

**37th PACIFIC AREA SENIOR OFFICER LOGISTICS SEMINAR (PASOLS)
PLANNING GROUP (PPG)
REPORT**

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FINAL REPORT

1. The 37th Pacific Area Senior Officer Logistics Seminar (PASOLS) Planning Group (PPG) meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 6-8 May 2008. There were 24 of 25 member nations represented with Fiji unable to attend. The member nation attendees were: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Korea, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, United States, and Vanuatu. There were a total of 48 delegates. The main focus of the PPG was to review on-going business, discuss new business, and develop the agenda for the 37th PASOLS.

2. The first day of the PPG consisted of administrative items and breakout group discussions. After Welcome Remarks from both Col Ronald M. Yakkell, the U.S. Co-Chair for the PPG, and the Malaysian senior military representative, First Admiral Dato' Pahlawan Dr. Zainal Abidin Bin Hamdan, all delegates formed for a group photograph in the hotel lobby. Afterward, the Secretariat (MAJ Rhonda Fisher) presented a Review of Old/Continuing Business which outlined the results of PASOLS 36 in Tokyo and reviewed ongoing actions as a result of that meeting. The briefing also showed PPG and PASOLS venues for the next few years, indicating that the PPG for 2012 was still "To Be Determined." The 3-year rolling agenda (HA/DR, Supporting Operations, and Peacekeeping Operations) and the 3-part approach (Inform, Exercise, and Update) were once again stressed to all delegates. Observer Nations who would be invited to PASOLS 37 (decided upon at the last PASOLS) were also reviewed. Four Action Items still ongoing were discussed:

a. **PASOLS Mutual Logistics Support Handbook (MLSH)**: This is a 'living,' ongoing document. As a result of PASOLS 36, the chapter pertaining to HA/DR Operations was developed and distributed to member nations for review and approval. All attending nations agreed to use the draft chapter in the handbook, realizing that changes/additions could be made based on new or recent experiences.

b. **Country Annexes**: All countries were again reminded to refine and update their information on the webpage, realizing that this is the first source for contact information across the region. Once all country webpages are up-to-date, this same information can be incorporated into the PASOLS MLSH.

c. **PASOLS Multi-Lateral Exercises**: This Action Item was emphasized this week with Malaysia offering to host a tabletop exercise in 2009. The Secretariat, in conjunction with Malaysia, will continue to develop and define this initiative.

d. **PASOLS Website**: The Secretariat and Joint Staff J4 continues to work the funding portion of this Action Item. JS J4 is confident that funding for the initial set-up of a new website can be accomplished. However, ongoing maintenance and operation of the website will have to be covered by USPACOM or other means.

3. USPACOM J41 then gave a briefing and demonstration of the Coalition Mobility System (CMS) to all delegates to see if enough interest existed to warrant another briefing to the Heads of Delegation at PASOLS 37 in New Zealand later in the year. After lunch, the Secretariat presented the scenario, reviewed the three Panel Discussion groupings, and issued discussion guidance as well as the outputs that would be expected by the last day of the PPG. Delegates were asked to present to the PPG the following with regard to the scenario and proposed Discussion Guide:

- a. What should be changed (if anything) to the scenario?
- b. What Discussion questions can be added to the Discussion Guide?
- c. Are the Panel Topics sufficient? Can any be combined or changed?
- d. What proposed briefings by which countries or organizations should be incorporated into the PASOLS agenda?
- e. Would you like the CMS briefing to be presented at PASOLS?
- f. What are your thoughts about a Disaster Relief Tabletop Exercise hosted by Malaysia?

All Groups were given a format for the briefing they would present on the last day. The rest of the first day was spent in the Discussion Groups. Malaysia hosted a dinner on the evening of the first day.

4. Most of the second day was devoted to the three discussion groups coming up with an approach to the agenda for PASOLS 37. Australia also presented an outline of the proposed revision/update of the Mutual Logistics Support Handbook for PASOLS which incorporated the HA/DR information from PASOLS 36. The MLSH will continue to incorporate changes and additions as determined by each PASOLS. The afternoon of the second day was a cultural event which was a visit to the Petronus Twin Towers, the Royal Selangor Pewter Factory, and the area known as Putrajaya (the Malaysian equivalent to Washington D.C.). This activity provided the opportunity for the host nation to promote itself to delegates, and the delegates to interact between themselves.

5. The third and final day consisted of compiling the results of the discussion groups and the development of a proposed agenda for PASOLS 37. The three discussion groups presented their pertinent discussion points and conclusions and ended with recommendations to the PPG for the final PASOLS agenda. Also recommended were proposed briefing topics from countries who volunteered to make presentations at PASOLS. After the three groups presented, the delegates departed for lunch while the Secretariat compiled the groups' findings and, using their recommendations, created the PASOLS 37 agenda. Upon return from lunch, the proposed agenda was presented and all PASOLS members agreed to the agenda and the proposed briefers. Although China's offering of a briefing was not placed on the agenda, their delegation did respectfully request reconsideration. After consultation among the delegates, it was agreed to add China's briefing on the third day of PASOLS. This change will be reflected in the final version of the PASOLS 37 Agenda.

6. The afternoon of the last day of the PPG consisted of decisions on the following new action items, which will be presented during the Report to PASOLS 37 briefing in New Zealand.

a. **Disaster Relief Tabletop Exercise (TTX):** During the course of the PPG, Malaysia indicated a need to exercise the ability of coalition partners/nations to work together during a disaster relief situation and the desire to test this ability. Subsequently, Malaysia volunteered to host a Tabletop Exercise in 2009. Although there are no definitive details for this exercise, they are willing to begin the planning process to ensure this avenue is explored. Proposed dates are in late 2009, outside of the PPG and PASOLS dates, with a report to either PASOLS 38 or 39 as to the results/findings of the TTX. All delegates supported this idea but agreed that during PASOLS 37, objectives must be identified as well as a commitment to shared funding. This Action Item will be part of the Discussion Guide for PASOLS 37, outside of the theme of Logistics Support to Peacekeeping Operations.

b. **Coalition Mobility System (CMS):** Although the presentation at the PPG was well received, interest for another presentation at PASOLS 37 was split evenly among the delegates. Rather than not have CMS at PASOLS in New Zealand, the PPG decided to place CMS on the agenda, but as an optional information briefing during Afternoon Tea or Lunch. Representatives may also request meetings with the Subject Matter Experts during the designated bilateral discussion times on the agenda. Additionally, a display may be set up in the Visiting Nations Display area.

c. **HA/DR Chapter in the PASOLS Mutual Logistics Support Handbook (MLSH):** This chapter was reviewed and voted to be included in the Handbook. However, since the MLSH is a 'living' document, changes or additions may be implemented at anytime.

d. **Future PASOLS/PPG Schedule:** The PPG noted the current schedule for future PASOLS and PPGs as follows:

	PPG	PASOLS
2008	Malaysia	New Zealand
2009	Philippines	China
2010	Australia	Maldives
2011	Canada	Malaysia
2012		Vanuatu

Member Nations were invited to nominate for the open slot to host the PPG in 2012. There were no volunteers, but all were encouraged to share the information with their leadership when they returned home.

5. The rest of the last day was devoted to creating Discussion Guides to be used by PPG members to prepare their Heads of Delegations and other participants for

PASOLS 37. A draft was completed and, upon review, will be sent electronically to all delegates, no later than 15 June 2008. Additionally, upon completion, the Discussion Guide will be posted on the PASOLS website, at www.pasols.org.

6. **37th PASOLS:** New Zealand briefed the delegates on administrative details for PASOLS 37, scheduled for 25-28 August 2008 in Christchurch, New Zealand. This year's theme is "Logistic Support for to Peacekeeping Operations." A draft agenda for 37th PASOLS is also included in this final report on page eight.

7. **38th PASOLS:** Philippines will host the 38th PASOLS Planning Group (PPG) in April/May 2009. The location and exact dates will be provided at the 37th PASOLS. China will host the 38th PASOLS in August/September 2009. Exact dates and location will be provided at the 37th PASOLS.

5 May 2008 (Monday)

1000 – 1700 Arrival/Registration

1945 – 2100 Malaysia-Hosted Cocktail Reception (Poolside-Lobby Level)

6 May 2008 (Tuesday)

0700 – 0830 Breakfast

0830 – 0840 Administrative Remarks (MAF, Secretariat)

0840 – 0850 Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs)

0850 – 0930 Group Photo

0930 – 0945 Review of Old/Continuing Business

0945 - 1000 PASOLS 37 Information Update (New Zealand)

1000 – 1030 Morning Tea

1030 – 1200 Briefing on Coalition Mobility System (CMS) from USPACOM

1200 – 1340 Lunch (1300 – 1340 is allocated for Prayer) – Taman Sari, Lobby Level

1340 - 1400 Allocation on Groups and Discussion Guidance

1400 – 1630 (3 x Breakout Groups) Review topic and consider possible presentation topics to supplement (Afternoon Tea from 1430 – 1500)

2000 – 2230 Host Nation reception/dinner (Saloma Bistro)

7 May 2008 (Wednesday)

0700 – 0830 Breakfast

0830 – 0840 Administrative Announcements

0840 – 0900 Update on the PASOLS MLS Handbook (Australia)

0900 – 1130 (3 x Breakout Group) Complete reviewing topic and decide PASOLS topics/Presentation proposals (Morning Tea from 1000 – 1030)

1145 - Depart Hotel for KLCC

1200 – 1250 Visit Twin Tower

1300 – 1400 Lunch (Dining Hall Twin Tower, Level 40)

1430 – Depart KLCC for Royal Selangor Pewter

1500 – 1600 Visit Royal Selangor Pewter Factory

1610 – 1650 Evening Tea

1700 – 1900 Visit Putrajaya

1930 Return to Hotel/Free Programme

8 May 2008 (Thursday)

0700 – 0830 Breakfast

0830 – 1100 Groups Finalize Presentations (Morning Tea 1000 – 1030)

1130 – 1145 Group One Presentation

1145 – 1200 Group Two Presentation

1200 – 1215 Group Three Presentation

1215 – 1345 Lunch (1315 – 1345 is allocated for Prayer) – Taman Sari, Lobby Level

1345 – 1430 Finalize/Complete 37th PASOLS Agenda and Discussion Topics

1430 – 1500 Review PPG Final Report

1500 – 1530 Summary/Concluding Remarks

1530 – 1600 Afternoon Tea

1600 Free to Depart



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DAY ZERO & DAY ONE	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday 25 Aug 08	Delegates Arrival-Hotel Registration		1900-2100 US-Hosted Reception
Tuesday 26 Aug 08	0800 - 0930 Plenary Session 0930 - 1000 New Zealand Joint Operations Briefing 1000 - 1030 Morning Tea 1030 - 1045 Scenario/Panel Discussion Instructions 1045 - 1130 Briefing: "UN PKO" (United Nations)	1130 - 1230 Lunch/Bilateral Sidebar Discussion 1230 - 1300 Briefing: "Planning for UN PKO" (Australia) 1300 - 1330 Briefing: "Movement Coordination for UN PKO" (Canada) 1330 - 1400 Briefing: "Recent UN PKO Experience" (Indonesia) 1400 - 1730 Panel Discussion Groups Bilateral Sidebar Discussion	Free Time
	0900-1700 Spouses Program		



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DAY TWO	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wednesday 27 Aug 08	0805 - 0835 <i>Briefing:</i> "RSOI for UN PKO" (Korea) 0835 - 0905 <i>Briefing:</i> "Recent PKO Experience" (Thailand) 0905 - 0935 <i>Briefing:</i> "Police/Security Forces for UN PKO" (Vanuatu) 0935 - 1300 Panel Discussion Groups Bilateral Sidebar Discussions	1300 - 1400 Lunch/Prepare for Cultural Event 1400 Depart for Cultural Event	1400 - 2200 Cultural event/ Host Nation Dinner
	0900 - 2200 Spouses Program		



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DAY THREE	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday 28 Aug 08	0835 - 1200 Panel Discussion Groups/Preparation for Briefbacks Bilateral Sidebar Discussion Trends in Logistics: Coalition Mobility System	1200 - 1300 Lunch 1300 - 1320 Groups 1 & 2 Combined Presentation 1320 - 1340 Groups 3 & 4 Combined Presentation 1340 - 1400 Groups 5 & 6 Combined Presentation 1415 - 1500 Wrap-Up Panel Discussion (Entire PASOLS) 1530 - 1545 PASOLS Action Item Review 1545 - 1600 PPG 2009 Presentation (Philippines) 1600 - 1615 PASOLS 38 Presentation (China) 1615 - 1645 Closing Remarks	Free Time
Friday 29 Aug 08	Delegates Departure		

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