCM 20-1** | **CMSC 20-1** | **TSC 20-1** | **CSRT 20-1** | **ASC 20-1** |
| **DATES** | **19 Sep-23 Oct 19** | **3-8 Nov 19** | **23 Jan—26 Feb 20** | **19 Mar-17 Apr 20** | **7-12 Jun 20** | **16 Jul – 14 Aug 20** | **17 Sep-21 Oct 20** |

* ASC: Advanced Security Cooperation course
* TSC: Transnational Security Cooperation
* CCM: Comprehensive Crisis Management
* CMSC: Comprehensive Maritime Security Cooperation
* CSRT: Comprehensive Security Response to Terrorism