

**JOINT DECLARATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC PEACE OPERATIONS  
TRAINING CENTERS (AAPTC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2024**

We, the delegations of AAPTC members, during the Annual General Meeting held between 27-30 May 2024 in BIPSOT, The People's Republic of Bangladesh with the theme of **"Development of Multi-Dimensional Peacekeeping Training Modules with the Use of New Technologies to Deal with Evolving Asymmetric Threats"** and have agreed to the following conclusions:

- a. Express deepest condolences to 4374 (till Apr 2024) fallen heroes among the UN peacekeepers in various missions. Agree to begin the tradition of recognizing those peacekeepers who made supreme sacrifice for the cause of peace. In this regard one minute silence to be observed in each AGM and workshop.
- b. We extend our heartfelt felicitation to all the member states and at the same time, continue to extend invitations to other Asia-Pacific nations, who are contributing, or aspiring to contribute to, the UN Peacekeeping missions but have yet to join the association to attend the next AGM.
- c. Continue to invite ITS, OMA PDT and Affiliated offices of UN HQ to the AAPTC AGM and Workshop.
- d. Maintain Numerical Identity for hosting all the next AGM and Workshop in addition to numbering of the year.
- e. Request the AAPTC members who are yet to update the official link of respective institution in the AAPTC website [www.aaptc.asia](http://www.aaptc.asia) by 31 December 2024. At the Same time, member states who are yet to share the websites of their armed forces are requested to have website of their respective training centers instead of Ministry of Defence / Army.
- f. Agree to make full use of the AAPTC website and provide updated web link of respective Training centers by September 2024.
- g. Recognize that GPOI supports the AAPTC AGM and Workshop, because of the importance GPOI places on maximizing information sharing. GPOI has determined the overarching umbrella of training priorities appears to be twofold: Training on Protection of Civilians (POC) and Training on Force Protection. GPOI also recognizes and agrees with the incorporation of technology into training.
- h. Agree to the proposal of smaller working groups for AAPTC participants to work on and present during the next AAPTC. For the year 2024, there will be two working groups. All participating countries except South Korea, Vietnam and Pakistan will work on "Use of Technology for Enhancement of Training Outcome". South Korea, Vietnam and Pakistan will work on Simulation Training for Peace Operations. Secretariat will coordinate the working groups – reminding all that the working groups will have one year to work and then will present during the 2025 AAPTC.

- i. Approve to get confirmation from Cambodia on hosting of AAPTC 2025 until June 2024. Next host Canada will remain prepared and notify hosting confirmation within 90 days after AAPTC 2024. It is also stated Bangladesh remain the AAPTC Chairperson, until the 2025 host is identified.
- j. Congratulate Bangladesh for successfully performing the role of Secretariat for the duration of 2022 to 2024. USA volunteered to be the next Secretariat and all the members then recognize USA's selection. However Bangladesh will remain the Secretariat until after this year's IAPTC, November 2024 Then USA will assume the responsibility of Secretariat.
- k. Recommend to continue to work with the existing web version of Article of Association and replace with the last approved version of 2018. Reviewing the 2018 and online versions, the members will share their thoughts with the Secretariat by 01 November 2024, discuss this issue at the 13<sup>th</sup> AAPTC, 2025, and vote on any proposed changes.
- l. Agree to Interpret that the current membership is limited to those nations that actually physically fall within the region.
- m. Recommend all members to collectively reflect upon using of new technologies to face the multifarious and asymmetric challenges of peace operations.
- n. Extend our heartfelt appreciation to the People's Republic of Bangladesh Leadership and BIPSOT as the host and the organizer of this year's event.
- o. Recommendations from AAPTC Commandants Breakout Session:
1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be included in the peacekeeping training modules to deal with the asymmetric threats.
  2. Exchange of SMEs to continue between and among the member states.
  3. Lessons learnt from peace operations deployed in mission areas and from peace operation training may be shared through UN arrangement.
  4. Best practices in regards to peacekeeping training and capacity building may be uploaded to a online platform.
- p. Recommendations from AAPTC Senior Instructors Session:
1. Vietnam may write to members of AAPTC (Bangladesh, Pakistan and China has shown their interest) requesting for required no of Instructors with the Terms of Condition (TOR).
  2. German Peacekeeping Training Centre may plan and conduct class/ training session virtually for the members of AAPTC. They may share the training schedule minimum one month before the commencement of the course.

3. GPOI and German Peacekeeping Training Centre may see the feasibility of conducting a Computer Aided Simulation Exercise virtually for the members of AAPTCT on UN Peace Operations
4. GPOI will inform the members of AAPTCT about the schedule of the 'Negotiation Training' once confirmed.
5. The members of AAPTCT may share their magazines, any research work and other new training modules in AAPTCT website either directly (if possible) or through the Secretariat
6. China may plan and offer vacancies for the training on UAV for members of AAPTCT.

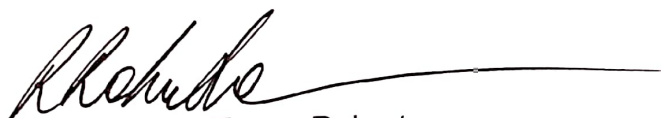
In keeping with the Articles of Association of the Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers (AAPTCT), we affirm our commitment to ensure the highest quality of training of peacekeepers for United Nations peace operations.



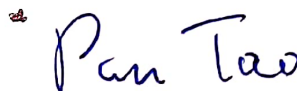
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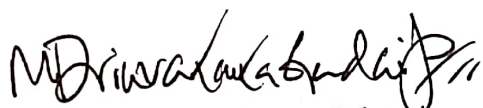
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