

5 November 2012 HONOLULU - **Mr. Sau Niulala, Senior Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, Tonga Customs Service, from Nuku'alofa, graduated Wednesday, October 31 from the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies "Executive Course: Advanced Security Cooperation"**



**on" course. Niulala received his certificate from Dean of Academics, College of Security Studies, Ambassador (Ret.) Lauren Kahea Moriarty.**

Niulala joined 92 other senior civilian and military leaders from 34 countries, and one international organization who attended the 4 ½-week course to study regional security.

Attending the regional security course were representatives from: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Timor-Leste, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Palau, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, United States, Vanuatu, Vietnam and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The Executive Course focus is on building relationships among mid-career leaders and decision makers within the region. Its curriculum emphasizes the non-war fighting aspects of security and international relations, and challenges Fellows to develop regional and transnational perspectives. Security is examined as a comprehensive mix of political, economic, social, military, diplomatic, information and ecological dimensions and how they affect the stability and security of the region.

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies is a Department of Defense academic institute that addresses regional and global security issues. Military and civilian representatives, most from the U.S. and Asia-Pacific nations, participate in a comprehensive program of executive education, professional exchanges and outreach events, both in Hawaii and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The Center supports the U.S. Pacific Command by developing and sustaining relationships among security practitioners and national security establishments throughout the region. Its mission is to build capacities and communities of interest by educating, connecting, and empowering security practitioners to advance Asia-Pacific security. It is one of the Department of Defense's five regional security studies centers.

Since opening in 1995, APCSS has had representatives from 104 countries and territories, and four international organizations attend courses at the Center for a total of 6,924 alumni.

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