In a related development, the SND also led the formal opening of MNSA Regular Class 41 on September 15, 2005 at the NDCP Honor Hall. In his speech before RC 41, Secretary Cruz reiterated his call to NDCP students to keep an abiding interest in the on-going transformation of the defense and military establishment, dubbed as the Philippine Defense Reform (PDR). He further asked the NDCP entrants to look at the ten key areas of improvement that will receive sustained focus to introduce comprehensive, strategic and systemic reforms, and see how they can contribute to their development. He specifically asked the new students to focus their theses on the ten specific areas covered by the PDR, including the Multi-Year Defense Planning System (MYDPS); AFP operations, intelligence and training; Logistics; Staff Development; AFP Personnel Management System; Multi-Year AFP Capability Upgrade Plan; financial controls; professional acquisition workforce and centrally managed Defense Acquisition System; Civil Military Operations; and Information Management System.

National Defense Secretary Avelino J. Cruz Jr, was guest of honor and speaker at the conferment ceremony of Regular Class 40 for the degree of Master in National Security Administration (MNSA) by the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) last August 30, 2005 at the AFP Commissioned Officers Club in Camp Aguinaldo.

In his address, the Secretary underscored the need to harness the full potential of the NDCP and its graduates to successfully confront the challenges of today and help ensure a better future for the nation.

RC 40 is composed of 37 students, 20 of whom are from the military, 14 from the civilian government and 3 from the private sector.

As the country’s defense institution mandated to prepare and develop potential national defense leaders, civilian officials of the different branches of government and selected executives from the private sector, NDCP conducts the MNSA, its main training program. It is a one-year, full-time master’s degree course consisting of 39 units earned through various forms of classroom work, case studies, regional security and development studies, academic enhancement travels, and the successful defense of a thesis.

With the inclusion of the 37 new graduates, the NDCP has now a total of 1,703 alumni. Among the distinguished alumni is current National Security Adviser Norberto B Gonzales (RC 40), whose thesis focused on “The GRP-NDF Peace Negotiations: Evaluating Ripeness.”
Since its establishment in 1963, National Defense College of the Philippines has been engaged in various fora in enhancing national defense and security. Guided by the College's mission, "to develop the skills and competence of potential national defense and security leaders, conduct strategic and international studies as basis for development of national policies and undertake special studies and projects in order to enhance national security."

The NDCP seeks to instill among the graduates of its Master in National Security Administration (MNSA) program, efficient leadership skills, strategic thinking and a deep sense of commitment to the enhancement of national defense and security.

The dynamic political environment presents new challenges to our national security. Consequently, demands for innovative approaches of imparting knowledge and effective training programs, and the need for strategic studies for policy development have increased proportionately. Executive Order No. 85 s. 1999 authorized the NDCP to create, establish, maintain, merge and abolish institutes and centers of learning and special studies devoted to national security. The College thus expanded its undertakings as a response to the increased demands. Aside from the regular MNSA program, different modes of conducting the course were designed, specifically the two-year evening mode and the distance-learning e-MNSA, both of which are ready for implementation. Meanwhile, alternative extramural courses such as the CAPSTONE Course for senior military officers, Executive Course on National Security and Special Course on Negotiation, seminars, special lectures and public fora on defense and security issues were continuously conducted by the College's Institute for Extramural and Continuing Studies (IECS).

Under the coordinative work of the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Strategic Studies Group (SSG) fellows meet regularly to discuss current events and national security issues and draft policy recommendations for the Department of National Defense. Through our pursuit of research, our activities support the NDCP-SSG research agenda where special projects and strategic researches are aimed at enhancing our national defense and security capabilities.

In keeping with the DND's commitment to counter-terrorism, the NDCP, through the Emergency Management Institute of the Philippines (EMIP), conducts such courses as the Preventing, Interdicting and Investigating Acts of Terrorism Training Course, which are designed to develop the investigative skills of law enforcement officers in the country. This nine-week course comprehensively includes instruction and practical exercises in trends in terrorism, crime scene management, informant development, case management, cyber terrorism, financial investigations, and police surveillance. Previous courses on anti-terrorism, which we have conducted, include the Airport Security Management Training Course, Cyber Terrorism Incident Response Course, and the Interdicting Terrorist Organizations Training Course.

The NDCP is also an active participant in pursuing closer ties with other countries. We have hosted several delegations, including counterpart defense universities and colleges and others such as China's Academy of Military Science. As a highly reputable educational facility, we consider these academic exchanges important to the drafting of our country's defense policies, national strategic thinking, armed forces development and military and counter-terrorism operations.

Through its programs and activities, the NDCP joins in the overall effort of the National Government in steering the country towards political and economic stability.
NDCP participates in Maritime Boundary Delimitation Talks

The Philippines has maritime boundary issues with China, Indonesia and Malaysia due to their overlapping and spongy borders. The Philippine-Indonesian talks on boundary delineation started in 1994 in Manado, Indonesia, but further talks were postponed indefinitely due to pressing economic and political issues in both countries. In 2001, Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri agreed to resume negotiations on boundary delineation. The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) was tasked to be the Philippines' lead agency in this negotiation, with half order to fast track talks on boundary delineation. Consequently, the RP-RI Joint Permanent Working Group on Maritime and Ocean Concerns (JPWG-MOC) was created, composed of Indonesian and Philippines' delegations. The Maritime and Ocean Affairs Center of the DFA is the lead agency on the Philippine side with the NDCP, President, Commo. Carlos L. Agustin AFP (Ret.) as a member, sharing his invaluable expertise on maritime affairs by giving sound technical advice to the Working Group. The Permanent Working Group facilitates negotiations to address the two countries' urgent and important maritime and ocean concerns, and other situations that may likely disrupt regional peace arising from conflict in maritime boundaries and other maritime matters. The JPWG-MOC is currently working on the following proposals: (1) Assembly of a tripartite commission composed of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches that will discuss pressing issues on maritime border delimitation and will serve as a unified voice on these issues; (2) Inclusion of maritime delimitation exercises with countries like Malaysia, China and Vietnam participating in it; (3) Endorsement to Congress partial delimitation of Archipelagic Baselines to cover the RP-RI boundaries; and (4) Formulation of a Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) System on combating piracy and armed robbery against ships, and wider application including fisheries in the context of a proposal to include other states comprising the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asia Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA).

On the MCS, the NDCP also submitted a position paper on the proposed RP-RI Joint Working Group Meeting on Maritime and Ocean Concerns. This proposal also supports BIMP-EAGA aims to build on existing multilateral maritime initiatives, particularly the establishment of a jointly manned Maritime Reaction Center at the Sulu-Borneo area that will help curb transnational crime (TNC) in the area. Presently, members of the group are working with Congress in coming up with a territorial baseline law that will enhance the Philippine position on the boundary delineation talks with its neighbors.

1st RP-Japan Politico-Security Dialogue

The National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP), together with other government departments and agencies recently participated in the 1st RP-Japan Politico-Security Dialogue that was conducted last February 9, 2005 at the Carlos P. Garcia Hall of the Department of Foreign Affairs. Shinichii Nishimiy, Deputy Director-General for Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau of Japan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs headed the six-member Japanese delegation. The said dialogue was opened by remarks from the Co-Chairmen of both delegations and was followed by presentations on the Defense Policies of Japan and the Philippines. The Japanese delegation presented its new national defense program guidelines, which was divided into five categories, namely: the Security Environment surrounding Japan, the basic principles of Japan’s security policy, the role of the defense forces, the critical elements of its defense capabilities and the additional elements for consideration.

On the other hand, the Philippine delegation, headed by Hon. Alejandro Melchor III, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy and Special Concerns, presented the Defense Policy of the Philippines that centered on Philippine security interests, its defense policy objectives, internal security trends and the policy thrusts of the Department of National Defense. Assistant Secretary Melchor also presented the emerging regional security environment that does not only concern the Philippines but also Japan. These issues include terrorism, the rise of radical islamism, TNC, maritime security challenges and natural disasters.

Furthermore, both groups presented their respective countries’ defense and security cooperation with the United States and discussed defense and military exchanges between Japan and the Philippines. The joint session concluded with the hope that the said dialogue, being the first of its kind, will strengthen the relations between the two countries.
The Institute for Extramural and Continuing Studies (IECS) in cooperation with the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy sponsored a Roundtable Discussion on the "Democratization of Muslim Communities in Southeast Asia" last September 13, 2005 at the OP Conference Room in NDCP with Mr. Hamid Basyaib, an Islamic mentor for the Aksara Foundation as guest speaker.

In his speech, Mr. Basyaib noted that the last Indonesian presidential election where Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono won over President Megawati Sukarnoputri, was a significant event in Indonesia because it was characterized as generally peaceful with the participation of about 80-90 percent of Muslims. Mr. Basyaib emphasized that there are new institutions in Indonesia that were created and new laws aimed to protect every person, enabling them to complain and fight for their rights. He said Indonesia has also created a judicial commission to counter what is known as "court mafias" that are allegedly perpetrated by supervising prosecutors. Dishonesty, he said, would thus be prevented and justice would prevail for everyone.

Other commissions were also established to improve governance in Indonesia, among them: a commission to eradicate corruption, another to promote fairness in business practice, and a commission of the police. These bodies aim to monitor the different government sectors and to implement programs on peace and good governance. In particular, the commission focusing on graft eradication was set up to prevent a political leader from being tempted to abuse the people’s wealth for personal use. These commissions are perceived to enliven the democratic spirit and reinforce Indonesia’s democratization.

Mr. Basyaib also said that because of the large number - 40 in all - of Islamic groups in Indonesia, disputes are frequent. He cited his own organization’s conflict with the Islamic Defenders Front (IDF), a group considered to be part of the conservative wings of Islam that opposes his group’s liberal Islam. According to Mr. Basyaib, conservative Islamic wings that support the Ulama council against liberalism, secularism and pluralism are irrelevant to the times, and are wrong from the perspective of Islamic methodology.

During the open forum, among the issues raised was whether the presence of the United States in developing countries has good influences and implications. Mr. Basyaib responded that there would be no absolute truth for every country because the answer is dependent on everyone’s unique perception.

Other issues were on Christian sects that trigger different problems in society, and on democracy. He said that states like Algeria and Egypt claim to be democratic but do not really adhere to democratic leadership and proper conduct of elections. Lastly, he praised President Yudhoyono’s efforts for continuously uplifting the rights Indonesian women.

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DRSS staffers complete scholarship courses in Australia, UK

They left. They saw. They conquered. And now they are back.

Three members of the Department of Research and Special Studies (DRSS) family returned after finishing their graduate studies abroad.

Mr. Ronald Allan Y. Dizon earned his Master of Science degree on Global Security from Cranfield University in the United Kingdom in August 2004. Ms. Christine June P. Cariño graduated from the University of New South Wales at the Australia Defence Force Academy in Canberra, Australia with a Master of Arts degree in Strategy and Policy in July 2005.

Ms. Charithie B. Joaquin earned her Master of Arts degree in War Studies from King’s College, University of London in September 2005.

On the other hand, Ms. Cariño passed the qualifying assessment to undertake a post-graduate program in Australia under the Defense Cooperation Program of the Australian Defence Force. The AFP and the DND annually send military and civilian scholars to Australian universities.

Mr. Dizon and Ms. Cariño are recipients of the prestigious British Chevening Program. Managed by the British Council, the grant is provided by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to 2,300 beneficiaries yearly in 150 countries for postgraduate studies in the UK.

Mr. Dizon and Ms. Cariño head the EMIP and INSS, respectively, while Ms. Joaquin is the INSS Deputy Director.
NDCP welcomes new SSG Fellows

The NDCP welcomed new Fellows to its think tank – the Strategies Studies Group (SSG). Among its new regular fellows are Mr. Herminio S. Esquerra; Prof. Ben S. Malayang III, PhD; and Mr. Delfin J. Wenceslao Jr. On the other hand, the new associate members include Commo. Artemio R. Arugay (Ret.); Prof. Aileen S. Baviere, PhD; Asst. Sec. Alejandro P. Melchor III; and, Prof. Solita Collas-Monsod. As a pro bono member, the experience of business magnate Herminio Esquerra, the Founder-Chairman-Chief Executive Officer of the Hermia Group of Companies, shall be vital in the area of Petroleum and Maritime Industry, and the environment. Dr. Malayang, the Chairman and President of the Philippine Sustainable Development Network and President of Silliman University, has competence in Environmental Governance and Multilateral Environmental Agreements, Political Ecology, Institutions and Environment, Environmental Philosophy and Ethics, Biodiversity and Biosafety.

On the other hand, Mr. Wenceslao chairs a number of private firms such as D.M. Wenceslao & Associates Inc., Fabricom Manufacturing Corporation, European Resources & Technologies Inc., Philippine Ecopanel Inc., Philippine Aseana Holdings, Inc., and Mandaue Land Consortium Inc. The latter, also a pro bono member, is adept in Infrastructure Development and Business Management. Commo. Arugay is another pro bono member who is currently the President of the Heritage Research and Development Foundation, Inc. Among his expertise include Military Affairs, and Military Intelligence and Operations. Dr. Baviere, the Dean of the UP Asian Center and Convenor of Asia Pacific Studies Program at the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies, is skilled in multi-disciplinary China Studies; International Relations; Asia-Pacific Security, Development and Politics; Civil Society in Asia and Maritime Affairs.

Asst. Sec. Melchor III is well versed in Defense International Relations, RP-US Defense Relations, and Strategy and Policy Formulation. Finally, Prof. Monsod, a Professor of Economics at the UP School of Economics and concurrent member of the United Nations (U.N.) Development Programs Global Cooperation Framework Advisory Committee, shall be consulted when the need for ingenuity in Development Economics and Poverty presents itself. SSG Fellows regularly meet to present security issues, discuss current events and draft policy recommendations.

Forum on Population and National Security

On 9 July 2005, the NDCP conducted a forum on Population and National Security in partnership with the Academy on Educational Development (AED) at the NDCP Honor Hall. More than a hundred participants from the different offices/units of the DND and AFP attended the said event.

Because of the success of this undertaking, a series of fora on the same subject was conducted. This was made possible through a Memorandum of Agreement between the NDCP and AED-The Social Acceptance Project – Family Planning (TSAP-FP) on 11 August 2005, agreeing among others, to collaborate and cooperate, through their respective authorized representatives in the pursuit of the social acceptance of family planning and to jointly plan and implement seminars and training activities on family planning consistent with the national security paradigm.

Hence, the NDCP and the AED-TSAP-FP agreed to conduct a series of fora with the Major Services and the Unified Commands of the AFP to further explore the role of the armed forces as part of the country’s population equation with particular focus on family planning initiatives and options for the organization. The AED is an independent and non-profit organization committed to solving critical social problems throughout the world through education, social marketing, research, training, policy analysis and innovative program design and management. Key focus areas include health, education, youth development, and the environment. AED has been awarded the contract from USAID/Philippines for The Social Acceptance Project – Family Planning (TSAP-FP).

In line with USAID’s and Philippines’ overall objective of helping achieve desired family size based on informed choice in family planning methods, the TSAP-FP project was tasked to promote greater social acceptance of family planning among Filipinos.
After a month of Precom Course training in the classrooms of NDCP and the training grounds of the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) of the Philippine Navy at the San Miguel Naval Station in San Antonio, Zambales, the 31 daring and determined members of Precom “Matatag” Class Nr 12, MNSA RC 41 finally earned their certificates of completion.

The first two weeks of the month-long Pre-Commission (Precom) Course were spent by the Class listening to lectures about the military service starting from the most basic subjects such as rendering salute properly to knowing leadership qualities, understanding the principles of war to waging and sustaining wars inside the cozy classroom of NDCP.

The second half of the course was spent in the NETC grounds where they were taught the rudiments of fighting battles, surviving in the most adverse conditions, leading and guiding their troops to victory, and learning and applying the basic military skills every professional soldier must know such as rappelling from the rooftop of a tall building, crossing a river, climbing a rope, and going through the obstacle course where several of the students amazed the trainers with their positive attitude and will to go through the course despite their lack of physical preparation.

In the record firing, the students earned their following qualifications: for the M16 - Hilario Caraan, Aldrin Cuna, Dennis Garcia, and Rodney Jagolino (Sharpshooter); Marlyn Agabas, Lourdes Aninipot, and Lalaine Cortes (Marksman). For the caliber .45 pistol – Romulo Rivera, Hilario Caraan, Dennis Garcia, Ronald Imperio, Job Jacob Gonzales, Federico Espiritu, Loreto Hidalgo, Ronald Joves, and Rodney Jagolino (Sharpshooter); Rustom Bautista, Allan Poe Carmona, Victor Ubaldo, Robert Dean Barbiers, Miguel Dimalnat Jr., Carmelita Sison, Jane Docallos, Marcial Flores, Josefinna Martin, Rachel Angeles, Ma Regina Catral, and Marlyn Agabas (Marksman).

In the obstacle course, all students went through the mandatory initial stages while six completed the whole course: Marcial Flores, Germano Francisco Legaspi, Rodney Jagolino, Job Jacob Gonzales, Marlyn Agabas and Loreto Hidalgo.

The guest of honor of the closing ceremony, Vice Adm. Mateo M. Mayuga AFP, Flag-Officer-in-Command of the Philippine Navy, assisted by NDCP President Carlos L. Agustin and NETC Commander Rear Adm. Constanlio L. Jardiniano Jr. AFP, personally handed the certificates to the graduates last 16 December 2005. Also present during the ceremony were Commo. Francisco Tolin
Erratic blood pressures that sometimes shot up to 180 over 110 among some ten students, early morning exercises and roadruns, a whole day’s hike with combat pack and M16 rifle under the scorching Zambales sun, a half-day’s grueling hike in the jungles of Morong, painful blisters caused by ill-fitting combat boots, a formidable obstacle course, dangerous rope courses (i.e. rappelling from the rooftop a 3-storey building and crossing a river on two ropes), the untimely demise of a father of one lady student, 16-kilometer biking and a breakneck football match with the Commander, NETC were not enough to discourage the 31 civilian MNSA students of Regular Class 41 from pursuing their bid for a military commission in the Reserve Force, AFP.
Disaster and Security Management on the Tourism Industry

The NDCP-DND and the Office of Security and Political Affairs-Department of Tourism (OSPA-DOT) successfully completed the conduct of Executive Forum on Disaster and Security Management: Focus on Tourism Industry in five prime tourist spots in the country: Casa Pilar, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan on 29-30 April 2005; St. Nick’s Restaurant, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte on 3-4 August 2005; Grand Astoria Hotel, Zamboanga City on 30-31 August 2005; Dynasty Court Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City on 14-15 September 2005; and DOT Training Room, DOT Building, Malate, Manila on 5-6 October 2005.

According to Tourism Secretary Joseph ‘Ace’ Durano, the government is focusing on an effort to have a volume of five million tourists by 2010. This goal is attainable if we can maintain safe and secured tourists destinations all over the country.

The primary objective of the Executive Forum is to have stakeholders in the tourism industry enhance their awareness on security and disaster management to ensure the safety and well being of local and foreign tourists.

A total of 466 participants attended the activity representing local government units, regional and local officials of key government agencies such as DOT, Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Philippine National Police (PNP), AFP, Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), various resorts and security personnel, business establishments and foundations, local media, and other stakeholders in the region.

The activities stressed the importance among law enforcers and security officers of strictly enforcing security measures, as well as maintaining a conscious effort to increase awareness and enhance the capabilities of all stakeholders in disaster management to avoid or lessen the impact of hazards such as earthquakes, typhoons and landslides.

The fora also highlighted the launching of major programs of the DOT: The Universal Recognition in the Security of Tourists Awards (TURISTA) and Security of Tourists Operation Program (STOP).

Key briefings were given to participants on the following areas of concern: Philippine Disaster Management System by the OCD, Regional Security Situation by the PNP, National Security Update by the National Police Aviation Security Group (PNP-ASG) and Disaster Prevention in Tourist Areas by the NDCP.
Terrorist Organization Interdiction Training

The NDCP’s Emergency Management Institute of the Philippines (EMIP) in partnership with U.S. Department of State’s Antiterrorism Assistance Program (ATAP) through the U.S. Embassy Manila conducted the Interdicting Terrorist Organizations Training Course on February 21 - March 4, 2005 at the NDCP Honor Hall, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

The training course sought to provide training on the methods of gathering, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence for antiterrorism.

Six resource persons from the ATAP served as lecturers, namely: Ms. Naomi D. Wychules, Special Agent, U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service; Mr. Terry R. Jones, ATAP On-Site Representative, Diplomatic Security Service/ATAP; Mr. Joseph Dennis Murphy, Course Manager, ATAP/ Wackenhut Service, INC; Mr. G. Dwayne Fuselier, Instructor, ATAP/ Wackenhut Service, INC; Mr. Bill E. Weiland, Instructor, ATAP/ Wackenhut Service, INC; and Mr. Jimmy F. Bradley, Instructor, ATAP/ Wackenhut Service, INC.

Twenty-three participants from the AFP, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) successfully completed the course.

CBRN Response and Consultation with Policy Makers

The EMIP-NDCP in collaboration with the Defense Research and Development Canada (DRDC) through the Embassy of Canada in Manila conducted the Training for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Response and Consultation with Policy-Makers on March 3-4, 2005 at the NDCP Auditorium.

The activity was a basic introductory training for those involved in CBRN response and intended uses of CBRN materials. A second part involved a workshop for high-level CBRN policy-makers that looked into the current status of CBRN training in the country.

Sixty-five participants from the following government agencies and institutions attended the activity: AFP, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Department of Health (DOH), Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR), the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP), National Intelligence and Coordinating Agency (NICA), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Pasay City Disaster Coordinating Council, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT), University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH) and Rescue 177-Valenzuela.

6th Basic Disaster Management Training

The NDCP’s EMIP of the conducted the 6th Basic Disaster Management Training Course on April 4-8, 2005 at the NDCP Honor Hall, Academic Row, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

The training course sought to enhance the level of awareness and competencies of disaster managers in the areas of preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery and rehabilitation. It included lectures, case studies and group exercises that reinforced awareness on the key concepts and principles on various aspects of disaster management.

Thirty-five participants completed the course representing the various government and private agencies: AFP, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), EMIP-NDCP, Holy Trinity Parish of Cainta, Rizal, Municipality of San Juan, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), National Children’s Hospital, National Intelligence and Coordinating Agency (NICA), National Security Council (NSC), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Pasay City Disaster Coordinating Council, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT), University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH) and Rescue 177-Valenzuela.
Executive Course on National Security held

The Institute for Extramural and Continuing Studies (IECS) of the NDCP conducted two batches of the Executive Course on National Security held last April 12-14, and October 25-28, 2005.

One of the highly attended seminars of the IECS, this seminar has been conducted twice a year due to the increasing demand from key government executives since 2003.

The seminar provides a deeper understanding on the theories and practice of national security. It also aims to enhance the skills in national security management and administration, particularly in applying methods and techniques in examining trends and factors, in formulating policies and decisions, and in carrying out strategic courses of action affecting national security.

Renowned national security experts served as lecturers, among them: Prof. Gabriel Ma. J. Lopez, Honorably Alexander Aguirre, Dr. Florentino S. Hornedo, BGEn. Nathaniel C. Legaspi, Dr. Segundo Romero, Col. Fémin De Leon, USEC Antonio C. Santos Jr. and Dr. Raymundo Punongbayan.

A total of 115 participants came from the AFP, PNP, other government agencies and the private sector. Local government units were also represented by mayors, councilors and provincial administrators. USEC for Philippine Defense Reform Ernesto G. Carolina, was the guest of honor during the graduation ceremonies of both batches.

3rd Seminar on Conflict Management and Resolution

Spearheaded by the IECS, the Seminar on Conflict Management and Resolution was held last September 6-9, 2005 at the NDCP Honor Hall. The course director, Prof. Gabriel Ma. J. Lopez, handled most of the lectures on the different ways of handling and resolving conflict.

The lectures were combined with several workshops to achieve the activity’s desired outcomes.

The 3-module course provided the basic principles, framework, approaches and methods of managing conflicts and conducting negotiations. Each session incorporated practical exercises for greater learning and understanding of the theories and concepts introduced during lectures.

Experts and practitioners in the field of conflict management handled various sessions of the course, among them: Dr. Jose C. Gatchalian (definition and conceptual background of conflict); Dr. Florentino S. Hornedo (cultural framework of conflict); and Prof. Lopez (principled negotiation, best alternative to the negotiated agreement, presented mediation and third party intervention and conflict mapping).

Notably, a special lecture was delivered by BGEn. Manuel B. Ibañez Jr. (Ret.), who shared lessons learned from the peace talks with the MILF, emphasizing the importance of keeping an open mind and understanding the antecedents of the conflict since there is no room for misinterpretations in such situations.

Twenty-nine participants from the AFP, PNP, DND, other government agencies, local government units, and the private sector completed the course.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following:

2005 NDCP MODEL AND EXEMPLARY PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR:

Ms. Zenaida A. Taccaban - Model Civilian Employee; Ms. Cynthia L. Licudan - Exemplary Civilian Employee; Ms. Susan J. Avellanoza - Model Supervisor; Ms. Marlo A. Cabral - Exemplary Supervisor; SSG. Reynaldo I. Villedo PA - Model Enlisted Personnel; MSG. Rogelio A. Dadulla PA - Exemplary Enlisted Personnel

The Model Personnel received from the College a plaque of merit and cash incentive while the Exemplary Personnel received a Plaque of Recognition and cash incentive pursuant to NDCP General Orders No. 004, 2005.

PROMOTION:

Mr. Jay Pinaroc - from Contractual Computer Maintenance Technician II to Temporary Computer Programmer II on September 23, 2005;

NEW PERSONNEL:

Col. Antonio F. Matias, PAF (GSC) MNSA - 16 October 2005, Asst. VP for Academic Affairs; M SG. Nineta Gaerlan - 1 October 2005, DS, Academic Department;

CONTRACT OF SERVICE:

Ms. Maricris Araga - 1 May 2005, Defense Research Officer II (INSS); Ms. Ma. Rosario Demigilio - 1 May 2005, Defense Research Officer II (IECS); Mr. Laurento Pakingan - 1 May 2005, Defense Research Officer I (IECS); Mr. Jay Valenzuela - 1 Jul 2005, Electrician I (GSD, Admin Department); Mr. Chester Cabalza - 16 Jul 2005, Defense Research Officer II (EMIP); Mr. Leoponville Ndota Wambu Gitau - 15 Jul 2005, Defense Research Officer I (INSS); Mr. Adrian Magpantay - 25 Aug 2005, Defense Research Officer I (EMIP); Ms. Mary Louise Castillo - 26 Sep 2005, Defense Research Officer II (INSS)

NEW OFFICERS OF NDCP ASSOCIATION OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:

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The election of the Board of Directors was held on March 7, 2005 at the Honor Hall during its general assembly, while the election for the officers was conducted on June 6, 2005 at the Administrative Department Office. The new officers and BOD took their oath of office at the OP Conference Room on June 14, 2005 in the presence of the NDCP President, Commo. Carlos L. Agustin (Ret.).
Canadian National Security issues

Last February 21, 2006, the NDCP hosted the first “Ambassador Speaks” lecture for the year on the “Defense and Security Concerns of Canada” with His Excellency Peter Sutherland, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada, serving as the distinguished speaker.

Ambassador Sutherland’s opening statements referred to the growing Filipino community in Canada. He said the 400,000 Filipino Canadians constitute about one and a half percent of its population. He also briefly described the common interests of Canada particularly in the areas of politics, diplomacy and trade. Historically, national security was not a big concern because Canada did not perceive any immediate physical threat. Its concerns were directed primarily on overseas relationships through NATO, the UN, the Peacekeeping Corps in particular. He said that the event of September 11, 2001 in the United States greatly influenced drastic changes in its national security priorities.

Besides terrorism, the Ambassador pointed out other challenges to Canada such as the importance of responding to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats. He noted pandemic diseases like SARS, which inflicted Canada a few years back caused panic in Toronto and other cities. Amb. Sutherland also elaborated extensively on other matters such as sovereignty issues, control over land space, illegal fishing, smuggling, illegal immigration and illegal drugs. He also mentioned environmental concerns such as floods, huge forest fires and ice storms. In all, the Ambassador encapsulated Canada’s priorities on three D’s - Defense, Diplomacy and Development.

Seventy-two participants from the MNSA Regular Class 43, the NDCP Staff and research associates, representatives of AFP CGSC, ISAFFP, DND, Air Force Officer School, Philippine National Police, National Security Council and other government agencies attended the event.

Language courses... (cont’d. from page 12)

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For further inquiry, contact IFL secretary at telephone number 912-3973 and 911-6001 local 4590.

HR and GAD... (cont’d. from page 12)


NDCP personnel led by Ms. Susan J. Avellanaza, Chairperson of NDCP GAD Focal Point likewise participated in the first coordination meeting of DND and wide bureaus Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Persons last November 9, 2005 at the DND Building. NDCP also supported the 16-day campaign to eliminate Violence Against Women (VAW) held on November 25, 2005.

NDCP has been supporting GAD activities since 1998, through research, policy papers and conferences and seminars on the GAD topics, including VAW, Women and Children in Armed Conflict Situation, and Women Perspectives on Mindanao Challenges.

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Commandant of MAFDC was the head of the delegation. The objective of the study tour was to gain first-hand knowledge on current strategic issues in the Philippines. Aside from the AFP and NDCP briefings, there was also an exchange briefing on Regional Cooperation on South East Asia in the... Philippine and Malaysian perspectives held on May 13, 2005 and attended by the NDCP staff and faculty and AFP J-Staff.

This was followed by the visit of a group of ten students and faculty from the US National War College (USNWC) for their regional studies program. Headed by Mr. Keith J Jacobson, the study tour sought to learn about the country’s political, military, economic, and cultural environment. The group also visited the DND where USEC. Ernesto Carolina briefed them on Philippines Defense Reform (PDR) program. On May 17, the delegation went to Zamboanga to get a feel of the real situation in Mindanao.

The next group that visited the Philippines was the National Defence College of India (NDCI) from May 22 to 28, 2005, consisting of 16 students and faculty members as part of their one-year course on “National Security and Strategic Studies”. Mr. Ajay Choudhry, IFS Joint Secretary and SDS (FS), Faculty-in-Charge was the head of the delegation. The visitors acquainted themselves with the socio-political, economic, defense and foreign policy strategies of the country, through an exchange of views and knowledge with high-ranking Philippine civil and military officers. The group also visited the Philippine Military Academy and the Corregidor war memorial to commemorate World War II.

The last group of visitors came from the Korean National Defense University (KNDU), last June 20 to 22, 2005. The delegation was composed of 20 students and faculty members with Dr Sang-Heon Lee, Professor of KNDU as the head of the delegation. The visit was part of their annual goodwill and study tour to key allied countries. Briefings by the DND, AFP and NDCP were provided on June 21, and an additional briefing on the AFP’s Internal Security Operations and Peacekeeping Operations was provided as requested by the visiting group.
BRIGADIER GENERAL FREDELINO S. BAUTISTA (RET) is the Vice President for Administrative Affairs. He was assigned to this position upon joining the College on January 16, 2004. He was appointed as a cadet in the Philippine Military Academy and graduated in 1966 where he was a recipient of the Journalism Award. As a young lieutenant in the Philippine Army (PA), he was assigned in the 36th Battalion Combat Team in Southern Luzon, where he served as staff officer and company commander. He is a Vietnam War veteran, having served as platoon leader of the Security Battalion of the Philippine Civic Action Group. 

In 1969, he joined the P.A. School Center and became an instructor at its School for Combat Arms. When the school was became the P.A. Training Command in 1975, he was assigned as its G-2 and G-5. Then he moved to General Headquarters where he was Section Chief at Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, J2 from 1971-1973.

As a field grade and senior officer, BGen Bautista occupied the other significant posts – Deputy and Ex-O, OQ1, PA; Commander, 12th Inf. Bn., 3rd Inf. Div., PA; Chief of Staff, 4th Inf. Div., PA; and G-6, PA. Capping his military career were stints as Commander, 102 Bde, 21st PA; and G-6, PA (Bicol); and P.A. Chief of Staff up to 1996 (Fort Bonifacio). While performing his primary military duties, he also experienced work in the corporate field as a Trustee of the AFPRSBS and AFPMBAI, and as Vice President/Director, Fort Bonifacio Golf and Country Club.

General Bautista extensively undertook career courses, graduating at the top of his Class in the Infantry Officer Basic Course in 1969, and second in the Intelligence Officer Advance Course in 1973. He also graduated from the Command and General Staff Course, of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, where he was conferred the degree of Master of Military Arts and Science in 1984.

Complementing his military education were his Master of Public Administration degree from UP in 1974. He also finished the academic requirements of the degree of Doctor of Public Administration (less dissertation), also from UP. Testimonials to his meritorious performance of his duties are five Distinguished Service Stars, Philippine Legion of Honor (degree of officer), 22 Military Merit Medals, five Military Commendation Medals, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Anti-Dissidence Campaign Medal.

In addition to his present post at the NDCP, he is also Vice President/Trustee of the PMA Foundation, Inc. and the Heritage Research and Development Foundation, Inc., Trustee of the PMAAA Educational Trust Fund, Inc., and President/Trustee of the PVAO Educational Trust Fund, Inc.

The NDCP hosts Foreign Defense Universities visitors 

The NDCP is frequented with visits from allied foreign institutions. These visits are done annually as part of these institutions’ curricula to provide an avenue for exchange of knowledge and expertise, educational tours, and to visit famous landmarks and tourists spots in the country as incentives for their students. In the first half of 2005 alone, there were five foreign visits to the College.

The first visit was during the Symposium of East Asia Security (SEAS) on April 25, 2005. SEAS is a program jointly organized by the US Pacific Command and the US Department of State. The visitors were composed of 32 delegates from 22 countries in East Asia and the Pacific including two delegates from the Philippines.

The second set of visitors came from the Malaysian Armed Forces Defence College (MAFDC), who arrived on May 11, 2005 and stayed until May 14, 2005. The group was composed of 13 staff members and 40 students. First Admiral Dr. Hj Sutarji bin Hj Kasmin PhD.

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NDCP offers foreign language courses

The President of the National Defense College of the Philippines, Commodore Carlos L. Agustin (Ret.), together with Dr. Nestor N. Pilar, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, have agreed to offer foreign language courses in six major languages: Arabic, Bahasa, French, Japanese, Mandarin, and Spanish.

To date, 176 applicants from the military, government and private sectors have enrolled in the training program conducted by the NDCP’s Institute for Foreign Languages. Fifty-two MNSA students are also taking these foreign language courses as an academic requirement.

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