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## GEO-POLITICAL AND ETHNIC CONFLICT PRESENTATIONS

In week 6 of the JSC, syndicates were tasked to give presentations on geo-political topics of their choice. With the limited time to prepare and acquaint oneself with the knowledge of the topics chosen, JSC students were up to the challenge. All syndicates presented topic regarding Geo-political issues that has happened around the world. Syndicate 1A brought the topic of the role of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) in Mindanao Conflict. Syndicate 1B presented the issues and possible solution to the endless conflict between Israel and Palestine. Meanwhile, Syndicate 2A delivered a presentation on North Korea and its possible implications for have nuclear capabilities and lastly Syndicate 2B delivered a presentation on the India and Pakistan conflict over the coveted Kashmir Region.

In week 7, the focus shifted to Ethnic Conflicts



around the world. Syndicate 1A raised awareness on the Southern Thailand conflict with its insurgents. Syndicate 1B presented an interesting historical conflict between the Madurese and Dayaks of Kalimantan. Syndicate 2A touched on the currently ongoing ethnic conflict surrounding the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and Syndicate 2B brought to light the conflict in South Sudan between the influential tribes of Dinka and Nuer.

## FIRST LOCAL RBAF COMMANDER DELIVERS TALK



On 31st October 2014, the Junior Staff Course students had the honour and privilege of receiving a talk from the first local RBAF Commander, YDM Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Awang Haji Mohamad bin Haji Daud.

The students took the opportunity to enquire about various aspects of his illustrious career. It was certainly inspiring to know that regardless of background, he could make something of himself with sheer dedication and hard work. It was his desire to improve and do well for his organisation and for himself that has put him in good stead.

His career did not end with the RBAF, in fact he was also appointed as Ambassador in Egypt, Brunei representative in the United Nations, Minister of Culture Youth and Sport and lastly Minister of Energy. He also mentioned the highlight of his RBAF career was the fact that RBAF was free from any crisis or conflict. The highlights of his career away from the RBAF was his appointment as Executive Logistic Director during the APEC Summit in 2000 and his tenure as Minister Culture Youth and Sport where he had the opportunity to witness the Opening and Closing Ceremony of the 2008 Olympics in China.

## DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE SHARES THEIR FOREIGN POLICY

Three foreign diplomats shared their respective countries foreign policies and answered some questions thrown by the JSC students. The talks given by these diplomats have deepened the students' knowledge on International Relations and gave them exposure and interaction with foreign diplomats.



UK's British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency David Ian Campbell on 24 October 2014, stressed on UK's relationship with ASEAN countries, its strong support to humanitarian assistance and other diplomatic services. His Excellency also highlighted the strong relationship between Brunei and United Kingdom and looks forward to more cooperation between the two nations.



Meanwhile, on 30 October 2014, Mr Mark S Dieker, the US Deputy Chief of Mission of the Office of US Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam emphasized on US' role in the global domain. He then talked about US' role within Southeast Asia and subsequently their role and relation with Brunei Darussalam. He also praised Brunei's recent success for conducting the ADMM Plus HADR and Medical Medicine Exercise in 2013.



On 29 October 2014, His Excellency Jaya Ratnam of Singapore highlights how Singapore, a small country was able to compete and has risen to mark its name and relevance to the world in order to create political and economic space. His Excellency also raised the similarities between Brunei and Singapore and how Brunei has the potential to make an impact similar to Singapore.

### OTHER EXTERNAL SPEAKERS

The JSC 14 students listened to presentations and lectures from both locals and foreign representative on the following topics:

**The Defence White Paper 2011 (DWP 2011)** conducted by the Directorate of Defence Policy, Ministry of Defence. The talk gave insight to the JSC 14 students on where the RBAF is currently headed, by referring the DWP 2011.



**Defence** conducted by the Directorate of Defence Policy, Ministry of Defence. The presentation looked at the importance of Defence Diplomacy and the tools used to develop the objectives through Defence Cooperation.

**Concepts and the Importance of *Melayu Islam Beraja* (MIB) in Brunei Darussalam** conducted by University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD). The lecture outlined how it important for Bruneians to follow the ideology so that the country would have a "standard value and common opinion" and no conflicting principles.

**Foreign Policy** presented by the British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam. The presentation looked at the importance of Foreign Policy through the projection of Hard and Soft Power. The talk also covered the European Union, ASEAN and also the Israel & Palestine issue.



## CSC CLOSING CEREMONY



On 17 October 2014, JSC 14 attended the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Command and Staff Course (CSC) 2014 Closing Ceremony. The Guest of Honor was Acting Minister of Defence, Dato Paduka Haji Mustappa bin Haji Sirat. The CSC Class 2014 is composed of 30 officers comprising officers from RBAF, Royal Brunei Police Force, Internal Security Department and various foreign countries. The ceremony was highlighted with the presentation of awards to students who had

## HIKE AT TASEK LAMA



On 15 October 2014, the JSC students visited one of the oldest recreational parks in the country, the Tasek Lama, which is a popular exercise spot for joggers and walkers. It is situated in the midst of the capital city, has a trail that leads to a natural waterfall and lake, as well as an 8-metre wall for avid rock climbers. It was an exciting, fun filled activity and worth an adventure trip to first timers at the park.

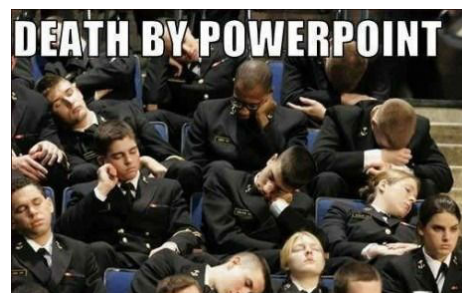
## EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION

1. **Talk naturally to your audience**
2. **Stand**
3. **Vary the tone, pitch and volume of your voice**
4. **Make eye contact with your audience**
5. **Use visual aids where appropriate**
6. **Rehearse your talk and check your timings**
7. **Prepare and structure your presentation carefully**
8. **Stay focused throughout your presentation**
9. **Learn to channel any nervous energy**
10. **Answer any questions as honestly and concisely as you can**

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**Christmas Jokes**

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What do you call an old snowman?  
*Water!*

Who gives puppies Christmas presents?  
*Santa Paws*

Why are Christmas trees like bad knitters?  
*They both drop needles!*

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
*Frosted flakes!*

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?  
*A mince spy!*

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?  
*Santa Jaws!*

What carol is heard in the desert?  
*Camel ye faithful!*

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?  
*Deep pan, crisp and even!*

What do you get if you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?  
*A pineapple!*

What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move?  
*Santa Pause!*

Why are turkeys wiser than chickens?  
*Ever heard of Kentucky Fried Turkey?*

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?  
*Can you smell carrot?*

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?  
*Claustrophobic!*

How many presents can Santa fit in an empty sack?  
*Only one, after that it's not empty any!*

What is the best Christmas present in the world?  
*A broken drum - you can't beat it!*

What do monkeys sing at Christmas?  
*Jungle bells, jungle bells!*



**HOROSCOPE 2015**

Leo's let me tell you the year 2015 is significant for you all. As per the expectations you have spent your last year the same way so now it's time to take some decision for your own happiness. As per the predictions the year would prove to be a good time to make those meant to be made decisions, buying a house, getting married or willing to start a family you'll be the one of the deserving individuals. The year also suggests that this is the best time to concentrate only on yourself and figure out what exactly makes you happy for respectable period of time. The year will be grab all your attentions and drive it towards one of your favorite individual that's exactly you. It's best to be self-focused because no one is there to lend their own time to tell you where you have to focus now, and you deserve the happiness coming towards you this year, it's like go Leo's live your life you are free now. The year comprises of all the materials in the form of capability to attain that success you want. The year 2015 will be completed devoted to laughter, love and happiness for you Leo's. To be true don't sit on the seventh cloud, because challenges are all ready to ruin your mood that will be out of your reach, so stay tuned before they create some unexpected circumstances



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