Multinational Planning Augmentation Team
and Asia-Pacific Area Network
(MPAT & APAN)
in Asia and the Pacific

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A cadre of military planners ... 

- From nations with Asia-Pacific interests
- Capable of rapidly augmenting a multinational force (MNF) headquarters (HQ)
- Established *to plan and execute coalition operations*
- In response to military operations other than war (MOOTW) / small scale contingencies (SSC)
A Multinational Program

• Multinational venue to share MNF CTF HQ procedures
• Maintains a cadre of MNF planners:
  – skilled in common crisis action planning procedures
  – available to rapidly augment a CTF HQ during a crisis
• Develops habitual relationships among MPAT cadre
• Meets periodically to:
  – share information & develop CTF HQ procedures (MNF SOP)
  – practice CTF HQ activation, formation, & planning processes
• Includes interested nations, International Organizations (IOs), Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), & United Nations (UN) agencies

MPAT PROGRAM BELONGS TO ALL INTERESTED NATIONS
Objectives & Methods

• Improve Speed of Multinational Crisis Response
• Improve Multinational Force Interoperability
• Increase CTF Mission Effectiveness
• Unity of Effort

• Strengthen & Practice Common Crisis Action Planning Procedures
• Develop and become familiar with common Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) for MNF CTF HQ
MPAT Participants – 33 Nations

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Legend: ¹ = MPAT nations that are also MIC nations
How Do We Coordinate, Cooperate, Synchronize Efforts?

- Workshops & Seminars
- Education & Training
- Exercises

How Do We Coordinate, Cooperate, Synchronize Efforts?
MNF SOP Purpose

- Increase multinational force (MNF):
  - Speed of Initial Response
  - Interoperability
  - Overall Mission Effectiveness
  - Unity of Effort

HQ Procedures for Multinational Force OPS
• **Multinational Document:**
  - Ownership by MPAT nations is critical
  - Foundation reference for multinational crisis response

• **Not prescriptive, binding or directive:**
  - Serves as a “guide” (start point) for multinational operations
  - Based on “Lead-Nation” Concept (one nation in lead)
  - Living, unsigned, web-based document (refinement institutionalized)

• **Focus is Operational Level – Coalition / Combined Task Force (CTF):**
  - **Primary focus:** Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW)
  - Support full range of small scale contingencies (SSCs)
MNF CTF HQ Augmentation

Lead Nation Concept

CTF HQ

Multinational

Core Planning Staff - Lead Nation

Force HQ

Nation 1
MPAT CADRE

Nation 2
MPAT CADRE

Nation 3
MPAT CADRE

Nation 4
MPAT CADRE

Nation 5
MPAT CADRE

Nation 6
MPAT CADRE
Effectiveness

Improved speed of response through effective multinational force activation, forming, and planning

Reduce Time & Increase Effectiveness!
• MPAT SOP Development Workshop:
  – Develop MPAT Program Recommendations
  – Develop / Refine MNF SOP
  – 10 Major Workshops and several mini-workshops conducted to date

• MPAT TEMPEST EXPRESS (TE):
  – CTF HQ Staff Planning Workshop
  – Scenario-driven planning event
  – 11 Major TEs conducted to date

• MPAT Participation in Other Events:
  – USPACOM Multinational Exercises
  – Seminars, Table-top Exercises, Wargames, etc.
  – Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) Support
    – G-8 Nations Initiative (June 2004) to expand global capacity for Peace Support Operations
    – Train and Equip 75,000 PSO troops worldwide by 2010 (emphasis on Africa)
Multinational Crisis Action Planning (MCAP)

- MCAP Planning Initiative
  - Comprehensive Web-Based tool for support of Multinational Crisis Action Planning

International Humanitarian Community (IHC) – IOs / NGOs

“Unity of Effort”

“Affected Nation(s)”

“Timely / Effective Response”
Multinational Crisis Response

Theater Security Cooperation
• Asia-Pacific Area Network (APAN) = unclassified non .mil (non-dot-mil) World Wide Web portal:
  – Supports the USPACOM Theatre Security Cooperation Program (TSCP)
  – Multinational Force Planning Workshops
  – Multinational Exercises
  – Crisis/Contingency Response.

• Collaboration link between governments, militaries and UN, international & nongovernmental organizations.

• Integrates and centralizes information to increase multilateral planning effectiveness and interoperability.
• Links disaster centers & data sources with civil-military operations centers enabling information collaboration and response during real-world events.

• Hosts the Virtual Information Center (VIC) which provides situational awareness through timely and focused identification, retrieval, and integration and analysis of open source information.
MPAT/GPOI

Exercises

Response

Multi-Lateral Partnerships
NGO Networks
Senior Leadership Seminars
Regional Analysis

Coalition Building
HA/DR Response
Multi-Lateral Forces SOP

Stabilization Planning
Social Networks

Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW)

Relationship Building
Personnel Augmentation
Interoperability

Crisis Action Planning

Unity Effort
Subject Matter Experts
Theater Security

APAN PORTAL

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• 11,683 average daily hits
• 6,927 visitor sessions
• 36 countries
• 1.05 GB documents/imagery
• 450 registered users
• Over 60 VIC Products: Primer, Special and Daily Press Summaries

DEC 2004 Tsunami

Informal Networks
HA/DR Response
Procedures
Subject Matter Experts
MNF SOP

USPACOM
MPAT
COE
APCSS
UN
OCHA
ICRC
**Multinational Operations Realities Are:**

- There is no “one solution” – networks and processes must be able to link and work together (with continual refinement process integral to process)
- Solutions and processes MUST be simple and intuitive – critical
- Requires an “Organizational Concept” – CONOPS is critical
- Requires some key “Operational Start Points” to support “coming together”
- Must have living concepts and documents – long term view
- Terminology is critical – represents “concepts and cultures” (and understanding)
- Technology MUST be validated and personnel must be trained in supporting processes and technologies – critical
- Operators and Technology must be “team members and mutually supportive” of one another (planning, exercises, and EXECUTION) – challenge at time (cultures !!)

**Technology simply cannot replace** the requirement for:

- Developing habitual multinational relationships (personal and professional) PRIOR to a crisis
- Face-to-Face multinational cooperation / coordination and planning (prior to and during a crisis) – military / international humanitarian community / nations governmental agencies