



Orientation Course for Defence Officials for South and South-East Asia

Thematic cluster:

Defence and Diplomacy

Course dates:

16 - 20 September 2019

Course location:

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Now in its 3rd edition in Colombo, GCSP's orientation course for military officers, diplomats and senior officials involved in defence and diplomacy has become an internationally recognised complement to national training. Defence and diplomacy are complementary instruments in the hand of a state. Together they are part of a nation's security policy. Defence Attachés operate at the intersection of diplomacy, strategy, economics and public relations. As their roles and missions are complex and evolving, it is important for new Defence Attachés to be properly prepared to take on this function.

COURSE BENEFITS

How do you become a diplomat? Who achieves impact? The overall objectives are the role of a Defence Attaché, and the representation and implementation of the interests of the sending government.

The aims of this course are to:

- develop the skills and expertise of a defence official working in a multilateral environment on various aspects of international security
- provide practical training in national and international procedures
- further enhance personal skills to work in a multicultural setting
- promote dialogue on defence and security issues

The course is divided into three training modules:

- global security environment (one day)
- regional security environment (one day)
- responsibilities and tools of a (temporary) diplomat (three days)

COURSE FOCUS:

The course uses an interactive learning approach based on expert panels, debates, case studies, presentations and exercises. Participants also receive reference material during the course.

Course topics include:

- International and regional security environment
- Tasks, selection and training
- Strengthening diplomacy skills
- Intel work
- Defence Attaché community
- Diplomatic protocol and application of international conventions
- Preparing and carrying out a Defence Attaché tour
- Challenges today and in the future



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Colonel (GS) Laurent Currit is a Senior Programme Advisor from the Regional Perspectives Programme at the GCSP. A regular officer seconded from the Swiss Armed Forces, he leads the Defence and Diplomacy Cluster.

Expert Educators

Our educators include GCSP's international team of experienced Defence Attachés, academics and practitioners. Educators bring with them broad experience in international affairs, security policy, diplomacy and military affairs. They are joined by high-level guest speakers from civil society, government, academia and international organisations.

Who should attend

Participants will be selected by their Ministry of Defence or Ministry of Foreign Affairs based on the following criteria:

- Potential, newly appointed or recently accredited Defence Attachés
- Diplomats working in the context of defence and diplomacy
- Senior Officials with more than five years experience, from ministries working directly or indirectly with a Defence Attaché
- Availability for the entire duration of the course

Tuition fee

This course is offered free of tuition fees.

Registration deadline

12 August 2019

Language requirements

The course will be held in English; no translation will be provided

Host and venue

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU)

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Alumni Community

Completing the executive course gives you access to a global and expanding network of over 7'000 experts. Alumni are able to connect online through our Alumni Portal, attend numerous conferences and events, and benefit from reduced rates in future courses.

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Defence Attaché Courses Globally

With the funding support from the Armed Forces of Switzerland (DDPS), the GCSP, in partnership with renowned local institutions, organises this course each year in the following locations: Addis-Ababa, Amman, Colombo, Dakar, Geneva and Sarajevo.

Testimonial from a past participant

“ *The Defence Attaché Orientation course is a unique academic training event which enriches and strengthens the knowledge of in-place or aspiring officials in the realm of diplomacy or international relations. Delivered by an array of military and civilian experts, it simultaneously provides a multi-cultural rewarding experience.* ”

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