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DELINEATIVE STATEMENTS

VISION

To develop future policymakers on National Security and Strategic Studies

MISSION

To impart knowledge and develop future leaders in an integrated strategic environment to function as strategic thinkers in the realm of National Security, Statecraft, Diplomacy and Public Policy to uphold National Interests

ROLE

The NDC shall strive to:

- Conduct academic and training programs on security and strategic studies.
- Enroll senior officers from the Armed Forces of Sri Lanka, senior officers of the Department of Police and Senior Public Officers to read for NDC.
- Enroll senior officers from the Armed Forces of friendly foreign countries to read for NDC.
- Deliver other relevant courses of education concentrating on strategic security studies and facilitate the conduct of research work.
- Develop professionals to respond to uncertainties in an integrated and joint strategic environment.
- To prepare Course Participants to read for Master of Science/Master of Philosophy degrees awarded by the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It indeed is a momentous occasion for the batch of senior officers from the Armed Forces and the Police Service of Sri Lanka having successfully completed the National Security and Strategic Studies Course that stands tall at the apex in professional military education. The prestigious National Defence College of our motherland has once again successfully served this praiseworthy national endeavour. At the outset as the Commander in Chief, it is a pleasure to extend warm felicitations to the course participants on their accomplishments.

On the one hand, it has become an axiom, that the contemporary security environment in various contexts dictates and demands the security practitioners to invest in comprehensive national security concepts and approaches going beyond the conventional and classical realm of defence. On the other, Sri Lanka being situated in a strategic location in the Indian Ocean Region, has a plethora of national and regional security challenges, such as having to face rapidly evolving complex dimensions and the need for professional handling in securing national interests especially within the emergent geostrategic landscape.

I am confident that the graduands have been well inculcated through the academic process at the National Defence College, in meeting in opposition of contributing nobly, to ensure the territorial integrity of our nation in its rightful place within the regional and world orders.

I take this opportunity to thank the Commandant and his team for a task well done and may the National Defence College continue in its trajectory of success and assist in fostering this national security interest of the Motherland.

Honourable

Ranil Wickremesinghe



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



As the Chairman Board of Management, I am honoured to extend a congratulatory note at this important milestone in the National Defence College of Sri Lanka where a batch of senior officers representing the military and the police service who participated for the second National Security and Strategic Studies Course gets graduated on successful completion of the year long process.

Considering the learning activities undergone through the course of training integrating both the academic knowledge and the knowhow in policy implementation at national level, I have no doubt that the participants have acquired the necessary standards to perform duties in the future with an element of professional wisdom exercising formal authority vested with you and assume national

responsibilities for the betterment of our country wholeheartedly.

Such genuine and firm commitment would definitely lay a solid foundation to launch and sustain a sound National Security policy that would bring security dividends to the entire nation within the vibrant geostrategic environment. Further I sincerely hope that you will create and carry a unique legacy of the National Defence College which will endure as the epitome in professional military education in Sri Lanka.

The successful strides made by National Defence College within the brief span from its inception to influence the mindsets within the national security realm is noteworthy. I remain convinced that the institute in the able hands will be committed to establish and consistently nurture the values of a desirable, impactful and a patriotic security culture that has the ability and capacity to achieve and further national security interests.

General

G.D.H. Kamal Gunaratne (Retd)

WWV RWP RSP USP ndc psc MPhil



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT



The culmination of the quality learning process at the National Defence College gives me great pleasure with a profound feeling of self-satisfaction and a sense of achievement as the incumbent Commandant. Let me convey well wishes to the participants of the National Security and Strategic Studies Course number two for the successful completion of a fruitful academic journey.

The cognition you developed on concepts and values that had been enriched related to comprehensive national security within the adult learning environment and the practice of such cardinals through appropriate tools in the proper hierarchical order is certain to create space for national values to thrive in a secure environment manifesting the ultimate interests of the state and citizens of our nation.

It is my belief that the protagonists will employ the professional wisdom and willingly undertake national responsibilities with dignity when responding to the calls of our motherland. The rebranding you got under the roof of the National Defence College will undoubtedly enable the accomplishment of those national endeavours decisively.

I most fervently anticipate that you will carry all the pleasant memories gathered during your productive stay at the NDC and cherish them in many years to come. Further, I am grateful to the Board of Management for the perpetual guidance and support and to all the distinguished resource personnel for their erudite academic contributions. I also, sincerely thank the faculty and the staff of National Defence College for their untiring efforts to make this whole endeavour a national accomplishment.

Major General

Sujeewa Senarath Yapa

RWP RSP ndu



THE CREST

The Crest of the National Defence College illustrates seven features as explained below;

Blue Water Lily

Blue Water Lily is the national flower of Sri Lanka. This plant grows in clear or muddy ponds, yet the flower blooms above the water surface with equal beauty and scent irrespective of the medium in which it grows. It does not acquire the characteristics of the medium, nor accumulate any dirt; the flower remains pure and beautiful irrespective of external factors. Therefore, Blue Water Lily petals around the shield identify the college's purity and ability to produce future leaders who can excel and drive the nation towards prosperity, irrespective of where they come from. The petals represent the 25 administrative districts of Sri Lanka.

Ancient Shield

The shield represents defence and security from any external or internal threats which is the combined responsibility of Army, Navy, Air Force, Police, Ministries and Departments of the government and every citizen of the state. Therefore, the Bronze Shield identifies the defence and security of the state and its territorial integrity. The 9 tags on the shield represent the 9 provinces of Sri Lanka. The colour bronze represents the ancient history and survival of the state.

National Emblem

The National Emblem represents the representative democracy of Sri Lanka as clearly enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic. The National Emblem placed at the crown of the logo represents the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as a free and independent state with a representative democracy at its core. The college holds national values as supreme and serves towards preparing leaders and decision-makers for the state.



Two Sheaves of Paddy

Two sheaves of paddy represent prosperity and well-being of the nation in social and economic aspects. Placement of them upon the shield denotes the commitment of the college towards achieving and sustaining prosperity with resilience.

Lamp

Lamp in the center represents the shedding of ignorance and attaining wisdom with positivity and goodness. The college contributes to generate wisdom among leaders and decision-makers that will pave the way for prosperity with resilience.

The Scroll (placed below the shield)

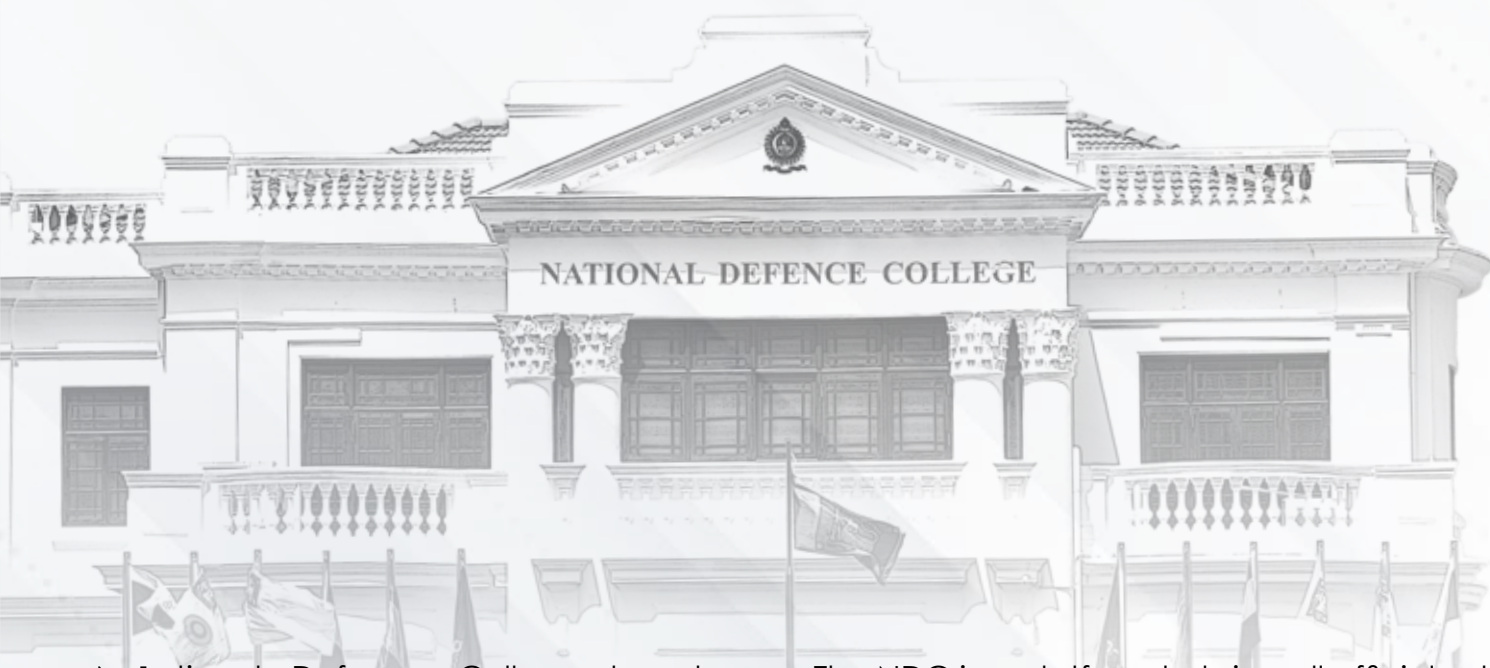
It carries the motto of the college 'Wisdom Prosperity Resilience' displaying the vision and objectives in a nutshell.

The Scroll (placed on the shield)

It carries the words 'National Defence College' introducing the college to everyone.



NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE AT A GLANCE



National Defence College has been inaugurated as the premier strategic education establishment in Sri Lanka to develop future policy-makers in the realm of national security, statecraft, governance, diplomacy and international security to strengthen the national security mechanism in the country through collective intellectual rigour. The NDC was inaugurated on 11th November 2021 by His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and Minister of Defence, Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The NDC provides high-quality professional strategic education to produce graduates who are skilled in critical strategic thinking that facilitates them to provide professional counsel in achieving national security objectives. The NDC will also usher in a new era to enhance the professionalism of the Armed Forces, Police and the public sector. It will seek to foster inter-institutional civil-military synergy to strengthen the national security mechanism of the state through intellectual endeavor. The NDC is affiliated to the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka for the award of postgraduate degrees.

The NDC is a platform to bring all officials at the highest level to study issues pertaining to National Security, thus creating a joint environment for civil-military cooperation. The degrees will aim at creating strategic thinkers, strategic analysts, strategic decision-makers and strategic advisors. Therefore, it is a mandatory requirement to provide the best possible higher-level politico-military strategic exposure and post graduate degree programmes (MSc/ MPhil) related to the subjects of National Security, Strategy and Policy to enable NDC to achieve international standards.

The National Security and Strategic Studies Course is a multi-disciplinary learning platform tailored to suit the stated objective. A total of eight study modules are spread over two semesters; each module is developed considering the formulation of strategic options for decision-making with respect to current national, regional and global issues/ scenarios that affect national security and policy. Further, course participants have the opportunity to meet state leaders and policy-makers locally and internationally to broaden their understanding on the concept of national security.



EVOLUTION OF NDC

The National Defence College began its journey seven years ago as the most prestigious institution for gaining advanced knowledge on national security and strategy for senior officials in the armed forces, the Police and the public sector.

In 2015, Major General Anton Wijendra submitted a proposal on the need for the establishment of the National Defence College in Sri Lanka. Subsequently, there had been several boards comprised of officers from armed forces, appointed to study the feasibility of establishing a NDC in Sri Lanka. Based on the reports submitted, a cabinet memorandum was tabled to establish the NDC at Mumtaz Mahal which was used as speaker's residence between 1948 – 2001. Cabinet approval was granted on 07th December 2016 to establish the NDC at Mumtaz Mahal and to explore the possibility of obtaining concessionary funding for the purpose.

However, due to financial constraints, renovation of Mumtaz Mahal building was delayed till the latter part of 2018 up until the funding of Rs. 20 million by the Ministry of Defence and provision of necessary work teams by armed forces. Mihindu Vidyalyaya, Dehiwala which was an abandoned school building had become the administrative base for the NDC to house skeleton staff appointed by the armed forces.

During the process, armed forces had taken a remarkable effort in preserving the old architectural elements of the Mumtaz Mahal, the historical building in which the NDC commenced its journey. Assistance from several friendly states facilitated the NDC to add several important features. The People's Republic of China constructed a state-of-the-art auditorium whilst the Islamic Republic of Pakistan provided the infrastructure and other necessary equipment to set up

the much-needed library. The Australian Department of Defence has donated over 600 books covering subjects related to international relations, security, strategy and policy, etc. The Road Development Authority has also assisted in developing the premises.

To formulate a sophisticated study curriculum, the Australian Department of Defence had assigned Captain Andrew Deakin for the Curriculum Development Board comprised of the officers from armed forces who drafted the initial subject modules with relevant inputs from the officers who had completed similar NDC qualifications from accredited institutions.

At the outset, administrators felt that an affiliation with a recognized university was a necessity to gain much needed credibility to the NDC. Therefore, the college reached out to a few leading universities, such as the University of Colombo (UoC) and the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU). It was finally decided to affiliate the NDC with the KDU, to award post graduate degrees.

From its humble beginning way back in 2016, the National Defence College was ceremoniously declared open by His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the President and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces in Sri Lanka, on 11th November 2021.



THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The administration and management of the affairs of the NDC is vested with the Management Committee and is headed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence. The members of the Committee are Chief of Defence Staff, Commanders of Armed Forces, the Vice Chancellor of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Additional Secretary to Defence, Additional Director General National Budget of the Ministry of Finance, Chief Financial Officer I Ministry of Defence, Commandant of the NDC and Secretary NDC.



Secretary
Ministry of Defence



Chief of Defence Staff



Commander of the Army



Commander of the Navy



Commander of the Air Force



Vice Chancellor KDU



Addl Secretary (Defence)



Addl Director General
National Budget of the
Ministry of Finance



Chief Financial Officer I
Ministry of Defence



Commandant NDC



Secretary NDC



FORMER COMMANDANT



Major General
Amal Karunasekara
RWP RSP VSV USP ndu psc MSc

FACULTY MEMBERS POSTED OUT



Major General **CS Munasinghe**
WWV RWP RSP USP ndc psc IG



Commodore **WMA Bowatte**
RSP* USP ndu nswc psc MSc (NS & WS)
MPA (PIM-USJ) BSc (DS)



THE FACULTY



Major General HHKSS Hewage
RWP RSP USP rcds psc

Secretary NDC



Brigadier WASR Wijedasa
WWV RSP USP MHRM MAS LISC ndc psc

Senior Directing Staff Army



Commodore GSD Weerasuriya
USP ndu nswc psc MPA (PIM-USJ) MHS
(NIH India) BSc (DS) in Mech Eng

Senior Directing Staff Navy



Air Commodore PN De Costa
USP ndc MBA in HRM MHRM

Senior Directing Staff Air Force

COURSE NO - 02

NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE SRI LANKA



Seated Left to Right

Col JASP Jayasuriya RWP RSP USP psc , Air Cdre HWR Chandima RWP RSP USP, Maj Gen KAN Rasika Kumara psc, Cmde GSD Weerasooriya USP ndu nswc psc, Maj Gen HHKSS Hewage RWP RSP USP rcds psc, Maj Gen DGS Senarath Yapa RWP RSP ndu, Brig WASR Wijedasa WWV RSP USP ndc psc, Air Cdre PN De Costa USP ndc, Cmde HK Dassanaikie USP psc, SSP MDP Dayarathna, Capt NACC Munasinghe USP psc

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SSP RAD Kumari, Cmde NSM Kankanamge USP, Air Cdre AHPP Kariyapperuma, Brig MWARC Wijesuriya RSP USP, SSP DMMAB Mahagirilla, Brig APCR Premathilaka RSP USP, Brig TCMGST Cooray RWP RSP USP psc, Cmde JU Gunaseela USP psc, Air Cdre HTH Dharmadasa RWP RSP USP, Cmde KMMP Karunathilake USP psc, Brig AMA Abeywardana WWV RWP RSP, Brig KDML Samaradiwakara RWP RSP psc, Brig RD Sallay, Air Cdre ES Ponnampereuma USP, SSP RGAB Gunathilaka, Brig WMAB Wijekoon USP, SSP PJM Ariyasena

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THE PERMANENT STAFF



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Lt Col AMRHB Abeysinghe USP Lsc AATO, Col JASP Jayasuriya RWP RSP USP psc, Cmde GSD Weerasuriya USP ndu nswc psc, Maj Gen HHKSS Hewage RWP RSP USP rcds psc, Maj Gen DGS Senarath Yapa RWP RSP ndu, Brig WASR Wijedasa WWV RSP USP ndc psc, Air Cdre PN De Costa USP, Captain NACC Munasinghe USP psc, Cdr (G) BARI Abeysekara psc

First Row Left to Right

LCdr IBSP Semasinghe, Sqn Ldr TVCM Deshapriya, Lt(S)AVV Yahampath, Maj HMAG Herath psc, Maj KDS Nandiyasena USP psc, Sqn Ldr PGGCM Samaranayake, Maj HS Kumarasinghe, Maj INKUK Imbulana, Lt (QM)WMA Dharmathilaka WWV RWP RSP USP, Lcdr LHAR Chamara

SUPPORTING STAFF

The strength behind the success at the NDC



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CPO PMS Jayawardhana, F/Sgt Ranasinghe RTS, Cpo PAS Pathmasiri, Wo II Perera MSALL, Wo II Suranga EPD, Wo I HMS Herath, Wo II Priyantha NWE, S/Sgt Karunarathne GGC RWP RSP, F/Sgt Jayanandana KDR, Cpo HAN Bandara, Sgt Chandrasena AMST

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Cpl Bandara PGS, L/wrt WCP Perera, Cpl Perera MGUR, Cpl Sandaruwan KAGB, Cpl Indrajith RS, Lac Shanuka KRC, L/se KJG Priyasantha, Cpl Rukshan HWN, Pvt Chandrakumara BHCP, Cpl Vindrajith KKT, L/wrt BDDR Sirisoma, L/rem HM premasiri, Lac Saman Kumara A, Lac Rupasinghe RSK, Lac Rathnasekara RIAC, Ma KDSS Karunadasa, Me RMS Bandara, Lac Yahaladeniya TGAI, L/me YP Lakmal, L/sa MGIA Shantha, L/Cpl Rathnayake KMAL



NDC COURSE NO - 02

ARMY



Major General
KAN Rasika Kumara psc



Brigadier
KDML Samaradiwakara RWP
RSP psc



Brigadier
MWARC Wijesuriya RSP USP



Brigadier
TN Majeed RSP USP Isc



Brigadier
TCMGST Cooray RWP RSP USP
psc



Brigadier
AMA Abeywardana WWV
RWP RSP



Brigadier
GPP Kulathilaka



Brigadier
WSV Fernando USP IG



Brigadier
WMSN Wijekoon AATO



NDC COURSE NO - 02
ARMY



Brigadier
WMAB Wijekoon USP



Brigadier
RD Sallay



Brigadier
GCV Fernando



Brigadier
PSJD Samarasekara RSP USP
psc



Brigadier
APCR Premathilaka RSP USP



Brigadier
AADP Kulathilaka USP psc



NDC COURSE NO - 02
NAVY



Commodore
HK Dassanaike USP psc



Commodore
DN Pathberiya WWV RWP
RSP*** USP



Commodore
KMMP Karunathilake USP
psc



Commodore
JU Gunaseela USP psc



Commodore
NSM Kankanamge USP



Commodore
HRFM Tissera RSP***** USP
psc



Commodore
ABRA De Silva RSP* USP psc



Commodore
AIP De Silva RWP RSP & Bar
psc



NDC COURSE NO - 02

AIR FORCE



Air Commodore
HWR Chandima RWP RSP USP



Air Commodore
HTH Dharmadasa RWP RSP
USP



Air Commodore
WRDMI Wickramasinghe psc



Air Commodore
JMDRAP Jayamaha USP
psc



Air Commodore
AHPP Kariyapperuma



Air Commodore
DBV Weerasinghe USP psc



Air Commodore
ES Ponnampereuma USP



NDC COURSE NO - 02
POLICE



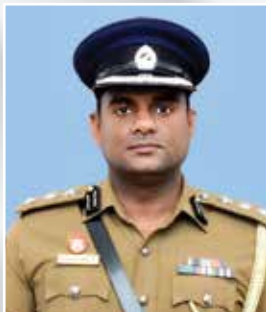
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DMMAB Mahagirilla



SSP
RAD Kumari



SSP
SMKC Thilakaratne



SSP
RGAB Gunathilaka



SSP
PJM Ariyasena



BELOVED FAMILIES OF **THE COTERIE**



Major General
Sujeewa Senarath Yapa and Family



BELOVED FAMILIES OF **THE COTERIE**



Brigadier
Ranjan Wijedasa and Family



Commadore
Sujeewa Weerasooriya and Family



Air Commadore
Padman De Costa and Family



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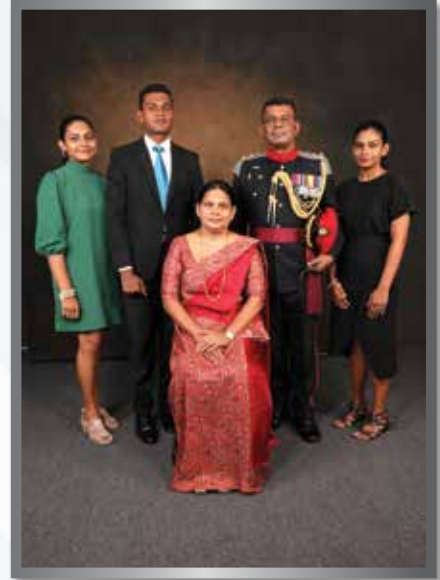
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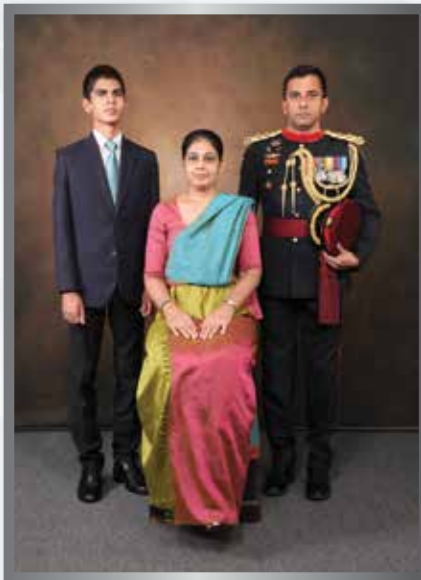
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Suresh, Dilani, Dulith



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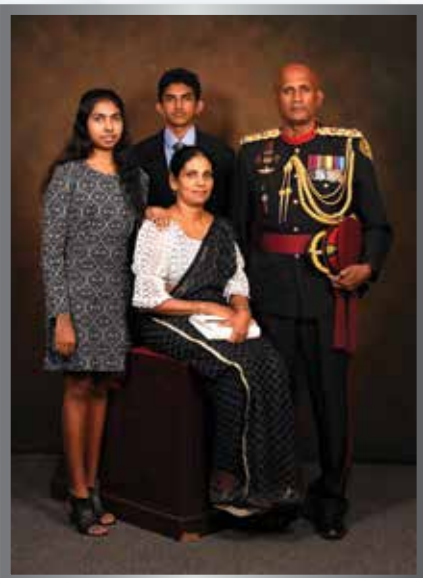
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Savanthi



Varuna , Sithara, Vishan,
Dineth



Janaka, Priyangi, Kisali,
Chanul



Rajith, Talatha, Deepaja



Pradeep, Nelum, Oneli,
Shethuli



NAVY



Hasantha, Roshini, Vishwa,
Nadun



Dhanesh, Arosha, Dinara, Siluni



Pradeep, Shamindika,
Amadie, Anumi



Janaka, Dinushika, Januli, Thisas



Nilanka, Kumudu, Induwara,
Isira



Ravi , Anosha, Minidu,
Venidu, Tevidu



Achala , Avanti, Chirathma,
Vinuk, Anuhas



Indika, Wimarshi, Taviru, Anjalee



AIR FORCE



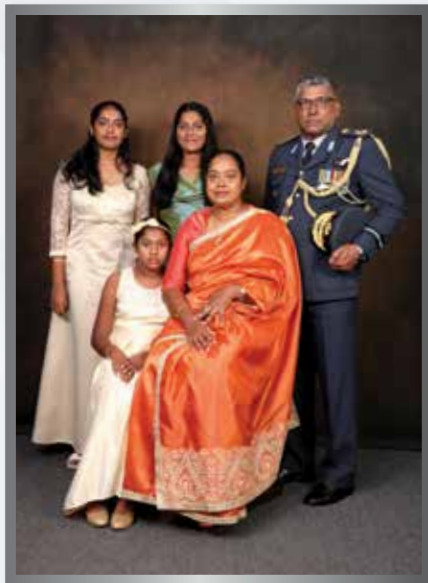
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Gavesh, Isali



Hiyumal, wasana, Sanulya



Harsha, Sunethra, Sulana,
Dinansa



Damian, Inoka, Onela, Orin,
Dymphna



Sujeewa, Nadeeja, Yasindu,
Yasindya



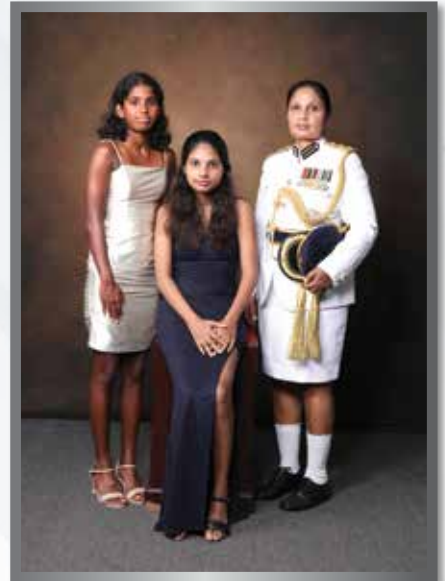
POLICE



Pavithra, Chamalee



Manjula, Amalika, Manthuja,
Amedalee



Darshika, Thamasha, Anuthmi



Kelum, Achini, Thishakya,
Sanaya



Asanka, Shashika, Adeepa



Madara, Nishantha, Sethumi,
Hirushi



OPENING ADDRESS

Commandant NDC addressed the Course Participants on 09th January 2023 at the NDC Auditorium





SEMESTER ONE

"Without strategy, execution is aimless. Without execution, strategy is useless"
- Morris Chang

In the wake of the colourful inauguration of the NDC, participants joined the college on 09th January 2023 to commence the academic journey. The opening address by the Commandant NDC provided an adequate insight and added weightage to the upcoming challenges of the course. The first capsule was the Introduction to Strategy and Policy. The main objective of the module was to stimulate strategic thinking in senior military/police officers to grapple with the complex interrelationship among policy, grand strategy and strategy that span in peace-war situations.

Concurrently, the Research Methodology module commenced with an objective of familiarizing participants with the basics of research, research process, research design and preparing research proposal.

It was followed by the Sri Lankan Studies module giving an overview of Sri Lankan history and national security whilst establishing a foundation for the course to further develop and understand the socio-political structure.

The fourth module of the semester was the Economic Security: Regional and Global Compulsions which provided a broader

knowledge on economic security and its relationship to national security.

The Exercise 'MASTER MIND', a major strategic planning exercise related to the Sri Lankan context, covering aspects of contemporary issues was conducted as a part of the National Security and Strategic Study (NS&SS) course curriculum.

Final module of the first semester was the science and technology module which was aimed at identifying the impacts of science and technology on society and national security.

During the first semester, course participants were taken on various research visits to Colombo National Museum, department of National Archives, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Colombo Dockyard, CHEC Port City Colombo, Bandaranaike International Airport and Sri Lanka Air Force, Base, Katunayake. Apart from the academic and social activities, course participants and their spouses got a golden opportunity to have an excursion to Trincomalee Naval Base during the latter part of the semester. During the visit, participants were able to visit the Naval Museum, Pigeon Island, Nilaweli Beach. In addition, course participants were taken on a number of local study visits.













MSNS 1013

INTRODUCTION TO STRATEGY AND POLICY

The Introduction to Strategy and Policy module was conducted from 09th January 2023 to 23rd February 2023.



RAdm YN Jayarathne (Retd)



Maj Gen Udaya Perera (Retd)



RAdm Sisira Jayakody (Retd)



AVM AWE Wijesuriya (Retd)



Dr. Pulsara Liyanage



RAdm RAPP Rathnayake



Prof. WI Siriweera



Dr. Asantha Senevirathna



Dr. Barak Salmoni



Dr. George Cooke



Dr. Sanath De Silva



Maj Gen Vijitha Ravipriya (Retd)



Dr. Harinda Vidanage



Mr. Arun Dawson



AVM Dr. Arjun Subramaniam (Retd)



Dr. Ansar Jamil



Dr. Upali Rajapakse



Dr. Dayan Jayatilaka



Mr. Ameen Izzadeen



Dr. S Baskaran



Gen Daya Ratnayake (Retd)



Air Cdre Manoj Keppetipola



Module Presentations Syndicate - 01



Cmde HK Dassanaik



Brig WMAB Wijekoon

Cmde HK Dassanaik

Cmde KMMP Karunathilake



Brig TCMGST Cooray



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MSNS 1044

ECONOMIC SECURITY: REGIONAL AND GLOBAL COMPULSIONS

The Economic Security module was conducted from 17th April 2023 to 24th May 2023.



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MSNS 1054 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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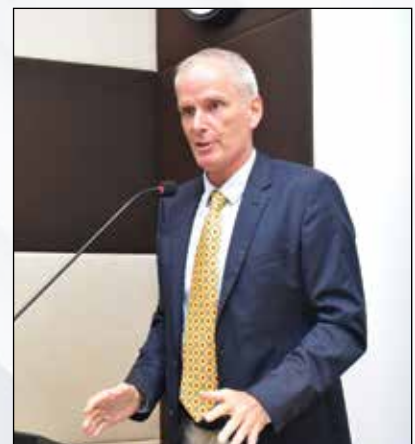
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ICE BREAKER

The 'Ice Breaker' was held on 13th January 2023 at the NDC premises to welcome all the Course Participants by the Faculty.







NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

'Sinhala Hindu Aluth Avurudda' new year celebration was held on 17th April 2023 with the participation of the Commandant, the faculty, course participants and all ranks of the NDC.





LOCAL STUDY VISIT TO TRINCOMALEE

The course participants along with their spouses had an opportunity of visiting the strategic naval command at Naval Dockyard, Trincomalee from 19th to 22nd April 2023. During the study tour, various educational and interactive sessions were organized in line with the NDC course curriculum. To enhance the strategic thinking and to get first-hand information about the role and the task of the prestigious Eastern Command of the Sri Lanka Navy. Onboard visits to the capital ships, naval museum, comprehensive presentations and excursions in the Pigeon Island were considered as unforgettable events during the visit.

















EXERCISE **MASTER MIND**

The Ex-Master Mind was conducted on 19th and 20th June 2023. This non-traditional security (NTS) centric exercise was intended to provide course participants an opportunity to exercise and enhance their skills in analyzing NTS issues.





LOCAL VISITS

Local visits to premier economic hubs and modern technological institutions were organized for the course participants during the first semester as a part of the training in the academic discipline of Security and Strategic Studies. Accordingly, course participants were taken on various research visits to Colombo National Museum, Department of National Archives, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Colombo Dockyard PLC, CHEC Port City Colombo, Bandaranaike International Airport and Sri Lanka Air Force, Base, Katunayake.

COLOMBO NATIONAL MUSEUM

The Course participants visited Colombo National Museum on 14th March 2023.





DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The Course Participants visited **Department of National Archives** on 14th March 2023.





SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

The Course Participants visited **Sri Lanka Ports Authority** on 11th May 2023.



COLOMBO DOCKYARD

The Course Participants visited Colombo Dockyard PLC on 11th May 2023.





CHEC PORT CITY COLOMBO

The Course Participants visited CHEC Port City Colombo on 18th May 2023.





BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Course Participants visited **Bandaranaike International Airport** on 06th June 2023.





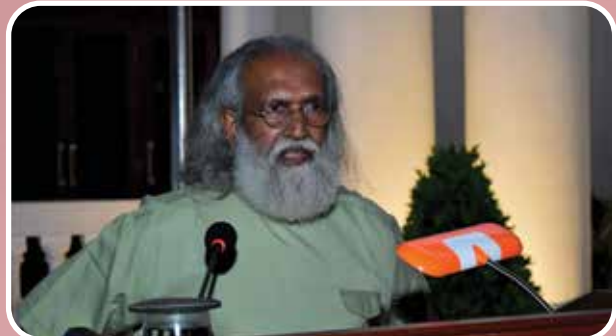
SRI LANKA AIR FORCE BASE KATUNAYAKE

The Course Participants visited Sri Lanka Air Force Base Katunayake on 06th June 2023.



DINERS' CLUB

At the invitation of the Commandant NDC, Prof. Emeritus Sarath Kotagama, delivered a speech on the topic of 'The Role of India in Managing the Emerging Strategic Trends in the IOR' on 22nd March 2023.





SEMESTER TWO

The second semester commenced on 04th July 2023 with the International Security module. The module examines; the sources of international security, global conflicts, regional conflicts, statecraft, crisis management, and regional security, complex security issues that exist along the continuum between war and peace. Further, analysis on the dynamics of international security environment, shaping of national security strategies, current and emerging transnational as well as regional security threats, challenges from international actors and international influences on the formulation of regional and national security strategies.

The second module of the semester was Geopolitics and Strategy which had a focus on the understanding of geo-strategic perspectives with respect to national, regional and global contexts over different aspects of critical importance to national security. An interactive process to conduct a critical analysis of local, regional and global strategic issues, changes in the post-WWII world political order and understand its impact on national interest and national security was included in this module.

NDC concluded the International Collaborative Study Package which was scheduled as per the annual course curriculum. The study package comprised of two delegations to India and Pakistan. The aim of the visits was to gain strategic exposure and insight on both the countries higher levels with selected Ministries and Institutions by senior officers of Tri - Services and Police as the future leaders in respective services. During the visit both the delegations had opportunities to have cordial discussions on matters on mutual interests in the regional and global security interests.

The final module of the second semester was National Security and Policy. The main

objective of this module was to offer a theoretical and conceptual understanding of major strategic issues under discussion, to make the students aware of National Defence/Security from a theoretical and conceptual framework, to critically examine existing national security structures and miscellaneous factors and to provide an opportunity to construct national security policy by analysing threats, strengths, vulnerabilities and opportunities. During this module, course participants were able to broaden their horizons on the subject by interacting with eminent scholars and expertise including the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and Commanders of armed forces of Sri Lanka.











MSNS 2064 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The International Security module was conducted from 04th July 2023 to 02nd August 2023.



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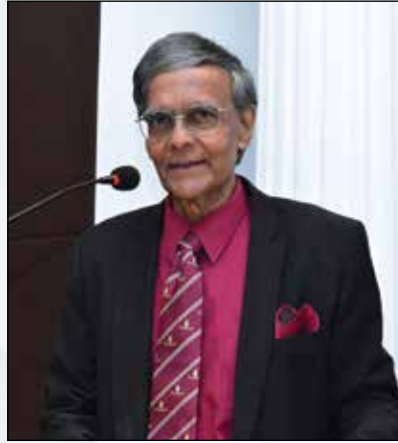
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MSNS 2074 GEOPOLITICS AND STRATEGY

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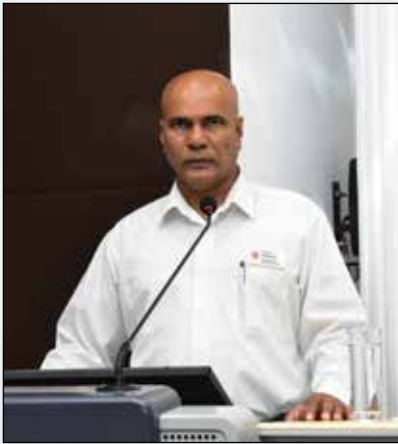
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MSNS 2084 NATIONAL SECURITY AND POLICY

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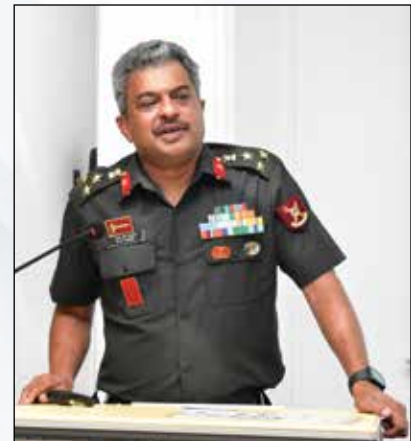
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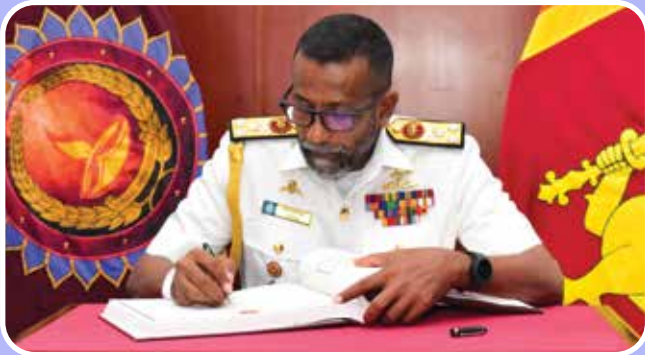
ADDRESS BY THE HIERARCHY

At the culmination of the National Security and Policy module, the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd) delivered a speech on the title of 'National Security Strategic Decision Making Structure in Sri Lanka' on 10th November 2023. The Chief of Defence Staff General Shavendra Silva, Commander of the Army Lieutenant General Vikum Liyanage, Commander of the Navy Vice Admiral Priyantha Perera and Commander of the Air Force Air Marshal Udeni Rajapaksa addressed the course participants on the respective departmental concerns on National Security in sequent, prior to the culmination.













SYMPOSIUMS

KDU INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE - 7th & 8th SEPTEMBER 2023

Achieving Resilience through Digitalization, Sustainability and Sectoral Transformation



AIR SYMPOSIUM - 9th & 10th OCTOBER 2023

Fostering Shared Air Interests in the IOR: Geopolitical Cooperation, Complexities and Compulsions





GALLE DIALOGUE - 12th & 13th OCTOBER 2023

Emerging New Order in the Indian Ocean





NDC RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The NDC Research Symposium was held at the Auditorium of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Ratmalana on 02nd November 2023 under the theme of 'Strategizing Security Challenges in a Dynamic Environment'. The Commander of the Navy Vice Admiral Priyantha Perera graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and the keynote address was delivered by His Lordship Justice Yasantha Kodagoda, President's Counsel, Judge of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.







NDC RESEARCH JOURNAL LAUNCH

The Research Journal of 2022 was launched on 14th July 2023 at the second dinners club of the college with the presence of the Chairman University Grants Commission (UGC) Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunge under the theme of on 'Business Fluctuations in Sri Lanka'.



DINERS' CLUB

At the invitation of the Commandant NDC, Minister of Foreign Affairs Honourable MUM Ali Sabry PC, MP delivered a speech on the topic of 'Emerging Geopolitical Landscape Relevant to Sri Lanka' on 31st August 2023.



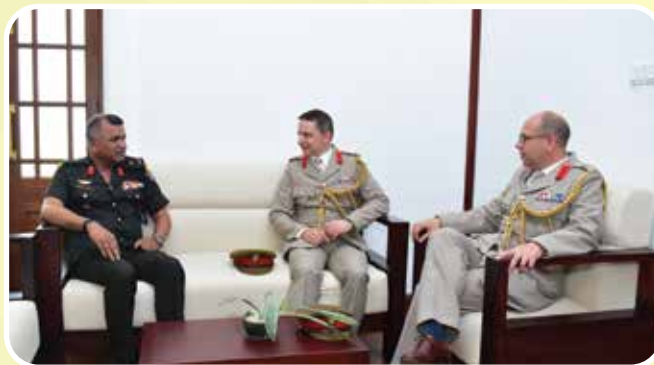
At the invitation of the Commandant NDC, a distinguished group of Sri Lankan war veterans attended the event. Major General Udaya Perera (Retd) delivered a speech on the topic of 'Decoding the three decades of Sri Lankan conflict: Unravelling strategic insights' on 19th October 2023.





FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TO NDC

The delegations from NDC Nigeria, NDC India, NDU People's Republic of China, US Army Pacific command and Kings College London visited to NDC. Additionally the Chief of the Air Staff India and the Commandant NDC Bangladesh also visited and had a interactions with Course Participants.







INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE STUDY PACKAGE

Sri Lankan NDC Delegation visited Pakistan to gain exposure, expertise ideas and better understanding on functions of Indian military establishments.





Sri Lankan NDC Delegation visited India to gain exposure, expertise ideas and better understanding on functions of Indian military establishments.





FACILITIES AT NDC

NDC comprises a state-of-the-art auditorium, syndicate rooms, a library with versatile literature related to strategic studies and an officers' mess. In addition, they are provided with luxury accommodation on shared basis, which includes a modern gym.





BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays of all Course Participants were celebrated as per the NDC tradition at the officers' mess during the morning tea break with the participation of the faculty.





FAREWELL CELEBRATIONS

Posting out of the faculty members were celebrated befitting the military traditions.





SOCIAL EVENTS

Leisure activities, excursions, , promotion party and other events were held by the course participants throughout the course which enhanced the camaraderie.





DINNER HOSTED BY THE COMMANDER OF THE ARMY

The Faculty, Course Participants and their Ladies were hosted by the Commander of the Army at the Army Headquarters on 15th November 2023.







DINNER HOSTED BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE

The Faculty, Course Participants and their Ladies were hosted by the Inspector General of Police at the Senior Police Officers' Mess on 16th November 2023.





DINNER HOSTED BY THE COMMANDER OF THE NAVY

The Faculty, Course Participants and their Ladies were hosted by the Commander of the Navy at the Western Naval Command Wardroom on 17th November 2023.







GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Graduation Ceremony of the NDC Course No. 02 was held on 21st November 2023 at the Eagles Lakeside premises of Air Force - Attidiya. Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.











CLOSING ADDRESS

Closing Address by the Commandant was conducted on 23rd November 2023 at the NDC Auditorium.

