



# PACS Forum

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## Attendees

Australia

Canada

China

Indonesia

Japan

Malaysia

New Zealand

Papua New Guinea

Singapore

Thailand

Tonga

United States

## PACS FORUM III – BANGKOK

The third annual meeting of the Pacific Area Cataloguing System (PACS) Forum was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 31 May to 2 June 2000. Twenty-one delegates from twelve PASOLS member nations attended, making it the largest PACS Forum so far.



The Chairman with VADM Sanya Putiyotin during the opening ceremony. The meeting was held in the Ladproa Room of the Central Grand Plaza hotel.

The meeting was officially opened by Vice Admiral Sanya Putiyotin, Director of Joint Logistics, Supreme Command Headquarters, RTArF. The Admiral proposed a new initiative for PACS, later expanded upon by Colonel Arthorn Charuwana from Materiel Information and Management Office (MIMO-J49), that involves having a sharper focus on the commonality and criticality of items to be codified, and exploiting this information through total asset visibility across PASOLS members, perhaps by way of a Logistics Information Centre on the World Wide Web. The meeting

agreed to study the Admiral's proposal by setting up a Working Group consisting of technical experts from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Thailand and the United States. The WG will be coordinated by the PACS Chairman and will report back by the next annual meeting.

As usual the meeting was a balanced mixture of PACS business and informative presentations. This year delegates were briefed on:

The Progress of NCS Implementation in Thailand – Thailand

DLIS Training Opportunities (including "NCB College") - United States

Report from NATO Main Group Meeting/Upcoming NATO Symposium – Canada

NATO AC/135 BASELOG Program – Canada



Delegates listen attentively during COL Arthorn Charuwana's presentation on the "Progress of NCS Implementation in Thailand".