

NEWSLETTER

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Meeting with HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand

An opportunity for ACPC to continue to work in the region

On August 16 2012 at the Royal Thai Embassy, Canberra , ACPC President Admiral Chris Barrie and Chairman Master Peter Norman met HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand who is the Chairperson of the 21st Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.



HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol

HRH was accompanied by a delegation from Thailand who were visiting Australia.

The delegation included Mr Adisak Panupong, Advisor to the Chairperson of the 21st Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) Mr Chulasingh Vasantasingh, Attorney General of Thailand, Dr Kittipong Kittayarak , Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, Ms Santanee Ditsayabut, Provincial Chief Public Prosecutor attached to the Office of the Attorney General, and Mr Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee Justice Officer Senior Professional Level of the Office of Justice Affairs Ministry of Justice.

The meeting was also attended by His Excellency Mr Maris Sangiampongsa Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to Australia, and other Justice Ministry and

Embassy Staff.

HRH had earlier visited the Australian Institute of Criminology.

Admiral Barrie and Master Norman reported on the history of ACPC, its goals and activities , of previous contacts with representatives of Thailand, and on ACPC's interest in sharing crime prevention information in the Asia -Pacific region. Copies of the reports of ACPC's 2007 and 2011 International Forums and the latest Newsletter were provided.



Admiral Barrie, Master Norman and Princess Mahidol

ACPC's delegation was informed that Thailand is establishing an Institute of Justice which will be an international centre of excellence in training criminal justice officials, and for research on women's corrections and criminal justice education for the rule of law.

This meeting was an important opportunity to continue ACPC's work in engaging with crime prevention practitioners in the region. Correspondence has continued with representatives of the delegation following the meeting.

ACPC Participation in a Crime Prevention Assist Database Roundtable

Sharing crime prevention information

ACPC attended a "Crime Prevention Assist" Roundtable held in Canberra on 17 October 2012 and convened by the Australian Institute of Criminology to discuss the sharing of crime prevention information between agencies and individuals in a website service "CP ASSIST".

Crime Prevention ASSIST has been established to improve crime prevention knowledge transfer and to enhance the skills and capacity of those engaged in crime prevention to more effectively manage and evaluate their work. This is being achieved through three service delivery areas:

- production of applied crime prevention resources
- training and professional development in crime prevention practice
- contracted research and evaluation associated with crime prevention.

The work of Crime Prevention ASSIST builds on crime prevention theory and the best available evidence about good practice in crime prevention.

The Roundtable was convened by Dr Adam Tomison, Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology. Other attendees included representatives of the AIC, of the Sydney Institute of Criminology, of the Australian Federal Police, the Department of Attorney



Dr Adam Tomison

General and Justice NSW, SA Police, NSW Police, Queensland Police Service, WA Police, Australia and New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency, Australian new Zealand Crime Prevention Senior Officers Group, Victims Services NSW, Designing Out Crime

Research Centre, Crime Stoppers NSW, and local government bodies including Bankstown City Council, Burwood Council, City of Casey, Shire of Yarra Ranges, the City of Cockburn and the Town of Victoria Park

ACPC was represented by President Admiral Chris Barrie and SA Executive member and OARS CEO Leigh Garrett.

The Roundtable recognized that practitioners wanted information that was relevant and useful to them and that information sharing played a big role in this regard. An online community was a good idea for practitioners to be able to ask specific questions about challenges they were facing.

It was suggested that the proposed CP ASSIST might benefit by including a database of what other practitioners were doing and providing a link to their contact details. This could enable a practitioner to connect with other practitioners who were implementing (or had implemented) similar initiatives to share experiences, knowledge and resources.

It should be kept relevant and timely by providing resources on current media topics. The topics focussing on issues that communities were concerned about would help generate interest in a web portal.

It was suggested that there should be capacity to search for CP ASSIST resource sheets by topic as well as numerically.

CP ASSIST's audience needed to be carefully considered when developing the web portal and accompanying resources. It was recognised that practitioners could have diverse backgrounds and may require different levels of detail or resources to assist them in crime prevention. The current resources, which were principally designed for an audience relatively unfamiliar with crime prevention, were considered appropriate. However, more consideration could be given

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to developing resources for more experienced practitioners.

It was also suggested that the resources could be better targeted by sub-dividing the resources into practitioner audiences, for example, having two separate step-by-step guides for police and local government on a common issue like alcohol-related violence. This could also take into account different practitioners in diverse communities.

While CP ASSIST would focus on practitioners, it was suggested that it should also consider providing content to assist policy makers. This would be particularly useful in cases where recurring problems (eg alcohol related violence) had not been addressed, even though evidence-based strategies could be employed.

The content of the web portal was beneficial, but there should also be content that was practical for the policing community. In

particular, there might be sensitivities with certain police and/or practitioner content that might not be appropriate for publication in the broader community.

The Roundtable discussed associated issues including the selection of content, marketing, the exploration of online training modules, feedback, and accessibility.

Many attendees offered further assistance and advice in the development of CP ASSIST. And it was agreed that a Summary of the roundtable discussion would be sent to all participants and those that could not make it.

It was resolved that the AIC will continue to liaise with stakeholders to develop the web portal and on line content. Particular focus would be on identifying the key audience and determining any online content restrictions.

More information concerning CP ASSIST can be found at <http://cpassist.aic.gov.au/>

Meeting Between the ACPC and Representatives of the Ministry of Public Security, Socialist Republic of Vietnam

ACPC keen to open dialogue on crime prevention initiatives

ACPC Chairman Master Peter Norman and National Secretary Ms Astrid Macleod attended a meeting in Hanoi on 11 October 2012 with Major General Dr Do Kim Tuyen, Deputy Director General, General Department of Police on Crime Prevention and Suppression, of the Ministry of Public Security, Vietnam, and other representatives of that Department including senior members of the Vietnam Police Force.

Those attending the meeting included Major Le Hoang Duong, Deputy Chief of Division 3, International Cooperation Department, and Mr Dinh Manh Cung, Expert, in that section.

The meeting commenced with a welcome by Maj Gen Tuyen.

Master Norman outlined the history and role of ACPC. He identified its office holders

including President Admiral Chris Barrie and its representation in the states and territories of Australia. He said that ACPC was a voluntary organisation which did not undertake crime prevention programs itself but which acted as a catalyst for community action.

He spoke of successful crime prevention projects in Australia including the role of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council in reducing car



Major General Dr Do Kim Tuyen

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theft and other initiatives including the Pathways to Prevention project, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Guidelines and Planning Controls, and the Prevention of Alcohol related crime for licensed venues.

He stressed the importance and benefits of sharing effective crime prevention measures and the initiatives of ACPC in organizing seminars and conferences at local and national levels over the last fifty years.

He also spoke of the involvement of other jurisdictions in the region in this information-sharing process and particularly of the two very successful international conferences organized by ACPC in the last seven years. These included the Conference held in Townsville, Queensland in 2007 with delegates from the Pacific region, and the Adelaide Forum held in 2011 with delegates from thirteen jurisdictions in the Asian region.

He said that both of these conferences disclosed the diversity of the problems faced by various countries in regard to crime prevention, but the matters in common on which information could be shared.

He provided to the delegation copies of the reports of these conferences, and ACPC's most recent Newsletter

He indicated that ACPC was keen to open dialogue with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on crime prevention initiatives and to establish and maintain contact in relation to future seminars conferences and Forums.

He also expressed interest in Vietnam's crime prevention programs and initiatives.

In response Maj Gen Tuyen indicated interest in these matters.

He said that the point of view of Vietnam, crime prevention was very important.

Vietnam's Crime Prevention initiative was led by Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc and a committee known as the Steering

Committee for National Crime prevention. Other members of the committee were drawn from the Ministries of Defence and Economics. The prosecution and courts played an important role.

A national program was in place to prioritise crime prevention in Vietnam. There was a need for good communication of laws and adequate forecasting of crime.

The Vietnamese government was determined to galvanise all areas for the prevention of crime, including the Vietnam Fatherland Front, political organizations and the entire population.

He said that in the Vietnamese government's program there were 3 main areas of focus:

- (a) that the risk to the social life of the community was recognised.
- (b) the rehabilitation of offenders was to be undertaken.
- (c) methods of fighting crime must be pursued.

Groups were organised in various areas by crime prevention officers. The government organised some programs, with reports to it on effective programs. All members of the community were represented and involved in these programs.

The mass media was also used to prevent crime.

He said that at all levels there were processes of the government to implement these programs, and crime prevention initiatives were widespread.

The process took advice from community meetings to promote crime prevention and facilitate community safety. This involved the role of the mass media, TV, and newspapers which advertised crime prevention programs. There were many such programs in place.

The Provinces had many committees in place

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to undertake this work and involved local committees for community safety.

Maj Gen Tuyen said that communication with the people was very important. This was carried out at a local level. Local people detected possible criminal acts. Women and students were used at the local level and they assisted with the implementation of the programs.

The government of Vietnam had organised many conferences with international as well as local representatives in fighting crime.

There was a formal program in place for crime prevention for 2013. Many citizens had received awards from the government for

crime prevention. Work was provided to stop recidivism and to return criminals back to normal life. The government provided funds for this.

At the conclusion of the meeting Maj Gen Tuyen answered some questions.

Presentations were made and photographs were taken. It was indicated that Mr Cuong would be the contact person between ACPC and the Ministry.

ACPC expresses its appreciation to Mr Mick Symons, Mr Nguyen Quang Trung of the Embassy of Vietnam, Australia, and Detective Superintendent Richard Terry, AFP Hanoi office, for their assistance in facilitating the meeting.

Law Enforcement and Public Health International Conference

ACPC sponsor, partner and session convener in first International Conference

The Centre for Law Enforcement and Public Health [CLEPH] in Melbourne , Australia , is committed to pursuing projects and advancing knowledge in the joint fields of policing and other law enforcement and the many aspects of public health.

ACPC has , over a period of more than 50 years , embraced the fields of crime prevention , corrections , treatment and rehabilitation , mental health , policing and law enforcement , courts , criminal justice , community safety and other fields.

CLEPH and ACPC are two non-government agencies with similar aims and objectives.

The similarities are such that it was not surprising that , when the First International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health [LEPH 2012] was convened in Melbourne , Australia , between 11 and 14 November 2012 , ACPC agreed to be a sponsor, partner and session convener.

The objective of the session convened by ACPC was " to determine the contribution of public health to crime prevention and how it can be optimized ethically " .

The Chair was Andrew Wilson AM , past National President of ACPC , Auxiliary Judge of the District Court of South Australia and Adjunct Professor at RMIT University , Melbourne.

The Co-ordinator and a principal Presenter was Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron , Senior Researcher at the Institute of Law Enforcement Studies , University of Tasmania , and a member of the National Executive of ACPC , whose topic was 'Dismantling the Silos: consolidating knowledge-sharing and partnerships between law enforcement , law and medicine'.

Other Presenters were Vivien Carli of the International Centre for Prevention of Crime

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based in Montreal , Canada ; Kerry Walker , Director of the Neighbourhood Justice Centre in Victoria ; and Richard Bent , Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Canadian Urban Research Studies , Simon Fraser University , Canada .

The session convened by ACPC was the best attended session of the afternoon . Isabelle's and Vivien's presentations were very much in

tune with one another ; they formulated the idea of creating 'observatories' for crime prevention aimed at keeping track of crime prevention initiatives and any evaluation thereof.

Support was voiced for a Second International Conference on Law Enforcement to be held in 2013 or 2014 with crime prevention being a full stream and/or being the subject-matter of a plenary session.

Local Government Community Safety and Crime Prevention Network

NSW Community Safety Officers to meet quarterly

Community Safety Officers from across New South Wales have established a Network. This Network provides an opportunity for information, programs and issues to be shared across local government area boundaries. The Network meets on a quarterly basis and is becoming an important forum for local

government Community Safety Officers to discuss relevant issues. The Network is hosting its first conference in March 2013. This conference will provide an opportunity to local crime prevention and community safety projects to be showcased.

Sydney Institute of Criminology (University of Sydney)

Crime prevention research projects

A small team from the Sydney Institute of Criminology has been working on numerous crime prevention research projects. These projects include an evaluation of a public space closed circuit television system; the prevention of crime and safety issues in a central business district; the role of local government Community Safety Officers; crime risk assessments in New South Wales; and how local government planning officers consider crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) in the development process. These research projects have yielded some of the following publications, with others in production:

- Clancey, G, Lee, M, & Crofts, T, '“We're not Batman” – Roles and Expectations of Local Government Community Safety Officers in New South Wales' (2012) 14(4) Crime Prevention and Community Safety: An International Journal 235-257
- Clancey, G, Fisher, D & Lee, M, 'Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and the New South Wales Crime Risk Assessment Guidelines: A Critical Review' (2012) 14(1) Crime Prevention and Community Safety: An International Journal 1-15

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- Clancey, G, Lee, M & Fisher, D 'Do Crime Risk Assessment Reports Measure Crime Risks?' (2011) 23(2) Current Issues in Criminal Justice 235-254
- Clancey, G, 'Are we Still 'Flying Blind'? Crime Data and Local Crime Prevention in New South Wales' (2011) 22(3) Current Issues in Criminal Justice 491-500

Further to these research activities, the Institute is hosting the next meeting of the Local Government Community Safety and Crime Prevention Network and has hosted numerous training and professional developments in the last 12 months, including a Complex Needs Conference, a Comparative CPTED

conference and an Essentials of Crime Prevention workshop (in association with the Australian Institute of Criminology). The Institute will be hosting the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology conference in 2014, which will provide a good opportunity for those interested in crime prevention to gather in Sydney, and other professional development events are currently being planned for 2013.

The Institute is also assisting the Local Government Community Safety and Crime Prevention Network by hosting their research briefing papers, which can be found through the link below

<http://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/handle/2123/8637/simple-search?query=crime+prevention>

Praise for Singapore's National Crime Prevention Council

Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore praises volunteers

The National Crime Prevention Council of Singapore was praised recently by Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean for the work of its volunteers. The Council was represented at ACPC's Asia Pacific Forum in 2011 and hosted an International Crime prevention Conference in 2011 attended by ACPC Executive members,

In a report in the "Straits Times" Newspaper of 14 October 2012, Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean paid tribute to 42 long serving volunteers, some of whom had served for more than 25 years.

He said that they had played a role in keeping Singapore safe.

The volunteers were acknowledged at a lunch held in Singapore on 13 October 2012.

Mr Teo said that the ministry needed the community to partner it in keeping Singapore safe, secure, and cohesive. He referred to 30 boards, councils and committees under the Ministry for Home Affairs.

These included Singapore's National Crime Prevention Council.

Forthcoming International Conference - Broadening Restorative Perspectives

17 to 19 June 2013 in Melbourne



Restorative Practices International, in partnership with the Victorian Association for Restorative Justice (VARJ) and the Neighbourhood Justice Center (NJC) will hold a 4th International Conference "Broadening Restorative Perspectives; An International Conference" in Melbourne between Monday, 17 June 2013 to Wednesday, 19 June 2013 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The Conference will examine what will turn good practice into common practice and is designed for people working in schools, in justice, with families and in workplace relations.

Registration details can be obtained at

<http://wired.ivvy.com/event/RJcon>

A conference brochure is available at

<https://www.rpiassn.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/BRP-Flyer-Oct-20121.pdf>