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ANNUAL MEETING IN KL

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Twenty-five delegates from thirteen PASOLS member nations attended the fourth PACS Forum held in Kuala Lumpur from 25 to 27 June 2001, making it the most successful to date. Eleven observers from other Malaysian government departments and Industry were also in attendance. The meeting was hosted by the Malaysian Armed Forces Cataloguing Authority (MAFCA) and officially opened by the acting Chief of Staff for the MAF, Lt Gen Dato' Adenan bin Hj Mohamad Zain.

The General noted the benefits that adoption of PACS brings to Armed Forces in the region and how it is a springboard for enhancing cooperative logistics projects and interoperability as envisaged by PASOLS. The General recommended that, given the value of a single logistics language in peace keeping operations and disaster relief missions, efforts should be made to extend the membership of the PACS Forum to ASEAN member nations.



Col Phillip Yff, Commander DLIS presents Lt Gen Dato' Adenan bin Hj Mohamad Zain with a plaque on behalf of all attending nations.

The meeting consisted of the usual mix of business and informative presentations. The business side of the meeting went very well due to the large number of participants and their willingness to thoroughly discuss the issues. A record number of action items were generated by the meeting – 37 in all. The presentation side of the meeting was extremely busy. Malaysia gave an overview of their NCS operations and a demonstration of NATO and PACS CD-ROM products. Canada gave a briefings on the NATO Logistics Stock Exchange and an update on planning for the NATO Symposium on Codification. The United States presented on a number of topics, including Asset Visibility, the outcome of Cataloguing Centralisation, NCB College planning and an overview of DLIS operations and new products (for example a catalogue of maps). Singapore gave a presentation on "How Cataloguing Supports Provi-

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Attendees

- Australia
- Brunei
- Canada
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Tonga
- United States



Mr Tan Huang Meng, head of the large Singapore delegation, thanking the outgoing Chairman for his efforts over the last four years