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 Towards Excellence Through
 Knowledge and Mutual Respects”**

INSIGHTS

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Week 1 until week 3 was a challenging time for the cohort of JSC 2018. Apart from the regular classes, it was during this period that the participants were introduced to group activities and assignments. This is to exercise the capabilities of these young officers in coping with the work demands that staff officers deal at a daily basis. This period also witnessed the evolving team building phase of the whole cohort from ‘Forming’ to ‘Storming’. This was evident during the team-building activities.

MALAYSIA 61ST INDEPENDENCE DAY

31 August 18 – Miles from home, Cpt Farid bin Abdul Fatah, TUDM could still feel the 61st Malaysia Independence Day in Brunei. The event was celebrated by the cohort at the Ceremonial Hall DA RBAF.



VIETNAM 73RD NATIONAL DAY

02 September 18 – It was a moment of pride for Lt Cdr Phan Anh Minh when the whole cohort presented him a cake decorated with Vietnamese flags in commemoration of the Vietnam’s 73rd National Day. The event took place at the Ceremonial Hall DA RBAF.



THE 2-MINUTE NEWS SHARING

Every Thursday - 5 selected course participants are to share their takeaways from recent news on a weekly basis. The purpose of this 2-min news sharing is to improve communication skills, public speaking and presenting within time limit.

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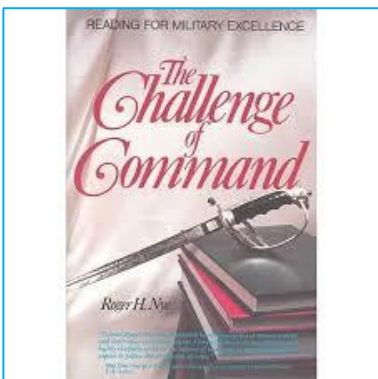
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OPENING CEREMONY

Having the largest number of participants in the history of JSC, the opening ceremony of JSC 2018 was officiated by Lt Col Suriyati bin Haji Junaidi, Act Comdt DA RBAF, at the Auditorium of the DA RBAF on 28 August 2018.

The 14-week course is attended by a total of 62 participants; 54 officers from the RBAF; an officer from the RBPF as well as 7 international participants from the People's Republic of China, Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The course aim is to develop junior officers in the knowledge, skills and attitude that they will need to meet their responsibilities as general staff officers. With diverse nationalities, the course provides its participants with the ideal opportunity to interact and share ideas as well as to learn from each other and eventually equipping them for the fast-paced and dynamic world of being a staff officer.



“The Challenge of Command” Reading for Military Excellence. A unique book that offers compilation of military excellence through reading and field experience as well as how leaders can lead the initial career path with clear vision, aim and setting to succeed. This book is designed to prepare a leader in facing new challenges and introduces conventional thinking about the art of military command. This book is a must read as it has clear analyses and recommendations for those who envision to expand their potential as future commanders.

JSC 2018 Values: Knowledge, Excellence, Respect



Developing Junior Officers

EXERCISE SHOCK THERAPY

Just days into the JSC 2018, the cohort had an electrifying start by having series of assignments and deadlines! The series of shocks (figuratively) commenced from Wednesday, 29 August 2018 to Monday, 3 September 2018 were transmitted through writing an Introductory letter addressed to the Head of Leadership and Management Centre (LMC), a 'short' biography essay of 1000 words and concluded with 20 minutes group presentations which JSC cohorts divided into 12 sub-syndicates.

The Exercise Shock Therapy aimed to provide benchmark for students and Directing Staffs in gauging the respective students' level of essay writing skills, staff duties and presentation skills and to further improve on any shortcomings identified as the course progresses. The Shock Therapy also provides a takeaway for students that there are more to come and that it is expected for students to manage their time with the assignments given.

Intelligence Briefing by Jane's! With the subject on 'Recent Developments Surrounding the South China Sea', the cohort was able to comprehend the grounds on the South China Sea disputes as well as the recent developments surrounding the disputed water. For most, this session was more of an eye opener of the actual issue.

LEADERSHIP WEEK

The second week of the JSC course marked the start of the Leadership Week. The lessons in the second week were designed to convey to the students the components that make up Leadership and how these can be incorporated into each student's respective leadership styles and aligning these to the organisational goals.

For most of the JSC students, these lessons were an eye-opener as it was highly participative with a lot of self-reflections, group presentations, roleplays and syndicate discussions, especially the exercises on values alignment and defining the purpose of life.

These processes have further enabled the students to associate themselves with their current self and how they could further refine their leadership skills as future potential staff officers.



Mr. Ridzwan Rahman, one of Jane's Defence Editor

TEAM BUILDING

On our way to a cohesive cohort. At some point in our professional life, we are all part of a team. Whether we are at the top of the food chain or just starting out, getting along with our colleagues and peers is vital to our professional career. In JSC, our cohort interactions take on increasingly complex, socio-cultural dimensions as a result of diversification in the cohort. Navigating this dynamic course environment is paved with pitfalls and the fact that we spend most of our waking lives in the course battling with pressure to meet over lapping deadlines, it is very significant that our course environment, should be a place for friendship, fun and of course to achieve high productivity and to ensure healthy sanctuary. One way to ensure harmony within the cohort is through the implementation of team building events. Such events do not only offer an avenue for socialising, rather it forges deep bonds between individuals, enhance teamwork and foster positive work ethic throughout the cohort.

Save the egg! Week 2: LMC, organised the first team building event in Muara beach which sets the standard on what is expected from syndicates within the cohort. Since it was the first event for the cohort, the event managed to enhance the spirit of togetherness amongst the members where the spirit of competitiveness can be seen on the rise. Events as such will act as a catalyst for the cohort to go through the 'forming' and 'storming' stage smoother and faster in the Tuckman's Team Development Stage Model.

It's all about the best! Week 3. It is the beginning of the Non-Operational Staff Duties week and it's becoming quite apparent that members of the cohort are still trying to cope to the pace of the course. Syndicate 1 was entrusted to organise the second teambuilding event, which subconsciously took quite a lot of time from focusing on the course. However, syndicate 1 took the challenge handsomely and managed to produce a very enjoyable stress-relieving afternoon for the whole cohort. Syndicate 1 designed the event that focuses on team competition, which brought out the competitive team spirit whilst still trying to figure out how best to work together. Overall, it was quite an afternoon, which saw individuals within syndicates yelling in satisfaction, some are disappointed when their ideas not being heard. But in the end, all that matters is that syndicate members are getting along very well.



Save The Egg! Winner: Syndicate 4



It's All About The Best! Winner: Syndicate 5

