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LEADERSHIP TAKES CENTER STAGE FOR JSC STUDENTS

After constantly typing for one month, the JSC students were eager to move on to the next phase of the course. Naturally, leadership is the core of any military organisation as it is people orientated. Students expected a continuation of what was taught from officer cadet training. Leadership phase started by understanding oneself leadership style, followed by revising all leadership theories. It was then taken further by introducing the difficulties futures leaders are facing with the changing operational environment. Ethical ambiguity on all levels requires leaders to make the right decision, without this in place trust and mission command would not be achievable. The week ended with understanding group dynamics, which took our awareness and understanding of leadership on another level.

LEADERSHIP AT THE SHARP END



On Wednesday 08 October 2014, the JSC Participants were given the opportunity to listen to a talk by Major Ben Birkbeck, OC A Coy 1RGR.

Major Birkbeck detailed his leadership experiences throughout his career, giving plenty of advice on leadership traits and techniques. The session also presented the students with the opportunity to learn about leadership difficulties during operations.



EXERCISE SERASA DASH

On Thursday 09 Oct 2014 JSC officers were put to the test by conducting a basic command task. This type of exercise is widely used to identify individuals who possess the leadership potential to become military officers. However, having a group of individuals who have developed their leadership it was found initially challenging, as we are all leaders. The storming phase showed us the importance of an evaluation process. As leaders we need take a condor moment and plan to the finish. Once teams gels to one another we quickly went up the learning curve performing the task at hand. A plateau was reached after two hours, which made the task routine. Again, we faced a challenge to maintain morale and focus with the objective. Focus was easily lost once work becomes routine compromising performance.

Overall, we can relate Exercise Serasa Dash to the working environment we experienced. Understanding group dynamics and applying the right leadership style at the right situation is the key to effectiveness in leadership.

CHIEF OF ARMY NEW ZEALAND SPEAKS AT DA RBAF

His Excellency Major General Arthur David (Dave) Gawn, MBE, the incumbent New Zealand Chief of Army paid a visit to the DA RBAF on Thursday 02 October 2014. During the visit, Major General Dave Gawn delivered a lecture at the Aminuddin Ihsan Lecture Theatre which saw the attendance of the Commandant of the DA RBAF, Colonel Hj Abdul Hadi bin Hj Saim, COS RBLF, senior RBAF officers, Chief Instructor DA RBAF, Directing staffs of the CSC and JSC and participants from both courses.

In his lecture, Major General Dave Gawn shared with the audience his thoughts and perspectives on leadership, drawing upon his experiences of serving in the New Zealand Army for approximately 36 years. At the outset of the lecture, Major General Dave Gawn explained how important it is for members of every profession of arms to have an understanding of the severity of warfare and conflicts given the current dynamic, rapid and diverse nature of conflicts.

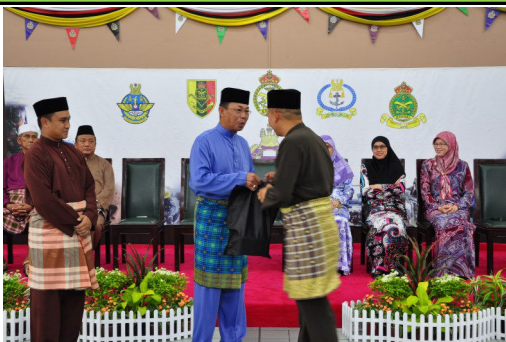
Further, touching on the challenge of fighting in an urban terrain and human security in general, Major General Dave Gawn stressed the need for every soldier specifically officers to understand and have thorough awareness of how a

particular city works and operates to maximise chances of winning a battle.

On his philosophy of leadership, Major General Dave Gawn advocates the importance of doing what is right. He further mentioned that an armed forces' number 1 purpose is to ensure at all times that soldiers that they command have the best chances and opportunities to be successful at battle. On his final point, he encouraged officers to read widely, to think creatively and intelligently in order to be forward leader.



DA RBAF CELEBRATES HARI RAYA AIDIL ADHA



On Sunday 05 October 2014, the nation celebrated Hari Raya Aidil Adha. Aidil Adha symbolises the success of Muslims in performing the Hajj in the Islamic month of Zulhijjah. During Aidil Adha, the acts of *Korban* and *Qiqah* (Sacrifice) are also held. DA RBAF did not exclude itself from the celebration.

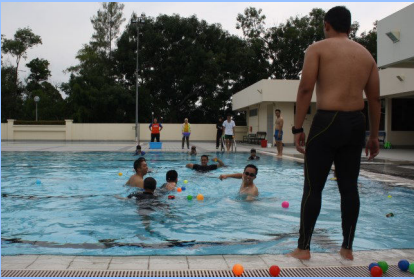
Held at the OCS *Musalla* (Prayer Room), the ceremony was attended by CSC and JSC

students. The Guest of Honour was the Commandant of DA RBAF, Colonel Haji Abdul Hadi bin Haji Salim

The Aidil Adha ceremony was held in the morning and afternoon. In the morning, Aidil Adha Prayers and Sermons were held and led by the Acting Deputy Head of the RBAF Religious Department, Captain Ariffin bin Hamid@Amit. After the conduct of Aidil Adha prayers and sermons, all the attendees witnessed the sacrifice of 8 goats and 2 cows in conjunction with the Aidil Adha celebration.

In the afternoon, the GOH and senior officers of the DA RBAF who contributed to the sacrifice; distributed the packed meat to all the DA staffs, Officer Cadets and all course participants.

WATER RELAY



On 01 October 2014, Syndicate 1B conducted a 'Water Relay' Team Building activity at the GRU swimming pool. The game involved 2 members from each syndicate bringing floating objects across the pool without using their hands to the first check point. Another team member will pass the object to a blindfolded member waiting at the end of the pool who will then in turn throw the object into a container held by another member. Syndicate 2B won the game. The purpose of the activity was to enhance communication skills amongst syndicate members.

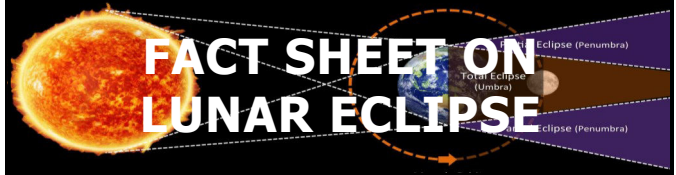
FOOTBALL SESSION



The RBN and DA RBAF held a friendly football match on 07 October 2014.

The Guest of Honour, Commandant of DA RBAF, Colonel Hj Abdul Hadi bin Hj Saim showcased a man of the match performance leading the attacking line of his team which resulted in them leading the match 2-0 by half time only for the RBN to claw back into the game during the second half.

Deemed a huge success, the sporting event was an effort from both sides in strengthening its officers' core and as a mean to promote a healthier lifestyle and also sportsmanship. The match ended with a 2-2 score line.



On 08 October 2014, the world experienced a lunar eclipse. Brunei Darussalam observed this spectacular astronomical event with a mass *Sunnat Gerhana Bulan* prayer. The next total lunar eclipse is set to occur in the Sultanate on 31 January 2018 and a partial one will take place on April 4 next year. The following provides general information on lunar eclipses:

1. What is a lunar eclipse?

A lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth passes between the Sun and the Moon, meaning that the moon is in the Earth's shadow. These can cause the Moon to go red, and are easy to observe with the naked eye.

2. When does a lunar eclipse occur?

A lunar eclipse occurs at a full Moon, when the Moon is on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun.

3. How many types of lunar eclipses are there?

There are three types of lunar eclipses:

- 1) A Penumbral Lunar Eclipse – this is when the Moon passes through the Earth's penumbra (the lighter outer part of the earth's shadow), causing a subtle darkening of the Moon that can be very difficult to see.
- 2) A Partial Lunar Eclipse – this is when only part of the Moon enters the Earth's umbra (the dark central part of the earth's shadow).
- 3) A Total Lunar Eclipse – this is when the entire Moon enters the Earth's umbra, during which the full Moon becomes very dark and may appear red due to the refractive effects of the Earth's atmosphere. The Earth's atmosphere scatters blue light, meaning that it is only the red light that illuminates the eclipsed Moon. This is the same reason that sunsets and sunrises appear red and the sky is blue.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Leadership Styles

STYLE 1 : TELLING



STYLE 2 : SELLING



STYLE 3 : PARTICIPATING



STYLE 4 : DELEGATING



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WORDS OF WISDOM

“If you build an army of 100 lions and their leader is a dog, in any fight, the lions will die like a dog. But if you build an army of 100 dogs and their leader is a lion, all dogs will fight like a lion.”

Napoleon Bonaparte

NEWSLETTER TEAM



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