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Foreign Policy Week

During weeks 9 & 10, several foreign Ambassadors and High Commissioners to Brunei Darussalam came to speak to the course.

India. 5th Nov 12, JSC 12 were given a brief on Indian Foreign Policy by His Excellency Mr Lalduhthlana Ralte, the Indian High Commissioner. The students gained valuable insights into Indian foreign policy. The keystone of which is the idea of 'Vasudhalva Kutumbakam' which means, 'the world is one large family'. The primary objective of Indian foreign policy is to improve the lives of their own people through sustained development and they try to achieve this through cooperation rather than confrontation. Energy Security and Climate Change are two other main focuses of Indian Foreign Policy according to the High Commissioner.



His Excellency
Mr Lalduhthlana Ralte



His Excellency Mr Rob Fenn with
Deputy Commandant DA

United Kingdom. On 6th Nov 12, His Excellency Mr Rob Fenn, the British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, briefed JSC Students on British Foreign Policy. His Excellency highlighted the importance of diplomatic cooperation in terms of education and how he had encouraged trade between Brunei Darussalam and the United Kingdom. His Excellency discussed ways to diversify education through promoting research and vocational and technical education. This is important in order to support the initiatives by the Ministry of Energy to increase employment of the local workforce in the Energy industries.

The Republic of Philippines. On 7th Nov 12, the Honourable Mrs Celeste Vinzon Balatbat from The Republic of Philippines delivered a brief on The Republic of Philippine's foreign policy. The Honourable Mrs Celeste explained the Macro Perspective which interplays various factors in determining the Philippine's foreign policy direction by using the guiding Principles from the 1987 Philippines Constitution, the three pillars of Philippine's foreign policy, nine foreign policy realities and the Aquino Administration's socio-economic agenda.



Honourable Mrs Celeste Vinzon
Balatba with JSC student

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United States of America. On 9th Nov 12, His Excellency Mr Daniel L. Shields, the United States' Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam delivered a brief on United States' foreign policy, focusing particularly on issues relating to the recent re-election of President Obama. He explained that the United States wishes to build up relationships with the Asia Pacific Region and South East Asia and mentioned that Mr Obama will soon become the first United States' president to visit Myanmar. The United States of America's foreign policy with regard to Brunei Darussalam is to invest diplomatically, economically and militarily in order to create strong institutions and partnerships to help bring the two nations together.



His Excellency received a token of appreciation from Deputy Commandant DA

The External Speakers

Government Public Policy and Development Challenges. 5th Nov 12, students of JSC received an external speaker from the University of Brunei Darussalam who spoke on Government Public Policy and Development Challenges. He explained about the Brunei government's strategic policy on new approaches for development and the challenges faced include promoting food security, implementation of 'Halal' Products and the introduction of the Khidmat Bakti Negara (PKBN) Program. The session ended with a group photo of the external lecturer and students of JSC 2012.



Religion and International Relation. On 8th Nov 12, students from JSC 2012 were honoured to receive a guest speaker, Awang Haji Hamzah bin Haji Sulaiman, former Director of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies. The speaker explained how the Sovereign State was implemented into the government system by comparing religion and state through the Westphalian State System. He explained the practice that has been adopted in bringing the religious aspect into the state and the challenges faced mainly by Political Islamic groups.



Brunei Economic Development and Challenges. On 9th Nov 12, an invited guest speaker from the Department of Economic Planning and Development, Mohamad Munawir Shazali bin Haji Idris explained to the students the importance of Brunei Darussalam's Economic Development, future plans and the challenges Brunei Darussalam is facing especially in the areas of society and globalization.



Image Management and Media Strategy. On 9th Nov 12, the Public Relations Office (PRO), headed by Normasitirena bte Haji Suhaimi was invited to give a lecture on Image Management and Media Strategy. The session started with a practical on the effective ways to engage with the media. The session also covered writing press releases and efforts of the PRO in promoting RBAF into Brunei Darussalam's views and perspectives.



(Right) Normasitirena bte Haji Sulaiman

The Educational talk from Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB)

The Educational talk from BEDB, 7th Nov 12. The JSC 12 paid a visit to the BEDB. During the visit the students were briefed on the functions fo BEBD and efforts for diversifying the economy of Brunei Darussalam. BEDB manages to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) in the country. It tries to manage or reduce bureaucracy when starting businesses in Brunei, either for local or foreign investors. As part of economic diversification, locals are encouraged to be self reliant when starting a small business with support from the government. One of the economic diversification effort is the production of a agricultral product.



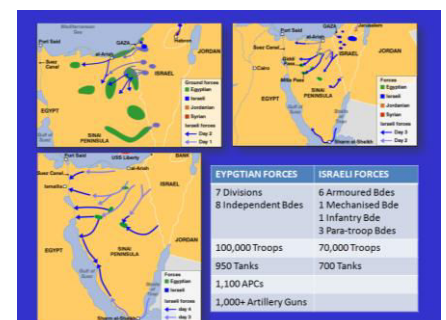
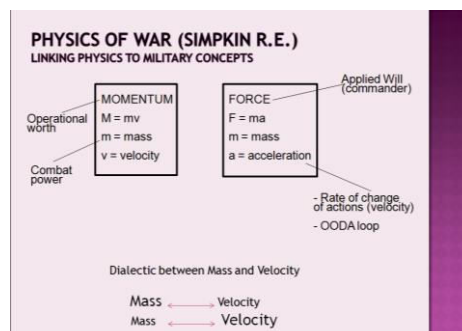
Major Andy Stanley presenting token of appreciation to the BEDB presenter.

Operational Phase

After completing the staff and strategic phase of the course, JSC 2012 moved on to the Operational Phase. This phase is conducted by Directing Staff from Command and Staff Course (CSC). The course began with the subjects of maneuver warfare, war analysis and an introduction to the Principles of War. In addition, the students were also taught on the difference on the conduct of operations between Land, Navy and Air Force. During the lessons, questions and discussions helped to make things more interesting and the students learned many new things about tri-service operations.

PRINCIPLES OF WAR

- Principles of War are not like laws of natural science – observance of which will produce predictable results.
- They are fundamental tenets. Relevance, applicability and relative importance will change with circumstance.



Leadership and Management Session



Session with Commandant Training Institute, On the 12th Nov 12, A session with Lieutenant Colonel Hasme bin Haji Abd Wahab, Commandant of the Training Institute of Royal Brunei Armed Forces was held at the CSC lecture theatre. In the session the Commandant shared his unique leadership styles derived from sport brands such as Nike, Kappa and New Balance. He highlighted the importance of applying 5W + 1H (What, Where, When, Why, Whom + How) for effective leaders and managers. The session ended with an interaction session and presentation of memento.



Introduction to JFHQ and C4ISR

JFHQ 14th Nov 12. The role and the organisation of Joint Force Headquarters was clearly explained during the lecture conducted by SO2 J3 Navy, Major (L) Khairil bin Haji Abd Rahman.

Major (L) Khairil covered the decision-making process that is involved at the strategic, operation and tactical level, the current system used and the challenges JFHQ face especially with regard to manpower. It was an interactive lecture, especially during the decision-making process topic.

C4ISR. 16th Nov 12. The JSC 12 attended C4I lectured delivered by SO2 J6 CIS, Major (U) Zainol Hizad bin Haji Md Zain.

The lecture explained the effectiveness of C4I systems in assisting JOC's daily working environment especially on information sharing. Major (U) Zainol also mentioned the future plans for C4I, such as further integration with other government agencies and the current challenges the system is facing. The lecture was very informative.

