

# **PACIFIC AREA SENIOR OFFICER LOGISTICS SEMINAR PASOLS 34 FINAL REPORT**

## **PREFACE**

On behalf of the PASOLS Logistics Steering Group (LSG), I am extremely pleased to provide each delegate with this PASOLS 34 Final Report. The report summarizes the business meeting and panel discussions from this week's seminar and provides a reference for ongoing PASOLS actions. Once again, the presentations and discussion topics were timely and relevant to this year's theme, "Mutual Logistics Support for Peace Keeping/Coalition Operations." Active and knowledgeable participation in the discussion groups increased our understanding of the possibilities and capabilities inherent in knowledge-based logistics and the potential benefits to interoperability.

The Royal Thai Armed Forces J4 dedicated much time and effort to ensure a rewarding week for everyone. Their hard work and skillful planning and execution of this seminar have resulted in a tremendously enjoyable and productive PASOLS 34. Our host's hospitality has been further demonstrated through the unique cultural activities provided outside of the formal seminar program, from the colorful opening ceremony by the Yupparaj Wittayalai School Band and Fon Khun Dok Dancing troupe, the cultural dinner at the Resort Restaurant and the cultural day activities typified the rich diversity and heritage of Thailand. The exciting variety of music and dance presented at the Host Nation Dinner at Khum Khuntoke was a memorable experience. Our very special thanks to Vice Admiral Choosak and his team of professionals for all their effort and energy they put forth to make PASOLS 34 so successful.

PASOLS continues to be a unique gathering of professional logisticians not replicated anywhere else in the world. This year we had 99 participants from 27 nations with 24 flag and general officers and civilian equivalents in attendance. PASOLS continues to be a vibrant, growing forum, made so by the dedication, involvement, and contributions of all its members.

I again thank all participants for their attendance and significant contributions to this year's seminar. It is my sincere hope that each of you made the most of the opportunities of this week and remember it as an enjoyable and productive addition to your professional life. I encourage you to carry the concepts we have discussed this week back to your countries and share them with other logisticians in your armed forces. We can look forward to another exciting PASOLS next year in Bangladesh.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The thirty-fourth Pacific Area Senior Officer Logistics Seminar's (PASOLS) annual meeting was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 12-16 September 2005. **Twenty-three member nations (Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Canada, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Korea, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, and the United States of America) and two observer nations (Cambodia and Mauritius) attended. Twenty-one flag (or civilian equivalent) officers were among the 100 officers and civilian logisticians who participated in this year's agenda.** In keeping with this year's theme --"Mutual Logistics Support for Peace Keeping/Coalition Operations"— Thailand's **Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Brigadier General Pehin Dato Haji Awg Habi**, provided the keynote address, highlighting the benefits possible through leveraging modern information technology for improved defense logistics. PASOLS 34 agenda is at Annex A.
2. Following Monday morning's update briefings on old and continuing business, PASOLS spent the next two days discussing the overall theme of Mutual Logistics Support for Peace Keeping/Coalition Operations. Panel groups focused on the following topics: "Agreements and Implementing Arrangements", "Commercial and Industrial Support", and "Specific Recommendations to Thailand for Burundi Operation." A summary of the panel discussion topics and consolidated observations and recommendations developed by the five panels are at Annex B.
3. Decisions from the Logistics Steering Group (LSG) meeting to the Project Development Committee (PDC) and Secretariat, and general housekeeping minutes are incorporated into the LSG minutes at Annex C.
4. A list of PASOLS attendees is at Annex D.
5. The Peoples Republic of Bangladesh will host the 35th PASOLS **12-16 September 2006, in Chang Mai.** The mid-year Project Development Committee (PDC) meeting will be held in **Port Vila, New Zealand, dates TBD.** The theme for the 35th PASOLS will be **"Mutual Logistics Support for Peace Keeping/Coalition Operations."**