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Words from the editorial board

With 50 years under its belt, the RBAF has developed far beyond expectations in the field of defence and security.

In the eyes of the world, the RBAF has matured with age and has grown to become a force to be reckoned with, strengthening not only in terms of military capabilities, but also in the aspect of diplomatic relations.

Throughout the years, the RBAF and the Ministry of Defence have developed not only its technological capabilities but also produce the very best in its human resource professionals.

This year, as the RBAF moves forward, we look at the most important aspect of its development, which is the Human Resource Capabilities.

We open up the 51st year of the RBAF's establishment with a look at the women in defence, their contributions and what they bring to the fore where the nation's defence and security is concerned.

Give us your thoughts on any of our stories. We also welcome contributions of stories or ideas.

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10TH BISAM

PLATFORM FOR MARKSMENSHIP & COMRADSHIP



In its 10th meeting at Penanjong Garrison, the Brunei International Skill-at-Arms Meet (BISAM) was a multinational event allowing the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) service members to exchange skills, tactics, techniques and procedures of marksmanship with nine countries of international militaries in friendly competition namely Australia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Singapore, United Kingdom and Vietnam. At the same time, this international event provides an important platform to maintain and enhance the friendly relations with their colleagues from other nations. And for the first time the 10th BISAM saw the presence of female participants.

Taking place at the Binturan Shooting Range from 19-28 January, the competition includes various rifle and pistol events. His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime

Minister's Office, General of the RBAF consented to declare the official opening of 10th BISAM on 19 January. During the opening event, His Royal Highness participated in the VVIP Pistol Novelty event at the 250 metres Point Gallery 1 Range where His Royal Highness competed against 7 other teams.

10th BISAM ran smoothly as expected during the 10-days iteration. The international participants had an enjoyable time both at the competitions and the new friendship they forged through the interaction with other contingents. Colonel Meach Horn, Head of the Cambodian contingent said BISAM has improved a lot. Meanwhile Head of Contingent Sultanate of Oman, Major Hamed Mohamed Hamed Al Shereiqi looks forward to the 11th BISAM in 2014. Participating for the first time this year, he seeks to achieve better results in the second participation.

Meanwhile Private Mush'ab bin Hj Bujang from Brunei Darussalam who participated for the first time in 10th BISAM and won gold medal in the PENGIRAN Individual match saw his winning as a stepping stone to further polish his potential to participate and win more competitions.

Whereas Staff Sergeant Jefri bin Hj Yakub, also from Brunei Darussalam who won the Overall Individual Rifle Match said the winning factor for his victory were not only because of the trainings, experiences, disciplines, and the right skills he had built, but one must be ready at all times, mentally and physically for the competition.



Meanwhile, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the RBAF consented to close the 10th BISAM



on 28 January. Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness, Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah. Both His Majesty and His Royal Highness were first introduced to the Chief of Defence Forces, Chiefs of Defence Staffs and Representatives, Ambassadors, High Commissioners of participating countries, Representatives of participating countries, and Members of Main Organising Committee.

At official start of the games, His Majesty and His Royal Highness, consented to participate in the WVIP Novelty Shooting Competition at the 350 metres Point Gallery Range and witnessed the Rifle Falling Plate Final. The novelty match was led by teams headed

by His Majesty, His Royal Highness, the Deputy Minister of Defence and the Commander of the RBAF.

His Majesty's WVIP team emerged victorious, while His Royal Highness and team members took second place. Third place went to the team led by the Deputy Minister of Defence. His Majesty and His Royal Highness also presented prize medals for matches of the WVIP Novelty Shooting Competition, Rifle Falling Plate Match, Overall Individual Pistol Match, Overall Team Pistol Match, Overall GPMG Pair Match, Overall Team GPMG, ABDB Golden Jubilee Match and the 10th BISAM overall champion.

At the inception, BISAM sets its target on the participation of ASEAN armed forces, but over time, participation in the competition expanded to include other countries beyond the region. This year the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Sultanate of Oman joined BISAM for the first time. Additionally, BISAM has also evolved with global technological modernisation, making the competition more intense and challenging for the competing countries.



VISIT TO THE TRAINING SIMULATION CENTRE



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, General of the RBAF took a

long view of the RBAF Training Simulation Centre (TSC) during the closing of the 10th BISAM on 28 January.

The newly-established training facility for the RBAF houses three of the latest simulation technology in Small Arms and Mortar Simulation Training located inside Penanjong Garrison. It is wholly managed, operated and maintained by the Royal Brunei Technical Services. The simulation centre has been realised between MINDEF and the RBTS to complement the capability advancement of the RBAF's personnel on the ability to deliver important operational effects today, both for national interest and to promote a stable security environment in cooperation with others. This feature is mentioned in the Defence White Paper 2011, MINDEF, 'Looking Beyond Tomorrow' in defending the nation's sovereignty and expanding roles in wider horizons.

The training simulator service is currently for the RBAF but the RBTS will be extending the service to government security agencies in Brunei Darussalam as well as in the region.



HM AWARDS WINGS to 7 RBAirF Pilot Trainees

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to present Air Pilot Wings to the first-ever female Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) Pilot Trainee - 854 Lt (U) Dk Nurazriana bte Pg Hassan, together with six other the Royal Brunei Air Force Trainees in a ceremony held at Penanjong Garrison Officers' Mess.

The ceremony was held on 28 January after the closing of the 10th BISAM at the Binturan Shooting Range.

The other recipients of the Air Pilot Wings were 809 Capt (U) Hj Mohd Azmi bin Hj Afflon; 792 Lt (U) Md Adieb bin Abdul Rahman; 794 Lt (U) Ak Hj Md Yazafaris bin Pg Hj Md Yamin; 803Lt (U) Mohd Kaisan bin Hj Ludin; 829 Lt (U) Azhar @ Reamy bin Hj Jumat; and 855 2Lt (U) Abdul Hanif bin Abdul Salleh.



HIS MAJESTY CONFERS D.P.K.T to the Malaysian Chief of Armed Forces



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of The Royal Brunei Armed Forces consented to confer the distinguished title of Darjah Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang Yang Amat Gemilang Darjah Pertama (DPKT), or the 'Most Exalted Order of Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang' First Class to His Excellency General Tan Sri Dato' Zulkifeli bin Mohd Zin. The investiture ceremony was held at Istana Nurul Iman on 30 January. The award brings the title "Dato Paduka Seri" to the Chief of the Malaysian Armed Forces.

On a separate occasion, Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha consented to receive an audience from the wife of Malaysian Chief of Armed Forces, Puan Sri Datin Sri Umi Kalsom bin Wan Awang, accompanied by the wife of the RBAF Commander, Datin Dayang Nurhayana Janis binti Abdullah.

HIS MAJESTY VISITS The Singapore Airshow

Singapore and Brunei Darussalam have a long history of close friendship and cooperation. On 16 February, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam visited the Singapore Airshow 2012 to underscore this excellent tie between the two countries particularly in defence that constitute an important pillar in their bilateral relations.

The Singapore Airshow 2012 was held at the Changi Exhibition Centre. The Singapore Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen accompanied His Majesty for a tour around the exhibits at the Airshow.

During the visit to Singapore, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, also consented to meet with President Tony Tan and Mr Lee Kuan Yew at the Istana. His Majesty also consented to attend a dinner at Istana hosted by Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong.



SOVEREIGN PARADE: TECHNOLOGY, CATALYST TO DEFENCE TRANSFORMATION

His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) in a sabda during the 6th Intake Officer Cadets Sovereign's Parade Ceremony at the RBAF Officer Cadet School (OCS) in Sungai Akar on 2 February said,

"I would like to emphasize the importance of the role of science and technology in defence and national security, particularly as a force multiplier, to double the military strength and security of its members. Technology is a 'catalyst' for the transformation of the defence institution although the rapid growth of technology could challenge the capacity and budget of a nation to remain at a desired level. Recognizing the fact that there are no limits to the development of technology, many countries have taken steps to improve their own defence industries through investment in research and technology, as they realise the scope in technological development."



His Royal Highness said that His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam had consented to streamline the administrative structure of the Ministry of Defence and to also chart a strategy to develop awareness and use of technology in homeland defence institutions.

His Royal Highness was also grateful with the role of parents and families in providing encouragement and support to their children in their career to serve in a challenging but yet noble profession especially being a member of the military.

Out of these 15 Officer Cadets, His Royal Highness conferred awards on the best officer cadets from the RBAF OCS 6th Intake. Officer Cadet Dk Nurhayatul Filzah binte Pg Damit earned the most prestigious 'Sword of Honour Award' through excellence in all aspects of training, her exemplary performance and leadership qualities. She holds a Science Masters in Clinical Neuroscience and a Bachelor Degree in Audiology from King's College London, United Kingdom.

'Best Overall in Academic Award' was presented to Officer Cadet Muhd Hamizan bin Jalil, an intellect, thorough and critical thinker throughout the training duration; holds Science Masters in Environmental Forestry and a Bachelors Degrees in Environmental Management from Bangor University, United Kingdom.

'Best Military Skills Award' a recognition for the most excellent achievement in all Military Skill subjects was presented to Officer Cadet Muhd Sharimi bin Ahmad. He holds HND in Communications and Computer Systems from Institute Technology Brunei. Finally, for 'Best in Physical Training Endurance Award' was presented to Officer Cadet Awang Abdul Azim bin Haji Abdul Rahman. He holds HND in Civil Engineering from Institute Technology Brunei. He was selected for this award for his outstanding physical training accomplishment throughout the training period.

His Royal Highness said that within three years of its inception, the OCS has to produce more highly qualified military officers and various fields of fitness. Compared with the previous annual recruitment, this is a positive development. Nevertheless, the RBAF still need more energy among the graduates to enter a military career to take on the responsibility to protect the security of the country. Hence, Defence Academy should strive moving towards building a more conducive learning environment required for the enhancement of the RBAF.



CROWN PRINCE'S 38th BIRTHDAY



In commemoration of His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) 38th birthday the officers of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) hosted a memorable afternoon High Tea reception for the royal birthday at the Officer's Mess Berakas Garrison on 17 February 2012. Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri

Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Salleh Ab Rahaman also consented to attend the High-Tea reception. Accompanying together with their Royal Highnesses was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

A Photo Album entitled "Sejambak Ristaan V" with compilation of the photographs of the royal visits to the RBAF was presented to His Royal Highness as a *pesembah*.



DATO MUSTAPPA URGES MINDEF TO REVOLUTIONISE TOWARDS NEW MINDSET, NEW IDEAS, NEW POSSIBILITIES

Public Policy is the most intriguing subject matter involving a wide range of public interests, from education to health to religious affairs and to defence. *“Just as complex as it is with the understanding of social behaviour, public policy in my view is not a ‘perfect science’. As such, we can never expect this branch of knowledge to provide us with a “one size that fits all*

solution,” according to Deputy Minister of Defence Dato Paduka Haji Mustappa bin Haji Sirat at the closing ceremony of the 8th Executive Development Programme on 8 Dec 2011.

“Sound public policy is grounded in tested principles, derived from past experience, through trials and errors with the relative successes of past policymaking. However, not very often we find a policy problem for which past experience provides an easy guide. There is never a certainty even in the best public policy making, but only a reasonable expectations or a calculated guess of how a policy move might play out.”

He continued on saying that social and political setting could influence the different ways policy is formulated and the ideology that once advocate shape ones thinking. Despite the era of great change that is taking place around us, of big bangs, of explosions, of economic and environmental challenges and even of mega crises, yet the people of Brunei Darussalam felt so blessed by the Almighty for what they have now, even there is no obvious answer to all those challenges that we are witnessing in other places.

Dato Hj Mustappa stressed that “the social and economic landscape are increasingly complex with the current reality of globalization, with mega trends of decentralization of decision-making process, pressures for wider participation, environmental degradation, exponential expansion of knowledge, and an accelerating pace of communications and global interconnectivity. Overall, we are still basing our view on the basic economic assumption that human wants are insatiable and that resources are scarce.”

“During these times of great change, an effective team of executives is critically important to lead organizations and deliver results that stakeholders expect and truly value, given limited resources and flexibility.”

He further reminded the programme does not seek to provide a formula for success, but an approach to help learn from experience elsewhere, keep an open mind, consider the interests of all parties affected, and act on a judgement of what is in the best interests of the country as a whole. *“We are living in an information age where change is the norm. To keep up to date with change requires constant alertness to what is happening around us, and the intellectual curiosity to probe new knowledge. Continuous or lifelong learning is essential. The Executive Development Programme epitomizes the spirit of continuous learning that the Ministry of Defence and the nation firmly upholds.”*

Dato Mustappa said *“I have always found learning experience as having the re-energizing effect, but sadly the value of the knowledge may have a limited shelf-life and that we will need to continue to renew and update our knowledge relentlessly, and to seek new, creative and innovative ways to deal with any issues so that we can better cope with the revolutionary changes taking place in the workplace.”*

He urges officers of the Ministry of Defence to challenge the current assumptions and create new conditions for success. We call for new ideas and approaches to sharpen our performance. “We cannot continue to do the same things the same way and expect better results. We must be ready to learn and re-learn and be prepared for the unexpected. We must earnestly adopt a new mind-set and be ready to venture beyond our comfort zone. In this intensely challenging environment, only those with an appetite for knowledge, the stamina and speed to meet change, will succeed. *“Learning, such as the one you have gone through, opens up new worlds, searches out new and better ideas, and releases new possibilities.”*

Women in Defence

What is it like being a woman working in a field that is predominantly seen as male territory? i.e security and defence industry.

I had the experience of working on both side of male & female dominated territory and also at various different level. To me the experiences differ with time. When it was very much a challenge to work in a male dominated territory before but now with the changing times, things are so much easier and acceptable by everyone. When I first started here in MinDef, I was only a junior officer. Of course it was tough but the important thing that I learned is to be acceptable and respected, a woman have to work extra hard to prove that you are worthy to the position.

What are the advantages/disadvantages? e.g not being taken seriously, overlooked in areas where there may be those that underestimate your capabilities?

Advantages – I would say being a woman has the advantage that people around you including your male colleagues with normally treat you nicely. A woman especially in male dominated fields is also advantages to the organization as the women can bring different ideas and perspectives.

Disadvantages – Being a minority in where ever you are is never easy. Your views of course may differ from the majority and hence may not be easily acceptable. As a woman we may be rooting for a different cause or see things differently. So naturally we may not get enough support and thus may posed a difficult in implementing some policies and ideas.

With your expertise being in the field of administration and finance, where does your responsibility start and where does it end?

First and foremost i am here to ensure the RBAF are able to perform their duties in defending the Country's sovereignty by making sure they are fully equipped in their capability requirement. To achieve this i have to make sure the fund is available, the capability procurement process is in order and last and equally important is the civilian manpower requirement to support this, is planned properly.

Does being a woman affect any part of your responsibilities, in your opinion is it easier for a woman to carry out your responsibilities or do you thinks otherwise?

I do not see my job require specific gender to perform the task. Any man or woman with the right qualifications will be able to carry the responsibilities regardless.

With almost 20 years of service under the Ministry of Defence, in your opinion, how has the ministry as well as the RBAF developed in terms of equal opportunities for men and women?

Looking back i think Ministry of Defence in Brunei Darussalam has make tremendous progress in terms of equal opportunities for men and women in Brunei it is only natural for the RBAF and MinDef to utilize them for the good of the organization. I remember when I first join the organization, there were only a handful of us women in the officers junior level be it civilian or uniform. But now, as you can see about half of the civilian's officers are women and naturally they are potential to lead the organization. At the same time participation of women as the RBAF's officers has also shown as significant rise in all areas. This is very encouraging as women can apply their knowledge and qualification and have a career in the military.

With women holding more responsibilities in the RBAF and MinDef and more opportunities opening up for women in both military and civilian workforce, will women play a bigger role in the future generation of leadership for the RBAF and MinDef?

The future will definitely see more and more women leaders in our organization. Women as are the men have equally important roles to play in protecting the country. Although women have yet to do combatant duties, it does not necessarily be a hindrance for a woman to become a leader in the area of defence. There are a lot of other responsibilities that women normally do better and with the right qualifications and attitude the future generation of women can look forward to a more rewarding career in defence.

What advice can you offer to women who pursue a career path with the ministry of defence or the RBAF.

Be it for a career path with Ministry of Defence / the RBAF or any other, my advice is all the same. Always give your full commitment, willing to learn and lastly enjoy whatever you do.





MoU For Internship

The Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Institut Teknologi Brunei (ITB) and the Department of Technical Education (DTE), Ministry of Education (MOE) on 31 January to collaborate on conducting student attachment programme and research in various disciplines.

Having undertaken attachments over the years, MINDEF and the RBAF have provided attachment to technical and vocational students from the three educational institutions. Therefore with the MOU, it will provide the students with a more structured and efficient approach working experiences, and at the same time to stimulate their interests and awareness in defence science and technology, and security and defence management matters.

The collaboration also supports the national human resources development policies and ensures the students are updated with the current technologies and the quality of the graduates meets the industry requirements.

The targeted total number of students to undergo attachment annually for UBD is 47, ITB is 47 and DTE, MOE is 190. The number may be reviewed from time to time to suit existing commitment or demands.



ROYAL JORDANIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE STUDY TOUR TO BRUNEI

A delegation from the Royal Jordanian National Defense College (JNDC) headed by Brigadier General Mohammed Abdel Rahim Al Habashneh, Strategic Director at the Defense College spent a week-long study tour in Brunei Darussalam beginning 10 April.

Apart from visiting the Ministry of Defence and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), they also visited other government ministries and agencies in the Sultanate, received briefings on the functions and roles of each organization.

Brigadier General Mohammed Abdel Rahim Al Habashneh also had the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on the Commander of the (RBAF), Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ehsan Bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin where both side discussed prospects for further strengthening cooperation.



The JNDC was also joined by course participants from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.



ROYAL BRUNEI LAND FORCE COMMANDER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MILITARY AWARD

The Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF), Brigadier General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Yussof bin Haji Abd Rahman was conferred Singapore's prestigious military award, the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) or the Meritorious Service Medal (Military), by Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen at an investiture at the Ministry of Defence, Republic of Singapore on 6 March.

The award recognises that under the Brigadier's General Dato Hj Yussof's leadership, the depth and scope of bilateral interactions and cooperation between the two armies have grown. The RBLF and Singapore Army engage regularly in a broad range of activities including professional exchanges and the bilateral military exercises Maju Bersama and Rintis Bersama. These interactions have enhanced the professional rapport and camaraderie between personnel of the two armies.





H DURING SOVEREIGN

Sabda Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota Jeneral Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Menteri Kanan di Jabatan Perdana Menteri dan Jeneral Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei (ABDB) pada Upacara Sovereign's Parade Pegawai Kadet Pengambilan Ke-6, Sekolah Pegawai Kadet, ABDB, Perkhemahan Sungai Akar pada hari Khamis, 9 Rabiulawal 1433 Hijriah bersamaan 2 Februari 2012 Masihi.

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Alhamdulillah Rabbil 'Aalameen, Wassalaatu Wassalaamu 'Alaa Asyrafil Mursaleen, Sayyidinaa Muhammadin, Wa'alaa Aalihee Wasahbihee Ajma'een, Waba'du.

Alhamdulillah syukur ke hadrat Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala kerana dengan izin dan limpah rahmat-Nya jua, kita berhimpun pada pagi ini bagi Upacara Sovereign's Parade Pengambilan Ke-6 Sekolah Pegawai Kadet Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei (ABDB).

Pada saat membanggakan ini, saya sukacita mengucapkan tahniah kepada 15 orang pegawai kadet yang telah berjaya untuk ditauliah sebagai pegawai tentera ABDB. Pengambilan kali ini mencatatkan sejarah tersendiri dengan penauliahan seorang scholar Pemerintah Tertinggi ABDB yang telah lulus dalam jurusan perijigian.

Dalam masa tiga tahun penubuhannya, Sekolah Pegawai Kadet telah melahirkan lebih ramai pegawai tentera berkelulusan tinggi dan berbagai bidang kelayakan. Berbanding dengan pengambilan tahunan sebelumnya, ini merupakan satu perkembangan positif.

Sungguhpun demikian, ABDB masih memerlukan ramai lagi tenaga di kalangan graduan untuk memasuki kerjaya tentera bagi memikul tanggungjawab menjaga keselamatan negara.

Saya menghargai peranan ibu bapa serta keluarga dalam memberi galakan dan sokongan kepada anak-anak mereka untuk menceburi kerjaya sebagai pegawai tentera.

Berkhidmat sebagai anggota tentera adalah satu perkara yang mulia di sisi agama dan negara. Pada masa yang



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sama, ia juga satu kerjaya yang mencabar kerana sentiasa berhadapan dengan bermacam keadaan.

Dengan itulah, kerajaan paduka ayahanda sentiasa prihatin dan memberi perhatian berat terhadap kesejahteraan seluruh anggota tentera supaya mereka diberi penghormatan, layanan dan imbalan yang selayaknya. Usaha ke arah ini perlu dihargai dengan bertambahnya kemudahan dan imbalan yang dihulurkan bagi keselesaan seluruh anggota tentera dan haruslah dimanfaatkan sehingga membuahkan sesuatu yang lebih bererti.

Di samping itu, tabiat berjimat cermat juga perlu diamalkan. Ini selaras dengan titah paduka ayahanda baru-baru ini, antara lainnya menitahkan :

“Turut menjadi kunci kestabilan dan kemakmuran ialah amalan berjimat cermat. Sikap berhemat dalam berbelanja sama ada di peringkat kerajaan, rumah tangga mahupun individu adalah tunggak survival ekonomi negara.”

Upacara pada hari ini sekali lagi menggambarkan betapa tinggi penghormatan yang diberikan kepada mereka yang

bakal dipanggil pegawai tentera. Mereka inilah pelapis yang bakal menerajui kepimpinan ABDB.

Cabaran yang diharungi selama 42 minggu telah mendedahkan setiap pegawai kadet kepada aspek-aspek ketenteraan dengan tujuan untuk melengkapkan diri mereka dengan ilmu, iman dan kemahiran kepimpinan.

Dalam konteks ini, saya juga ingin menekankan pentingnya peranan sains dan teknologi dalam pertahanan dan keselamatan negara, khususnya sebagai force multiplier, bagi menggandakan kekuatan angkatan tentera dan keselamatan anggotanya.

Teknologi adalah pemangkin kepada tranformasi institusi pertahanan, namun pertumbuhannya yang begitu pesat mencabar keupayaan dan belanjawan negara untuk berada di tahap yang diinginkan.

Menyedari hakikat bahawa perkembangan teknologi tidak ada batasannya, banyak negara telah mengambil langkah untuk meningkatkan industri pertahanannya sendiri. Ini termasuklah langkah membuat pelaburan awal dalam bidang kajian dan perkembangan dengan membentuk dasar teknologi mereka sendiri.

Sehubungan itu, paduka ayahanda telah memperkenalkan bagi Kementerian Pertahanan mengemaskinikan struktur pentadbiran dan melakar strategi untuk mengembangluaskan kesedaran dan penggunaan teknologi dalam institusi pertahanan tanah air.

Saya yakin, Akademi Pertahanan dan Sekolah Pegawai Kadet khususnya, mempunyai peranan penting dalam mendukung hasrat ini, dan untuk menanamkan kesedaran yang berterusan mengenai kepentingan perkembangan teknologi di kalangan pegawai-pegawai kadet.

Akademi Pertahanan hendaklah mengorak langkah ke arah membina suasana pembelajaran yang lebih kondusif kepada kehendak peningkatan ABDB.

Akhirnya, saya mengambil kesempatan ini mengucapkan syabas dan tahniah kepada seluruh warga Akademi Pertahanan, khususnya komandan, pegawai pemerintah, colour sergeant dan pegawai-pegawai yang terlibat, atas segala usaha dan tenaga yang disumbangkan dalam melatih dan mendidik pegawai-pegawai kadet hingga ke penghujungannya.

Dengan berkat kalimah Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim dan pada menjunjung titah perkenan paduka ayahanda, saya sukacita mengurniakan tauliah sebagai pegawai tentera ABDB kepada 15 orang Pegawai Kadet Pengambilan Ke-6.

Sekian, Wabillahit Taufiq Walhidayah,
Wassalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

ASEAN DEFENCE SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING WORKING GROUP

ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting Working Group (ADSOM WG) was held at the Sunway Hotel, Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 21 February. Brunei Darussalam was represented by Haji Adi Ithram bin Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud, Acting Director of Defence Policy, Directorate of Defence Policy, Ministry of Defence. The Meeting discussed the draft format of the Concept Paper on Review of Frequency of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus. This Concept Paper recommends that they shall meet once every two (2) years with more initiatives relating to the ASEAN Defence Establishments and Civil Society Organizations Cooperation on Non-Traditional Security; ASEAN Defence Industry Collaboration; and ASEAN Peacekeeping Centres Network. Meanwhile the



Meeting also discuss the necessary preparations for the ADSOM and the ADSOM-Plus in April 2012. Brunei Darussalam is also expected to brief the Meeting on the preparations of the 2nd ADMM-Plus in 2013

9th ACDFIM: ASEAN Defence Chiefs Meet in Cambodia

The 9th ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Informal Meeting (ACDFIM-9) took place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 29 March, drawing the participation of representatives from all ten member countries - Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Brunei Darussalam delegation was led the Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin.

Carrying the theme 'Enhancing Force Interoperability Towards the 2015 ASEAN Community', the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) General Pol Saroeun, Chairman of the 9th ACDFIM, in his opening speech said that the meeting will help strengthen friendship between ASEAN

countries and bring greater benefits and achievements in actual cooperation between ASEAN countries' armies, contributing to regional peace and stability.

The 9th ACDFIM was held after the 9th ASEAN Military Intelligence Informal Meeting (AMIIM) and the 2nd ASEAN Military Operations Informal Meeting (AMOIM) from March 26-28. Participants discussed future activities, a signed Joint Statement adopting a two-year action plan for 2012-2014 and Administrative Arrangement.

ACDFIM is a regional platform for Chiefs of Defence Forces from the ASEAN countries to discuss cooperative mechanisms for current significant matters relevant to defence and security. For the RBAF, its active participation in the ACDFIM reflects its contribution to defence diplomacy and enhanced participation in regional activities, in line with the goals and initiatives outlined in the country's Defence White Paper Documents. Brunei Darussalam will host the upcoming 10th ACDFIM in 2013.



Two RBAF Women Join UNIFIL Mission

Two women are among the 20 personnel of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) from the 8th contingent to serve in the peacekeeping mission with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). This is the first time women are joining such a mission, operating as peacekeepers under the patronage of the United Nations (UN) in Lebanon. Serving with the rest of the RBAF contingents, the two women are embedded under the command of Malaysian Battalion 4 (Malbatt 4).



Both women 21084 Sgt Diana binti Jafar and 21293 Sgt Nurasyikin binti Pengarah Jaini are senior midwives from the Health & Medical Services Centre under the Logistic Directorate.

The pioneering participation of the two women would not only create history for the armed forces but also open more opportunities for the female personnel to join in future missions. The RBAF actually have sent female personnel abroad like Indonesia during the earthquake as a medical team but the difference is, UNIFIL is an operation setting in a UN mission. It clearly signifies the RBAF female personnel are capable to be deployed in such challenging mission. The RBAF is hopeful that there will be more equal opportunities for female personnel to work under the UN umbrella.

Like other contingents who were on the same tour of duty, before leaving for Lebanon, these personnel underwent one-month training in Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan to enhance their knowledge and skills, especially for the UNIFIL mission. This mission is not only as an opportunity but also as part of their duty to fulfill their responsibilities in the RBAF and to make Brunei Darussalam proud.



Sgt Nurasyikin said she was “a bit nervous” about joining the mission as it was her first overseas mission. “But I am very proud to get this opportunity, because (the selection) went through so many stages and to be selected for the mission is an honour for me, especially being one of the two female personnel being sent (to the mission) for the first time.” said the 32-years-old. She said she would give her best to serve in the mission and would return home with invaluable knowledge and experience.

Contingent leader Major Zulkefli Hj Bujang said that the RBAF’s consistent involvement in the mission showed that Brunei is keen to contribute to world peace.

Like other contingents who have been sent to the same tour of duty, the personnel underwent a month’s training in Pahang to enhance their knowledge and skills for the mission.

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WOMEN



**WO2 20616 PG HJH SARAH BINTI
PG HJ SALLEH**

Senior Administration Supervisor under the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) since 13 May 1991. In charge of logistic section of help tools, in the purchase of tool change. In the military is always challenging, especially being a female. What is important is your commitment to work, passion and confidence. I enjoy the work even if it is in a disciplined environment. It has a good future, to oneself, family and to the nation. I fully recommend to the younger generation to join the military, one of the many professions in the government that offers a pension scheme.



HAJAH ROHANI BINTI HJ AHMAD

She gained her first experience from the Royal Brunei Airlines as a Technical Publications staff and continued her career in the RBAF for the past 17 years and at present she is handling the Engineering Control & Planning and Logistics Division. She manages the registration of all the manuals to be updated into the system. She is responsible of the circulation of the service bulletin to all users (Squadron & Bays) according to flights standard. Her advice to the younger generation is to work diligently and with dedication.



HAJAH HIDAYATI BINTI HIDUP

As an Engineer III specialist in System administrator. She has passion with what she has been delegated. Her minimal experience working with an IT company before joining 15 years ago was a great challenge to enjoy. Now she is maintaining and troubleshooting the Ministry servers, specifically pertaining to our customized applications. She developed small-scale in-house database systems. She believes that this is one way to support the country and advice for the youth, she says that IT profession is much needed in the MinDef & the RBAF.



**854 LT. (U) DK. NURAZRIANA
BINTI PG. HASSANAN**

She is the first junior lady Pilot at No.1 Squadron. Worked since March 2009 with the RBAirF. She used to be a lecturer from Maktab Teknik Sultan Saiful Rijal (MTSSR) in the Aircraft Engineering Course. Being a member of the RBAirF female personnel, she looks after the female soldier welfare and monitor their progress such as their fitness. "Do the best you can if you are so passionate on everything that you want to do. Keep on trying until you achieve it. But there is a time that you have to accept the fact that the thing are not meant for you." At least you tried your best". This is my advice to our new coming generation who would like to join me as a lady Pilot.



**HAJAH NORHANI BINTI
HAJI TIMBANG**

One of the senior staffs in the Public Relations Unit (PRU) since 1998 as a System Controller before she was promoted as a System Operator. She is responsible for updating news and certain contents on the MINDEF website including other IT related matters. She has served with His Majesty's Government for 23 years.



**NORLIZA BINTI HJ MD
HENDRY**

An IT Engineer for almost 15 years with her HND qualification in Computer Studies. "My responsibility is configuring, setting up and maintaining Windows Server System in MINDEF, user administration (Setup and maintaining account), Maintaining and configuring Windows Server System, including MINDEF's Intranet Email Server and file server (Quota Management etc), Maintaining MINDEF's Storage Area Network, Monitor Windows Servers' system performance." Her advice to all the new generation "if you want to succeed in this profession, one must have passion, patience, hard and smart working spirit and eager to learn new things."

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HJH NORFADILAH BINTI HJ MOHD SANI

Senior Engineer in the Avionics Bay under the Engineering Support Flight (ESF), RBAirF since 1995. Avionics Bay is a section that services and maintains radio communication and navigation systems of the aircrafts. Her responsibility is to make sure all engineers carry out their responsibilities to the fullest commitment in maintaining very good performances of the aircrafts, especially prioritizing their safety aspects. Being in the engineering field is challenging, but yet an interesting career especially for a lady and that is nothing new. So she hopes to see more female to join this field since it has a bright future and opportunities not only for the career but also in developing our country Brunei Darussalam.



20917 SGT ROSERWANA BINTI DUAH

I joined the RBAF from intake 33 since 1994. Being 18 years in the RBAF, I managed to change my life until I became a Sergeant. I work as a clerk in the Record Department at Royal Brunei Navy, handling classified documents. My advice to those who are interested to join the military, they have to be ready both physically and mentally.



LIM KAH YEE @ EMILY

Has served for almost 19 great years. She started as an Assistant Engineer and currently, as Engineer II Maintenance Supervisor in the Defence Information Technology Unit (DITU) for 6 years now. She manages the maintenance department and leads a team of professionals under the Support Section, looking after all the RBAF I.T. equipment. She said although she holds an HND in Electrical & Electronic Studies instead of Computer Studies, it didn't stop her from working and realizing her passion in I.T. What matters most are honesty, commitment, integrity, sacrifice, and discipline to work efficiently and with dedication.



NOORAZIMAH BINTI HJ MD NOOR

Graduated from BDTVEC HND in Communications & Computer System Engineering. The only female staffs working as Assistant Engineer Grade III, Department of Technical Equipment Maintenance Division (BPKT) and Directorate of Manpower & Administration. "I am in charge of SWS Troop, Squadron motto AB in Berakas Garrison since 2003. I provide assistance in dealing with the rehabilitation and maintenance of the damage Relation Telephone Exchange ICS (Integrated Communication System) for all camps in the RBAF including equipments operator and admin terminal unit to ensure ICS Telephone Exchange Communication System of the RBAF are always in operating condition."

DYG NOOR SERENA @ FIONA BINTI HAJI AWG OMAR

Has been holding the position of Acting Senior Legal officer for the last 8 years giving legal advices to the MINDEF & the RBAF; includes drafting of legal documents such as contracts, agreements and memorandum of understandings. Also handles legal matters pertaining to bilateral and International relations. Before joining MINDEF, Fiona was an English Teacher. Some advice from her, "Life itself is a challenge, we learn from mistakes, go through it with confidence, most importantly we have to enjoy what we are doing".



21556 PVT NURUSSAADIYAH BINTI ABD. RAHMAN

Graduated in ND in Radio Television Electronic and Technology from Maktab Teknikal Sultan Saiful Rizal in 2006. Joined the RBAF in March 2010, and underwent 3 months training in the force before joining the Royal Brunei Navy. In the Navy, "I was attached to Seaman Ship course for 6 months and I have been there since. My thoughts on who wants to join the RBAF, they must be strong mentally and physically and able to work under pressure."

Women Veteran - Life After The Military

MEJAR (B) HAJAH SOPIAH BTE HAJI HUSAINI adalah merupakan salah seorang pemohon dikalangan 600 orang pemohon yang memilih Askar Wanita sebagai kerjaya dan juga salah seorang diantara tiga yang terpilih untuk menjadi pegawai kadet wanita yang pertama di hantar ke United Kingdom untuk mengikuti latihan pegawai kadet tentera. Beliau mula berkhidmat dengan Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei (ABDB) pada tahun 1981 dan setelah 16 tahun berkhidmat dengan ABDB, beliau mengambil keputusan untuk bersara pada 31 March 1997 kerana ingin menumpukan perhatian beliau terhadap anak-anak.

Semasa sedang berkhidmat di dalam tentera, Puan Hajah Sopiah mengakui kehidupan terasa lebih “aman” kerana tinggal di dalam kem, sekuriti sangat tinggi jika di bandingkan di luar kem. Malahan semuanya tersedia, klinik, dental, sekolah dan sebagainya. Tetapi setelah bersara, semuanya berubah dan ia adalah sukar untuk serta merta menyesuaikan dan membiasakan diri dengan keadaan yang baru. Beliau berkata semasa di dalam tentera, seorang pegawai seharusnya memberi bukan 100% komitmen terhadap kerja tetapi 200% dan bukan mudah bagi seorang pegawai yang merupakan seorang isteri dan juga seorang ibu untuk membahagikan masa. Walaubagaimanapun beliau tetap bersyukur dengan adanya pengalaman kerjaya sebagai seorang tentera telah banyak membantunya dalam kehidupan.



Setelah bersara Puan Hajah Sopiah mendirikan sebuah syarikat iaitu A&A Management & Training Services. Beliau merupakan seorang pakar motivasi dan juga seorang konsultan yang sangat aktif baik dari segi bidang perniagaan dan juga sebagai ahli masyarakat yang peduli akan hal ehwal masyarakat sekeliling. Dengan adanya ilmu serta pengalaman jua, beliau dilantik sebagai presiden Brunei Women Business Council pada tahun 2006 khusus untuk menyambung dan memimpin para usahawan dengan memberi motivasi, membuat beberapa projek di dalam dan luar negeri dan menjadi ‘penghubung’ di antara pihak swasta dan pihak kerajaan.



Meanwhile as far Suraya binti Haji Momin, she said “21 September 1981 was a new era for women in our country as 22 female have been selected to be join the military including myself.”

After 5 months of exercise, 10 recruits have been selected for Junior Non Commission Officer and 4 of them were appointed as the best instructors. Whereas, Suraya was accredited as the “Best Physical Training Instructor.”

“I was the first woman to be assigned as a training instructor in the Armed Forces. In addition to serving in our unit in Berakas Camp, I was also responsible to make sure all of the woman cadets are fit.”

“However after serving 4 years in the armed forces, I took the decision to the end my position as a training instructor due to certain unforeseen circumstances. Eventually I joined Mindef again in 1990 as a civilian staff and currently working at the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies since 2008 as a librarian.”

“My advice for the young generation, who wants to join the military field, don’t be shy to ask to seek knowledge as we learn from mistakes.”



PENGAMBILAN: PEGAWAI DAN LLP WANITA

Pejabat Pengambilan, Jabatanarah Keanggotaan Kementerian Pertahanan bertanggungjawab dalam membuat segala pengurusan dan pentadbiran khususnya proses-proses pengambilan bagi kemasukan mana-mana pemohon yang ingin menceburi kerjaya dalam Angkatan Bersenjata DiRaja Brunei.

Secara amnya, proses-proses yang dimaksudkan adalah menyeluruh bermulanya dari pendaftaran para pemohon sehingga penyerahan pada bakal rekrut untuk menjalani latihan rekrut (Asas Ketenteraan) di Kompeni Rekrut, Institut Latihan ABDB.

Syarat

Pemohon yang berminat untuk menceburi diri dalam kerjaya ketenteraan sebagai bakal Rekrut Wanita Angkatan Bersenjata DiRaja Brunei mestilah memenuhi syarat-syarat dan kelayakan kemasukan perkhidmatan ABDB.

Adapun syarat-syarat yang dimaksudkan bagi bakal rekrut wanita adalah seperti berikut mengikut kategori iaitu:

Dalam Kategori A

- Rakyat KDYMM Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan dan Yang Dipertuan Negara Brunei
- Dilahirkan di Negara Brunei Darussalam
- Puak jati Bangsa Melayu (Brunei, Tutong, Belait, Kedayan, Dusun, Murut, Bisaya)

Dalam Kategori B

- Rakyat KDYMM Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan dan Yang Dipertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam dengan berkuatkuasa mana-mana undang-undang bertulis mengenai KERAKYATAN memegang Kad Pintar Kuning termasuk seperti berikut:
- Bukan dilahirkan di Negara Brunei Darussalam
- Bukan dari puak jati Bangsa Melayu
- Beragama Islam serta menurut adat resam Melayu.

*Dimestikan menghadapkan surat permohonan ke pihak ABDB

- Taraf kelamin Bujang
- Umur Berumur diantara 18 tahun hingga 25 tahun sebelum tarikh latihan
- Kelayakan Akademik 2 Kepujian (kredit) mata pelajaran Sijil Am Pelajaran Brunei- Cambridge Peringkat biasa (O' Level)

Nota: Kelayakan Akademik yang lebih tinggi adalah menjadi keutamaan

- Tahap Kesihatan Pemohon-pemohon dimestikan lulus dalam menjalani pemeriksaan kelayakan kesihatan
- Ketinggian Badan 152cm (5 Kaki)
- BMI (Body Mass Index) 19-27
- Ujian: Para calon yang layak memastikan lulus ujian-ujian berikut:
 - Ujian Bertulis
 - Pemeriksaan Kesihatan dan Pergigian
 - Ujian Kecergasan
 - Tapisan Keselamatan
 - Ujian Temuduga dan Penilaian Akhir

Pemohonan yang memenuhi syarat-syarat tersebut diatas akan diproses oleh Pejabat Pengambilan yang mana para pemohon akan mengikut asas melalui beberapa ujian seperti ujian bertulis, pemeriksaan kesihatan dan pergigian, ujian kecergasan, tapisan keselamatan dan temuduga bagi penilaian akhir. Pemohon yang gagal ujian-ujian tidak akan diproses seterusnya.

Manakala syarat-syarat bagi bakal Pegawai Kadet wanita adalah seperti berikut mengikut kategori iaitu:

Dalam Kategori A

- Rakyat KDYMM Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan dan Yang

- Dipertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam
- Dilahirkan di Negara Brunei Darussalam
- Puak Jati Bangsa Melayu (Brunei, Tutong, Belait, Kedayan, Dusun, Murut, Bisaya)

Dalam Kategori B

- Rakyat KDYMM Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan dan Yang Dipertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam dengan berkuatkuasa mana-mana undang-undang bertulis mengenai KERAKYATAN memegang Kad Pintar Kuning termasuk seperti berikut:
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 - Beragama Islam serta menurut adat resam Melayu.

*Dimestikan menghadapkan surat permohonan ke pihak ABDB

- Taraf Kelamin Bujang
- Umur Berumur diantara 18 tahun hingga 25 tahun. Pemohon yang mempunyai kelulusan Ijazah mestilah berumur tidak melebihi 28 tahun sebelum tarikh latihan.
- Kelayakan Akademik Kelayakan minima pemohon adalah Diploma Tertinggi Kebangsaan (HND) di dalam apa jua bidang yang diceburi. Akademik professional yang sebanding seperti International Baccalaureate (IB) Kelayakan Akademik yang lebih tinggi adalah menjadi keutamaan seperti Sarjana Muda (Degree), Sarjana(Master) atau PHD.
- Tahap kesihatan Pemohonan-pemohonan mestilah dalam menjalani pemeriksaan kelayakan kesihatan sebelum menjadi Pegawai Kadet.
- Ketinggian Badan Wanita 152cm (5kaki)

Pemohonan yang memenuhi syarat-syarat tersebut diatas akan diproses oleh Pejabat Pengambilan yang mana para pemohon akan mengikut atau melalui beberapa ujian seperti pemeriksaan kesihatan dan pergigian, tapisan keselamatan dan Badan Pentauliahan ABDB. Pemohon yang gagal ujian-ujian tidak akan diproses seterusnya.

Data/Statistik

Mengikut statistic atau penyata pendaftaran kemasukan bagi bakal rekrut wanita ABDB adalah amat mengalakkan dan mendapat sambutan yang amat baik.

Sambutan para pemohon yang turun mendaftar bagi pengambilan bakal rekrut wanita bagi 5 tahun kebelakang amatlah baik jika dilihat dari sudut jumlah yang mendaftar seperti berikut:

Tahun	Intek (Rekrut Wanita)	Mendaftar	Terpilih
2007	47	247	40
2008	48	188	46
2009	49	355	49
2009	50	218	60
2011	51	184	50

Manakala, dari jumlah kemasukan bagi setiap pengambilan amatlah ketara sekali berbeza dari jumlah pendaftaran awal setelah para pemohon melalui proses-proses pengambilan yang mana para pemohon yang layak juga mestilah lulus ujian-ujian iaitu Ujian Bertulis, Pemeriksaan kesihatan dan Pergigian, Ujian Kecergasan, Tapisan Keselamatan, Ujian Temuduga dan Penilaian Akhir. Disini, mana-mana pemohon yang lulus ujian-ujian tersebut akan seterusnya diproses dan diserahkan kepada pihak Kompeni Rekrut, Institut Latihan ABDB bagi menjalankan latihan asas ketenteraan selama 3 bulan sebelum menjadi seorang anggota tentera terlatih dan berkhidmat di unit-unit ABDB.

Pilatus PC-7MkII

Background

The Pilatus PC-7MkII is a low-wing tandem-seat training aircraft, manufactured by Pilatus Aircraft of Switzerland. The aircraft is capable of all basic training functions including aerobatics, instrument, tactical and night flying operations. It has been selected by more than twenty air forces as their ab-initio trainer.

The PC-7 is based on the earlier piston-powered Pilatus P-3. The first prototype (modified from the prototype P-3 by replacing its Lycoming O-435 engine with a Pratt & Whitney PT6A-20 turboprop) flew on 12 April 1966, but after a crash the PC-7 program was shelved.

In 1973 the program was restarted and another P-3 was obtained from the

Swiss Air Force. After modification, this aircraft flew on 12 May 1975. Further extensive modifications followed later in the program, including a new one-piece wing with integral fuel tanks, an altered tailfin and a bubble canopy.

The first production aircraft flew on 12 August 1978. Swiss civil certification followed on 5 December of the same year, with deliveries, to Burma and Bolivia starting immediately thereafter.

The aircraft is also used by private customers and is both FAA and FOCA civil certified to comply to the general aviation regulations in Europe and the USA.

The Royal Brunei Air Force acquired 4 x PC-7 MkII's on the 6 March 1997 and was under No. 3 Squadron.

Roles

The Pilatus PC-7 MkII's main role is for training student pilots and undertaking basic flying grading. Basic flying training in a single course involves over 90 flying sorties per student and covers all general flying techniques, Instrument flying, Navigation, Formation and advanced flying skills. Students who successfully graduate from the PC-7 MkII fixed wing course are further streamed to either Multi-Engine training on the CN-235 or Rotary Wing Training on the Bell-206B Jet Ranger.

It's secondary roles are surveillance, maritime patrol. Search and locate and Simulated attach profiles. Recently in 2011, the PC-7MkII was used to form a Aerobatic Display team 'Alap-Alap' and consisted of 3 PC-7 MkII's and is flown by the QFI's of No 63 Squadron.

Flying experience

With the increasing requirement for higher standards of flying skills required by operational pilots, PC-7 students are required to be of the highest standards. The PC-7MkII can fly up to 300 knots and pull up to 7G. Humans on ground are at 1G and are biologically at risk to G-LOC (G Loss of Consciousness) at around 4G. Pilots on the PC-7 are therefore required to learn G-Straining techniques and wear a G-suit to overcome these high amounts of forces on the body.



Lose weight **the right way!**



Obesity which is defined by World Health Organisation as abnormal and excessive fat accumulation that may impair health. It is the fifth leading risk for global deaths. The major risk factors for raised BMI are cardiovascular diseases (mainly heart diseases and stroke), diabetes, musculoskeletal disorders and some cancers. Hence, Performance Optimisation Centre (POC) has designed a 2 Weeks Intensive Weight Management Programme for those whose BMI is greater than 30.

The programme's aim is to provide a comprehensive weight loss programme and for them to self manage their body weight after the 2 weeks. The programme also includes a 10 weeks weight management clinic to closely monitor the participants' progress weekly. POC has conducted 3 intakes of the programme, 2 of which were for the female soldiers and 1 for the male soldiers. All intakes showed more than 50% success rate.

The programme includes practical and theory sessions where participants learn and experience preparing healthy meals, understanding stress, set short term and long term goals, physical training based on scientific knowledge, etc. To find out more, please contact POC at 2315118.

“After joining POC for their weight loss programmes, I've lost 22kg. POC has helped and guided me through these periods with their expertise. Losing weight is not easy but with proper guidance in terms of nutrition and physical activities, I've managed to lose weight successfully.”

– **Rossalena binti Hj Selamat**



Before

After

The world in 360°

“...According to UN Charter Article 1 (1)...” my lecturer explained. I frowned and thought hard, lost. I did not have an idea how to interpret treaties.

Coming to The University of New South Wales (UNSW) to pursue postgraduate studies in International Law and International Relations, I have to admit that I was mostly equipped with my naive belief that human should not limit their capability, given enough will and want. As idealistic as the proverb “if there is a will, there is a way” may sound like, I believed.

Doing Law and Politics with my undergraduate Shari’ah Islamiah background, I had my share of struggle. University systems at Al-Azhar and UNSW differ in various ways but as the months went by, I picked the bits and pieces and began to sync well into the rhythm of the postgraduate studies.



Law and Politics are interesting but equally challenging.

I would say this is a good way of exploring the world. For two hours, I would feel like being in the Middle East, trying to examine their politics

and then for another two hours I would find myself thrown into the times of Cold War, learning the history.

It is also amusing to see the similarities between the modern Law of Armed Conflict and the Laws of War in Islamic perspectives that had been practised in the great wars fought in Islamic history. It is a great reminder that Islam is not only a religion but also a complete way of life, covering all aspects.



once wrote for the Scholarship Website when I was in my second month of postgraduate ‘I still have a lot to observe here, but if there was one main thing that I learned during these two short months, it was the emphasis of the doctrine; which best described in Malay as “berprinsip tidak jumud, terbuka tidak hanyut”. I interpreted that deep phrase as being able to open up to possibilities, respect differences, accept changes, and explore the many perspectives while not losing our own principles and values.’ I still feel the same way now and I do think it applies to larger pictures, Brunei for example. Brunei has unique and admirable principles, adhering clearly to Islamic teachings and the philosophy of Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB). Moving in line with the dynamic world, it is vital for us to uphold our values.

In short, not only the scholarship has given me the rare opportunity to explore the different fields of studies, it is also an eye-opening journey that has helped me discover my potentials, and strengthen me mentally and spiritually. I believe both stages of studies have great importance in shaping me as a person. Merging these experiences would hopefully give me the chance to bring in beautiful contribution to the Royal Brunei of Armed Forces in the future. I am more than thankful for this.



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KOMPENI ASKAR WANITA



Diantara kursus kelayakan yang diikuti oleh ahli-ahli kompeni ini ialah jurulatih jasmani dan teknisyen di United Kingdom, teknisyen pergigian di Malaysia, jurulatih jasmani, pembantu perubatan/bidan di Hongkong, pemandu, tukang masak, jururawat pergigian dan logistic di Singapura.

Kompeni ini rasmi ditubuhkan pada 29 Jun 1981 iaitu setelah 20 tahun usia ABDB dengan pengambilan pertamanya 3 orang pegawai kadet dan 22 orang rekrut. Pegawai kadet menjalani kursus pegawai kadet selama 8 bulan di Women Royal Army Corps di United Kingdom, sementara rekrut-rekrut menjalani latihan di Pusat Latihan Kompeni Askar Wanita, Perkhemahan Bolkihah dengan bantuan askar British wanita dan jurulatih-jurulatih askar ABDB lelaki.

Ahli-ahli kompeni ini juga telah berpeluang mengikuti latihan pengembaraan di seberang laut seperti mendaki Gunung Kinabalu, Outward Bound School Singapura dan mendaki Gunung Merapi di Bali Indonesia.

Setelah menamatkan latihan di seberang laut ketiga-tiga pegawai kadet kembali ke tanah air bulan Disember 1981 setelah ditauliahkan menjadi Leftenan Muda. Dua daripadanya menjadi Pegawai Platun dan seorang lagi Pegawai Pentadbir di Kompeni Askar Wanita. Rekrut-rekrut pula tamat latihan pada 12 Februari 1982 dan 10 daripadanya dinaikan ke pangkat Lance Koperal dan mengambil tempat selaku jurulatih-jurulatih rekrut rekrut yang baru.



Mejar R Patrick, pegawai pinjaman dari WRAC, Tentera British ialah Pegawai Memerintah yang pertama. Pada tahun 1982 satu cawangan telah dibuka di Garrison Berakas, dan setahun selepas itu satu cawangan lagi di Perkhemahan Muara, sementara Markas Kompeni Askar Wanita terletak di Perkhemahan Bolkihah. Markas ini dikendalikan sepenuhnya oleh pegawai dan kakitangan yang terdiri daripada askar-askar wanita. Kompeni ini mempunyai pusat latihannya sendiri, stor, rumah masak, tempat tinggal dan Naafi sendiri untuk kegunaan askar-askar wanita sahaja.

Peranan Kompeni Askar Wanita ialah untuk melatih para ahlinya dalam menyusun dan menyiapkan pasukan sebagai sebuah unit yang lengkap bagi memberikan perkhidmatan ke taraf yang maksima dan menjalankan tanggungjawab yang mana ahlinya dapat uruskan dan jalankan. Dalam melengkapkan diri, ahli-ahli kompeni ini dihantar berkursus di dalam negeri dan di seberang laut untuk mendapatkan pengetahuan, kemahiran dan pengalaman.



Dari kiri: PKdt Dk Masnah, PKdt Sopiah, PKdt Artini dan PKdt Sharifah Hazlina

PSKK Gold Medalists Gave Their All

The gold medals clinched from the hardwork and relentless effort of 20 sportsmen and women at the Inter-Minsitry Sports Festival (PSKK) 2012 gave great honour and pride to the Ministry of Defence especially to their sporting colleagues whom still have the potential to improve their skills and grasp gold medals in the future.

Interviewing one of the participants Awang Serabah bin Haji Abas on winning gold medal in the dart competition defeating opponents from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Health, he said "It was the greatest feeling ever. I haven't played it for a long time however I still get a significant feeling from it during the practices. When you win that gold medal, you're number one. What matters most is your strong effort, high commitment and self-discipline during the preparations because without it you cannot achieve that gold medal title!"



Overall MinDef was declared champion again for the second straight year with 20 gold, 14 silver and 20 bronze medals for a total of 54 medals. Chief de' mission for MinDef, the Deputy Permanent Secretary (Administration and Finance), Colonel (Rtd) Pg Dato Paduka Haji Azmansham bin Pg Haji Mohamad expressed his happiness with the performance of MinDef athletes. He said, "Even though we were busy with the 10th BISAM, where we have to split the potential personnel for the two events, and yet we managed to do well."

Colonel (Rtd) Pg Dato Paduka Haji Azmansham seeks to improve and develop more athletes among MinDef, the military and ministry civilians, which meant fitness and a healthy lifestyle for them. "We will try to defend the title next year; win more competitions, and perhaps prepare us for national, regional and international meets in the future."





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