**PRESS RELEASE x ASSOCIATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC PEACEKEEPING TRAINING CENTRE (AAPTC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AND WORKSHOP-2022**

Association of Asia-Pacific Peacekeeping Training Centre (AAPTC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Workshop-2022 was held at Vietnam Department of Peacekeeping Operations (VNDPKO) in Ha Noi, Vietnam from 07 to 10 June 2022. The Workshop and AGM was jointly organized by VNDPKO (as the presidency of AAPTC), BIPSOT (as the secretariat of AAPTC) and Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) of USA. The theme of the Workshop was ‘Indo-Pacific Actions Supporting United Nations Action-for-Peacekeeping Initiative (A4P): Improving Performance in Peace Operations’. Representatives from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and USA attended the program as members. Besides, representatives from Myanmar, EU and ICRC attended as the observers. Lieutenant General Phung Si Tan, the Deputy Chief of General Staff of Vietnam People’s Army inaugurated the AGM and Workshop as the Chief Guest. Major General A S M Ridwanur Rahman, awc, afwc, psc, G, Commandant BIPSOT attended the AGM and Workshop as Head of the AAPTC Secretariat. Besides, Colonel Md Zahid Hassan Khan, afwc, psc and Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Tariq Hossain, afwc, psc also attended the AGM and Workshop from BIPSOT. The AAPTC AGM and Workshop - 2022 provided an effective platform to re-establish connectivity among the members of peacekeeping training community especially after a prolonged break of 2 years due to COVID-19 Pandemic. All the members shared their valuable experience in coping with the challenges of training and preparing the peacekeepers amid the pandemic. New initiatives for effective training implementation was also discussed during the meeting. The event received huge coverage both in electronic and print media of Vietnam (links of Vietnamese electronic and print media are enclosed). As the Secretariat, BIPSOT played an instrumental role in making the AAPTC AGM and Workshop – 2022 a success.