

**36<sup>th</sup> PACIFIC AREA SENIOR OFFICER LOGISTICS SEMINAR (PASOLS)  
PLANNING GROUP (PPG)  
REPORT**

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## FINAL REPORT

1. The 36<sup>th</sup> Pacific Area Senior Officer Logistics Seminar (PASOLS) Planning Group (PPG) meeting was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 14 -16 May 2007. There were 22 of 25 member nations represented with India, Solomon Islands and Fiji unable to attend. The member nation attendees were: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Canada, China, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Korea, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, United States, and Vanuatu. There were a total of 39 delegates. The main focus of the PPG was to review on-going business, discuss new business, and develop the agenda for 36<sup>th</sup> PASOLS.
2. The first day of the PPG consisted of administrative items and breakout group discussions.. After Welcome Remarks from both Col Dean A. Smith, the U.S. Co-Chair for the PPG, and the Indonesian senior military representative, MG Abi Kusno, the Secretariat (Lt Col Ann-Marie Parker) gave a briefing on the transformation of PASOLS which had been presented and accepted at PASOLS 35 in Hawaii in September 2006...where PASOLS was, where PASOLS is now and where PASOLS is going. Although a number of the PPG delegates had previously attended PASOLS 35, many were new (as many as half); therefore, it was important to get everyone synchronized. The 3-year rolling agenda (HA/DR, Supporting Operations, and Peacekeeping Operations) and the 3-part approach (Inform, Exercise, and Update) were stressed to all delegates. The Secretariat then reviewed any outstanding action items, of which there were four (Malaysian HA/DR Warehouse Initiative, HA/DR Checklist, Comments on the new Terms of Reference, and country annexes for the PASOLS Handbook). Japan then gave a briefing on their proposed topic for PASOLS 36, which was a discussion on information exchange and logistics support coordination for HA/DR, with an emphasis on Organization, Coordination, Tools and Procedures. The Secretariat then presented the scenario, divided the delegates into 3 groups, and issued discussion guidance. The rest of the first day was spent in the Discussion Groups.
2. Most of the second day was devoted to the three discussion groups coming up with an approach to the agenda for PASOLS 36. Also presented on this day was an overview of the PASOLS website, showing the changes that will be incorporated over the next few weeks. It is planned that the website will be restructured / re-organised to make information more accessible. Australia also presented an outline of the proposed revision/update of the Mutual Logistics Support Handbook for PASOLS. This will incorporate changes and additions as determined by each PASOLS. For example, the chapter for HA/DR Operations currently does not have much information. After PASOLS 36, there should be some valuable information added based on the discussions and input provided in Japan. The afternoon of the second day was a cultural event which was a visit to

Taman Mini Indonesia Indah (TMII), a park that provides a complete picture of the grandeur of Indonesia in beautiful miniature presentation. This activity provided the opportunity for the host nation to promote itself to delegates, and the delegates to interact between themselves.

3. The third and final day consisted of compiling the results of the discussion groups and the development of a proposed agenda for PASOLS 36. During the breakout discussions, the delegates analyzed the provided tabletop exercise, hereafter named the ‘scenario.’ All the groups agreed that the scenario was definitely a good tool to generate discussion and should be used at PASOLS 36; however, they all agreed that the scenario should be made as generic as possible and brought to the strategic level as opposed to the operational and tactical level that it is currently. A suggestion from one group was to take a look at the scenario in three phases: Pre-Crisis, Crisis and Post-Crisis. This was agreed by all delegates and the PASOLS 36 proposed agenda was developed along these lines. It was also proposed, and agreed, that there be discussions each day after the briefings pertaining to each phase. Finally, the proposed briefing topics for each phase required countries to volunteer to present briefings. There were 7 briefings proposed and accepted and the following countries volunteered to present:

**Phase 1: Pre-Crisis Planning for HA/DR Operations:**

Emergency Planning for HA/DR:	Philippines
NGOs in HA/DR Operations:	Red Cross/Red Crescent**

**Phase 2: Crisis Planning for HA/DR Operations:**

Framework for Coordination during HA/DR	Japan
	Sri Lanka
Determining Needs for HA/DR	Thailand
Response Teams for HA/DR	Australia
Transportation/Distribution Ops for HA/DR	Malaysia

**Phase 3: Post-Crisis Planning for HA/DR Operations:**

Exiting HA/DR Operations & Reconstitution	Korea
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\*\*This is the preferred NGO for this briefing; however, invitations must first be sent to ascertain whether they are available or will agree to attend and present.

The agenda for the afternoon of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of PASOLS has time set aside for Trends in Logistics. China volunteered to give a briefing on Resource Savings. There is time for another presentation, subject and briefer to be determined. The agenda was presented and all participants agreed and received copies of the proposed agenda; however, all understand that there might be slight changes as we approach PASOLS 36.

4. The afternoon of the last day of the PPG consisted of decisions on the following action items.

a. **Terms of Reference:** All agreed that the action item pertaining to the Terms of Reference could be closed. The new Terms of Reference is agreed upon by all delegates and will be reviewed annually at each PASOLS.

b. **HA/DR Checklist:** Also closed, with all members agreeing that the Rapid RECCE Handbook will fulfill the purpose of an HA/DR Checklist.

c. **Malaysian Regional HA/DR Warehouse:** Initiative has been tabled until Malaysia can provide a detailed proposal that outlines country requirements. All in attendance agree that no one at the PPG or even PASOLS can commit their military or government to participate in such an endeavor. Then, a proposal would have to be presented to their government and then decided upon. In order to do that, Malaysia (as the country who brought up the idea) would have to provide more details. As the representative for USPACOM, Col Smith communicated to Malaysia that none of our services have indicated the need or desire to store HA/DR supplies in a centralized warehouse. However, he indicated that coordination between Malaysia and neighboring countries with an interest is not only a possibility, but highly recommended. This action item will remain suspended until Malaysia submits a proposal.

d. **PASOLS Handbook Country Annexes:** This action item remains open. Because very few countries supplied information for this initiative (only two countries provided information...Australia and New Zealand), Australia proposed that the country briefings provided at PASOLS 34 be used initially as respective country annexes. This was agreed and New Zealand advised they would be posted in the next few weeks.

e. **Observer Nations for PASOLS 36:** The observer nations to be invited to PASOLS 36 were agreed upon: Cambodia, Mauritius, Nepal, Samoa, East Timor, Vietnam, New Caledonia, Tahiti, Russia, and an NGO (Red Cross/Red Crescent, Doctors without Borders, World Vision, and OXFAM will all be approached to ensure at least one can make it—preference is Red Cross/Red Crescent).

f. **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		Malaysia

Member Nations were invited to nominate for the open slots which exist for hosts for the PPG in 2011 and 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 36. A draft was completed and, upon review, will be sent electronically to all delegates, no later than 15 June 2007. Also created during this time were the briefing guidelines for the countries that volunteered for briefings. These guidelines were sent electronically to all countries scheduled to brief and are currently posted on the PASOLS website, [www.pasols.org](http://www.pasols.org).

6. **36<sup>th</sup> PASOLS:** Japan briefed the delegates on administrative details for PASOLS 36<sup>th</sup>, scheduled for 11-13 September 2007 in Tokyo, Japan. This year's theme is "Logistic Support for Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief." Briefings scheduled are found within this report, on page four. A draft agenda for 36<sup>th</sup> PASOLS is also included in this final report on page eight.

7. **37<sup>th</sup> PASOLS:** Malaysia will host 37<sup>th</sup> PASOLS Planning Group (PPG) in May 2008. The location will be Kuala Lumpur and exact dates will be provided at 36<sup>th</sup> PASOLS. New Zealand will host 37<sup>th</sup> PASOLS in September 2008. Exact dates, location, and proposed theme will be provided at the 36<sup>th</sup> PASOLS.

### **14 May 2007 (Monday)**

0700 – 0830 Breakfast/Registration (Club Discovery Lounge—16<sup>th</sup> Floor or Bogor Café—2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hotel Borobudur)

Participants move to Sumba Room on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

0830 – 0840 Administrative Remarks  
0840 – 0850 Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs)  
0850 – 0920 Group Photo  
0920 – 1000 Review of Old/Continuing Business, 2005-2007 “PASOLS in Review”, Initiatives  
PASOLS Homepage (New Zealand, Australia)—NOTE: Moved to Day 2.  
1000 – 1030 Morning Tea  
1030 – 1130 Briefing on the proposed topic for PASOLS 36 (Japan)  
1130 – 1200 Allocation and Guidance to 3 X Breakout Groups  
1210 – 1330 Lunch  
1330 – 1445 (3 X Breakout Groups) Review topic and consider possible  
presentation topics to supplement.  
1445 – 1530 Afternoon Tea  
1530 – 1630 (3 X Breakout Groups) Continue reviewing topic and consider  
Possible presentation topics to supplement.  
1900 – 2100 Host Nation reception/dinner (Singosari Restaurant, Poolside)

### **15 May 2007 (Tuesday)**

0700 – 0830 Breakfast (Club Discovery Lounge—16<sup>th</sup> Floor or Bogor Café—2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hotel Borobudur)

Participants move to Sumba Room on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

0830 – 0840 Administrative Announcements  
0840 – 1000 (3 X Breakout Groups) Complete reviewing topic and decide  
PASOLS topics/Presentation proposals  
1000 – 1030 Morning Tea  
1030 – 1045 Briefing on Logistics Support for HA/DR (Bangladesh)  
1100 – 1200 Lunch  
1230 – 1300 Briefing update on PASOLS Initiative 26—PASOLS MLS Handbook (Australia)  
1330 – 1700 Visit Taman Mini Indonesia Indah (TMII)—Dinner served during tour (Pulau Dua)

### **16 May 2007 (Wednesday)**

0700 – 0830 Breakfast (Club Discovery Lounge—16<sup>th</sup> Floor or Bogor Café—2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hotel Borobudur)

Participants move to Sumba Room on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

0830 – 1000 Briefings/General Discussion on Topics and Presentation Proposals  
1000 – 1030 Morning Tea  
1030 – 1130 Complete 36<sup>th</sup> PASOLS Agenda  
1130 – 1230 36<sup>th</sup> PASOLS Hosting/Administrative issues brief (Japan)  
1230 – 1330 Lunch  
1330 – 1415 Review PPG Final Report/Action Items  
1415 – 1430 Summary/Concluding Remarks  
1430 – 1500 Confirm Contact Info  
1500 onwards Afternoon Tea/Free to Depart



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DAY ZERO & DAY ONE	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday 10 Sep 07	Delegates Arrival-Hotel Registration/Title 10 Processing		1900-2100 US-Hosted  Reception
Tuesday 11 Sep 07	0840-0900 Transport to MCC 0915-1115 Administrative Remarks, Welcome Remarks, Introduction of Heads of Delegation/Group Photo (1015-1030 Morning Tea) 1115-1130 PPG Report including any PASOLS initiatives 1130-1200 Mutual Logistics Handbook Overview/Website Demonstration <b><u>(Australia/New Zealand)</u></b>  0935-1700 Spouses Program	1200-1300 Working Lunch/Bilateral Discussions 1300-1310 Introduction of Scenario/ Instructions to Breakout Groups <i>Phase 1: Pre-Crisis Planning</i> 1310-1330 Briefing: "Emergency Planning for HA/DR" <b><u>Philippines</u></b> 1330-1350 Briefing: "NGOs in HA/DR Operations" <b><u>Red Cross/Red Crescent</u></b> 1350-1545 Breakout Discussion (1420-1440 Afternoon Tea) 1545-1600 Day Wrap-Up/Admin Announcements 1600-1730 Bilateral Discussions	1900-2100 Japan-Hosted  Reception

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DAY TWO	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wednesday 12 Sep 07	0840-0900 Transport to MCC <i>Phase 2 Theme: Crisis: Immediate Response for HA/DR</i> 0915-0955 Briefings: "Framework for Coordination During HA/DR Operations" <b><u>Japan and Sri Lanka</u></b> 0955-1015 Briefing: "Determining Needs for HA/DR Operations" <b><u>Thailand</u></b> 1015-1035 Morning Tea 1035-1055 Briefing: "Response Teams for HA/DR Operations" <b><u>Australia</u></b> 1055-1115 Briefing: "Transportation/Distribution Operations During HA/DR" <b><u>Malaysia</u></b> 1115-1200 Breakout Discussion  1100-1530 Spouses Program	1200-1300 Working Lunch/Bilateral Discussions 1300-1430 Breakout Discussion Continues 1430-1435 Day Wrap-Up/Admin Announcements 1440-1455 Transport to Hotel to Prepare for Cultural Event	1530(1900) Cultural event

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DAY THREE	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Thursday</b> <b>13 Sep 07</b>	0840-0900 Transport to MCC <i>Phase 3 Theme: Post-Crisis: Long Term Solutions for HA/DR Operations</i> 0915-0935 Briefing: "Exiting HA/DR Ops and Reconstitution" <b>Korea</b> 0935-1015 Breakout Discussion 1015-1030 Morning Tea 1030-1100 Breakout Group Presentation Preparation 1100-1115 Group 1 Presentation 1115-1130 Group 2 Presentation 1130-1145 Group 3 Presentation 1145-1200 Group 4 Presentation	1200-1300 Working Lunch 1300-1400 Action Items Wrap-Up 1400-1420 Afternoon Tea 1420-1450 Trends in Logistics "Resource Savings" <b>(China)</b> 1450-1520 Trends in Logistics <b>(Open)</b> 1520-1600 PPG/PASOLS 37 Presentations 1600-1630 Closing Remarks 1630-1730 Bilateral Discussions	Delegates Departure
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