

The 11th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO 09)



The 11th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO) was held at the Sentosa Resort and Spa from 4-10 August 2009. Organised by the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, APPSMO 09 saw one of the largest participation of military officers, 51 in total, since its inauguration in 1999. Participants from 24 countries were involved in the programme this year.

The military officers participated in a series of seminars and discussions that featured distinguished speakers from Singapore and overseas. The speakers addressed various topics pertaining to security and policy concerns such as post-war peace building, the impact of the world economic crisis, climate change and conflict, defence security in South





Asia, the media and international conflict, terrorism and international security and the new dimensions in international security.

It was not all work and no play as the participants of APPSMO 09 were treated to a variety of activities including visits to the Singapore Armed Forces' Centre for Military Experimentation and Changi Naval Base. As APPSMO 09 coincided with Singapore's National Day on 9 August, the participants also celebrated with the rest of the nation when they were invited to the National Day Parade held at Marina Bay.

APPSMO 09 will be remembered by its participants not only for the many stimulating talks and discussions on relevant security issues, but also for the bonding and the relationships built that will last well beyond their stay in Singapore.