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CRIME PREVENTION 2011 AND BEYOND- A FORUM OF KEY PERSONNEL FROM THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

A Forum of key personnel in crime prevention from the Asia Pacific region was held at the Kathleen Lumley College of the University of Adelaide between 23 and 26 January 2011. The Forum was organized and facilitated by the Australian Crime Prevention in conjunction with the College and the Australian Institute for International Affairs with major sponsorship being provided by Tabcorp, Lisle Security Consultants Co Ltd, the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council, Coopers Brewery, Outcare and the Sydney Institute of Criminology

The Forum was attended by many delegates from overseas including *Mr Tan Kian Hoon* and *Ms Whei Chern Ho* (Singapore) *Tan Sri Datuk Seri Lam Thye*, *Datuk Fuad Talib* and *Mr Rafly Nann* (Malaysia) *Pg Mohd Haji Abu Bakar* and *Haji Mohd Hassan Pehin Penyurat Haji Admad* (Brunei) *Senior Superintendent Ken Reed* and *Chief Inspector Nick Sheppard* (Hong Kong SAR) *Mr Jim Lisle* (Macau SAR) *Major General Vikram Madan* (India) *Professor Adrianus Meliala* (Indonesia) *Mr Yuri Chih* and *Dr Tai Chun-cheng Bruce* (Taiwan) *Chief Justice Wichai Eua Angkanakul*, *Justice Chiranit Havanond* and *Justice Pongdej Wanichkittikul* (Thailand) and *Mr Tony Lake* (New Zealand).

The Forum was opened by His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC.

Australian delegates included *Admiral Chris Barrie* AC (President of ACPC) ,*Dr Jenny Cartwright* (Australian Federal Police) *Ms Melissa Conley Tyler* (National Executive Director of the Australian



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*The Governor and Admiral Barrie
arrive at the Forum*

Institute of International Affairs) *Mr Stewart Cross* (Crimtrac) *Professor Paul Fairall* and *Professor Rick Sarre* (Uni SA) *Professor Peter*

Grabosky (ANU) , *Dr Adam Tomison* and *Adjunct Professor Peter Homel* (Australian institute of Criminology) *Professor Purnendra Jain* and *Associate Professor Felix Patrikeeff* (University of Adelaide) *Mr Michael O'Connell* (World Society of Victimology) *Mr Damian Powell* (Australian Crime Commission) *Mr Steve Batterham* (Neighbourhood Watch Australia) *Mr Tony Waters* (Victim Support Service), representatives of the Adelaide City Council, and ACPC members / representatives *Master Peter Norman OAM* , *Associate Professor Michael Benes*, *Ms Gordana Blazevic*, *Mr Adam Bodzioch*, *Mr Ray Carroll*, *Mr Garner Clancey*, *Professor Jenny Fleming*, *Mr Leigh Garrett* *Mr John Murray*, *Ms Helen Nichols* , *Judge Andrew Wilson AM* and *Ms Deborah Wright*.



Delegates at the Forum



A keynote address was given by SA Police Commissioner Mal Hyde (opposite) and the forum was attended by members of the SA Police Crime Prevention Branch Supt Ash Lange, Inspector Christine Baulderstone. Senior Sergeant Joanne Howard, and Senior Sergeant David Wardrop.

Over four days the delegates met, and reported on the crime/conflict situation in their countries and shared experiences, concentrating especially on crime prevention strategies which were regarded as successful or promising.

On the final day of the Forum the delegates held a detailed discussion, reached a consensus of resolutions, and drafted a Communique.

The delegates acknowledged the work of the organising committee of the ACPC in organising the Forum and congratulated them on the success of the Forum. They were strongly in favour of the overall theme of the Forum that crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. The Forum reaffirmed the value of a regional network as a means of promoting the exchange of information, initiatives, and strategies relevant to crime prevention.

It recognised the value of collaborating across international boundaries with a particular focus on learning, coordination, reporting on initiatives and networking, and highlighted the value of regional engagement as a means of communication and evaluating crime prevention programs. It invited delegates to consider ways of contributing to a regional approach to crime prevention, particularly mindful of the growing significance of terrorism, transnational organised crime including human trafficking.

The possibility of a regional autonomous crime prevention council with multilateral participation was considered as a desirable long term goal, although issues relating to representation and resources were postponed for future discussion possibly at a further Forum. In this context it was acknowledged that some countries did not have commensurate crime prevention bodies. The Forum was encouraged to assist and support the development of such bodies.

Some delegates emphasised the importance of programs aimed at the elderly, youth, and especially within schools, cybercrime, and the crime prevention through environmental design as well as evidence based research and evaluation of crime prevention programs, and the possibility of restorative justice initiatives.

The Forum invited members to consider ways of integrating their existing crime prevention functions into the broader activities of the Forum. The importance of web based pathways as a communication and evaluation tool was particularly important.

.A Report of the Forum is in preparation.

The Forum followed a previous Forum organized by ACPC held at Townsville in October 2007 and attended by delegates from Thailand, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, the Fiji Islands, Samoa and New Zealand which had similar objectives, establishing a network of those living in the Asia pacific region and interested in crime prevention and community safety.

MRS MARJORIE NORTH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ADAM SUTTON, MR RAY KIDNEY, CHIEF JUDGE DON BREBNER, and MR MURRAY CLAPHAM

In the last 12 months the ACPC has been saddened by the deaths of several of its prominent members or supporters.