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The Year 2017

The Year 2017 saw some positive highlights in counter-terrorism efforts, particularly against the threat posed by Daesh. Throughout the year, Daesh suffered significant territorial and human losses due to persistent joint military operations in Iraq and Syria. This subsequently led to the declaration of the end of the war against Daesh in December. That notwithstanding, looking beyond the physical territorial control of the so-called "Islamic State", Daesh, however, has managed to leave its mark on countries across the globe, sending shockwaves to the international community throughout the year.

Numerous vehicle rampage terrorist attacks had taken place globally in 2017, claimed mostly by Daesh. From the van attack in Jerusalem, which took the lives of four on 8 January, to the Westminster Bridge van attack that left five dead on 22 March. From the beer truck that ploughed into a department store in Sweden, leaving four dead on 7 April, to the van attack in London that killed seven people on 3 June, and followed by another van attack in the same city on 20 June.

Not forgetting Daesh's ability to gain cheap publicity through merciless terror plots, a bomb blast at the pop star, Arianna Grande's concert in Manchester on 22 May left 22 concert-goers killed. On 9 August, a man rammed his car into an anti-terrorism soldier in Paris. In neighbouring Spain, dual vehicle attacks were witnessed, with a van driving into a crowd along Las Ramblas and a car driving into pedestrians in Cambrils on 18 August.

Across the Atlantic, a truck mowed down people on a cycling path, killing eight, along West Street in New York City on 1 November. This was among the few attacks conducted by Daesh on American soil in 2017. In an attempt to stay relevant, Daesh also claimed the Las Vegas mass shooting, which took the lives of 59 people on 3 October, despite the fact that authorities found no solid links between the perpetrator and the terrorist group. This is common for Daesh to persistently exhibit its ability to influence individuals in the west to conduct atrocities and incite fear.

In Southeast Asia, Daesh's influence and threat were even bigger and devastating. As military operations to reclaim physical territory from Daesh continued in the Middle East, the battle for Marawi took centre stage in Southeast Asia. Daesh's territorial expansion strategy in 2017 targeted Marawi with the intention of establishing a stronghold in its "East Asia *wilayah*". The regional community witnessed a six-month long battle between the Philippines security authorities and the militants. The aftermath of the battle left Marawi devastated with its city resembling war-torn Syria, when President Duterte declared its liberation in October.

In retrospect, the Marawi siege could not have happened without key terrorists, namely the infamous "emir", Isnilon Hapilon, the Maute brothers, i.e., Omar Maute and Abdullah Maute, as well as Dr. Mahmud Ahmad, who are all now believed to be dead. Dr. Mahmud was one of the most wanted Malaysian militants for channelling USD $600,000 worth of funds to terrorist groups and who coordinated attacks in Marawi. His role as the main financier and recruiter was an eye opener for Malaysia. His key involvement in the conflict signalled that Daesh had successfully sent its message that it possessed the power and influence to penetrate Malaysia, which is a "peaceful", "rich" and "stable" Muslim-majority country.

The incidents in Marawi and other parts of the world have clearly shown that sustained military operations against the Daesh headquarters had not dampened its activities. The unpleasant reality is that Daesh is unlike other terrorist organisations. Its unconventional organisational structure has allowed the group to operate in a more de-centralised manner, as well as for smaller cells to run on a more flexible network. Therefore, Daesh continued to be the major global threat in 2017 due to its ability to adapt and mutate into small dispersed cells, hibernate while discretely masterminding small and large-scale attacks around the world.

Furthermore, it is imperative to recognise how fluid terrorist groups are in adapting to counter-terrorism efforts. As Daesh lost its physical territorial control, the next step for the group may be to move its focus on the process of crystallisation of its ideology within the existing groups of sympathisers through aggressive online propaganda campaigns. This could attract more sympathisers and lead to the recruitment of supporters. Therefore, without dismissing the encouraging results from military operations, perhaps it is a little too early to be underestimating Daesh's threat level in the coming years. What has been learnt is that the physical battle is not a complete representation of the actual threat.

In Malaysia, the terrorist threat was still very much present in 2017 despite not having been attacked with the exception of the Movida incident in 2016. Realising Daesh's potential threat and its ability to garner support and gain recruits in the country, Malaysia is committed to address this threat through a multifaceted approach. Malaysia has been rigorous and steadfast in its hard-power response to terrorism and violent extremism in the country.

In 2017, The Royal Malaysia Police (RMP) Counter-Terrorism Unit had conducted approximately 106 terror-related arrests, similar to 119 arrests in 2016. Furthermore, the RMP was successful in thwarting 19 terrorist plots since 2013. The RMP also managed to detect and intercept several large-scale terrorist plots during its planning stages, such as plans

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to disrupt the Merdeka Day celebrations on 31 August, the 19th SEA Games closing ceremony and the Kuala Lumpur Beer Festival.

Other approaches included blocking of websites and suspending accounts belonging to Daesh and its supporters. This was done through the rigorous monitoring of websites, forums, and various social media accounts with the support and cooperation among various competent agencies in the country.

As a strong believer that hard power responses alone against any form of threat to national security, including terrorism and violent extremism, is not enough, Malaysia has also strengthened its soft-power approaches in dealing with such a threat. Malaysia is currently at the forefront of utilising counter-messaging in debunking terrorist rhetoric online and offering alternative narratives through the establishment of the King Salman Centre for International Peace (KSCIP), the RMP's Counter Messaging Centre (CMC) and the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism's Digital Strategic Communications Division (SEARCCT - DSCD).

This counter-messaging initiative aims to complement the on-going counter-terrorism efforts by focusing on the development of 'mental firewalls' among the population, particularly among the youth and other vulnerable groups, in order to prevent them from being influenced by extremist ideologies. In 2017, SEARCCT, through DSCD, developed over 250 unique digital counter narratives products, ranging from digital banners, animated GIFs, digital comics, and short videos, subsequently disseminated over a number of social media platforms within the local context, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The digital counter or alternative messages propagated by SEARCCT touched on a range of issues - from raising awareness among parents of youth that could be vulnerable to radicalisation, to attacking the myths of masculinity associated with the romanticised notion of *Jihad*, to using figures and images from popular culture, as well as traditional poetry, to satirise and undermine the efforts of Daesh.

Realising that getting the right messengers or "voices" are of utmost importance to disseminate the counter messages effectively, SEARCCT has also embarked on creating a 'Network of Messengers' in 2017. This network hopes to rope in relevant individuals and parties at all levels, including government agencies, civil society organisations (CSOs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), educators, and religious experts, among others.

Also realising that the youth are often being targeted by terrorist groups to be radicalised and recruited, SEARCCT enhanced its engagement programme with this age group, particularly among

undergraduates. From awareness programmes, SEARCCT had introduced specifically-designed capacity-building programmes for undergraduates to enhance knowledge and develop skills on the subject of countering violent extremism (CVE), with digital media platforms as a key feature. Two programmes, i.e, 'the Student Leaders against Youth Extremism and Radicalisation' (SLAYER) and 'the Workshop against Violent Extremism (WAVE)' were held in April and October, respectively, with this objective.

Aside from its counter-messaging activities, 2017 continued to be a busy year for SEARCCT owing to overwhelming requests and demands for its capacity-building programmes. In total, 21 programmes were effectively conducted, including two new programmes and two international-level events. Out of the 21 programmes, seven were conducted with foreign collaborators, while nine were with local partners. Four of them were in-house programmes, and one programme was under the auspices of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP). In addition, two of SEARCCT's modules were incorporated into programmes organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR).

The two international events were jointly organised with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The first event was conducted under the framework of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), with the cooperation of Australia, entitled 'Countering On-Line Extremist Messaging Workshop' from 19 to 20 July 2017. The second event was organised under the ambit of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM), entitled 'Symposium on Countering Radicalisation' from 25 to 26 October 2017. This symposium was co-sponsored by several other member countries of ASEM.

As furtherance to SEARCCT's commitment to produce sustainable capacity-building programmes, three teams of trainers on the subject of Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (CIED), Terrorism Financing (TF), and Aviation Security were established in 2017. The main objective of the trainers' teams was to develop a pool of local experts that could assist SEARCCT in conducting future programmes. The trainers consist of officials from various government agencies and the private sector.

Aside from capacity-building programmes, SEARCCT also intensified its research activities on a few areas, such as countering terrorist narratives, undergraduate radicalisation and online recruitment. SEARCCT will publish a manual in early 2018 for university undergraduate leaders to counter the rhetoric of extremists, as well as to initiate, develop and implement CVE programmes for their fellow peers in the university environment. This project is a follow-up and "take away" from the outcome of the SLAYER and WAVE workshops.

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At the same time, SEARCCT will also continue its efforts to deliver the centre's findings both at the ministry, national and international levels through reports, lectures and presentations, as well as to conduct public awareness programmes, particularly at the undergraduate level.

Given the trans-national character of the issue, international cooperation is imperative in order to combat terrorism more effectively. Taking this into account, SEARCCT also collaborated with foreign governments, as well as regional and international organisations in conducting several of its capacity-building and research projects. Therefore, the success of SEARCCT's activities would not have been possible without the cooperation and support of both SEARCCT's local and international partners. In this respect, SEARCCT would like to express its sincere appreciation to all its partners, both local and international government and non-government agencies for their dedication in working hand in hand with SEARCCT to counter terrorism.

Soft-approach measures are just as important as hard-approach ones in dealing with terrorism and violent extremism. SEARCCT and its partners and counterparts recognise the many facets of counter-terrorism tactics and the need for these to be effective. The physical warfare may seem to be at a temporary standstill, but the ideological battle is far from over, as we grapple with setting the agenda in favour of the global community's determination and oratory against the scourge of terrorism.

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PLANNING AND TRAINING DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

The year 2017 continued to be a busy year for the Training and Planning Division of SEARCCT. Faced with limited resources, both in terms of manpower and finance, the demand for SEARCCT's training programmes remained high. In total, 21 programmes had been successfully conducted in 2017, including two new programmes and two workshops at the international level. Out of the 21 programmes, seven were conducted with foreign collaborators, while nine were with local partners. Four of them were in-house programmes, and one programme was under the auspices of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP). Two of SEARCCT's modules were incorporated into the programmes organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR).

As furtherance to the Centre's commitment in producing sustainable capacity building programmes, three teams of trainers for the subject of Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (CIED), Terrorism Financing (TF), and Aviation Security were established during the year. The aim of the initiative was to develop a pool of local experts that would assist SEARCCT in conducting its capacity building programmes in the future. The trainers consist of officials from various government agencies and the private sector. The related training programmes were carried out with the cooperation of SEARCCT's foreign partners.

The year under review also saw the enhancement of SEARCCT's youth engagement programme, particularly with undergraduates. From awareness programmes, SEARCCT introduced specifically-designed capacity building programmes for undergraduates to enhance their knowledge and skills on the subject of countering violent extremism (CVE). In this regard, SEARCCT conducted three programmes involving more than 100 undergraduate leaders from all over the country. These efforts were in line with SEARCCT's strategy to conduct more CVE-related programmes with youths, given their vulnerability to terrorist recruitment. The programmes not only exposed the undergraduates to the dangers of terrorism, radicalism and extremism, but also inspired them to contribute positively to society. The participants were taught how to develop and disseminate digital counter narrative products through their own social media platforms.

The two international events conducted in 2017 were jointly organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and SEARCCT. The first event was held under the framework of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), with the cooperation of Australia, entitled 'Countering On-Line Extremist Messaging Workshop' from 19 to 20 July 2017. The second event was organised under the ambit of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM), entitled 'Symposium on Countering Radicalisation' from 25 to 26 October 2017. Both events were held in Kuala Lumpur and received positive response

from the member countries of both ARF and ASEM, respectively.

In most of SEARCCT's training courses, the participants were guided to develop their Action Plans, Counter Narrative Digital Products, Check Lists or Group Discussion End Results as immediate outcomes of the programmes. These immediate outcomes served as a take away or deliverables for consideration by the participants' respective agencies.

The list of programmes organised by SEARCCT in 2017 appears in **ANNEX A.**

The year also saw the inclusion of a new member to the Division. Deputy Director, ASP Billy MacMiller from the RMP joined SEARCCT in October 2017, to replace ASP Hafizah Zainul, who left in June 2017.

BUDGET

At the beginning of 2017, the Division received a total budget of RM322,389.31. By the end of 2017, the total expenditure of the Division was RM318,879.91, or 95.80% of the total budget.

The Division also received funding from MTCP as well as from foreign collaborators. The financial support from external collaborators had helped SEARCCT to materialise its capacity building programmes in 2017.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of 1,056 participants attended SEARCCT's capacity building programmes in 2017. Out of the total participants, 118 were foreign nationals – mainly from the ASEAN member states, while the rest, 938, were local participants. Details of these international participants are summarised in the following table:

COUNTRIES	No. of Participants
ASEAN countries	
Brunei Darussalam	0
Cambodia	2
Indonesia	5
Lao People's Democratic Republic	4
Myanmar	2
Philippines	4
Singapore	5
Thailand	10
Viet Nam	5

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COUNTRIES	No. of Participants
OTHERS COUNTRIES	
Australia	6
Austria	1
Belgium	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Canada	1
China	7
Croatia	2
Czech Republic	1
Finland	3
France	4
Germany	1
Hungary	1
India	1
Ireland	1
Italy	2
Japan	5
Kazakhstan	2
Kenya	1
Madagascar	1
Mexico	1
Mongolia	1
Nepal	1
Netherlands	2
New Zealand	1
Norway	2
Pakistan	3
Palestine	2
Republic of Korea	3
Romania	3
Russian Federation	4
Sri Lanka	1
South Sudan	1
Swaziland	1
Switzerland	1
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern and Northern Ireland (UK)	2
United States of America (US)	2
ASEAN Secretariat	1
European Union	3

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The table of SEARCCT's participants by country/year is attached as **ANNEX B.**
The table of SEARCCT's participants by programme is attached as **ANNEX C.**

SEARCCT also continued to receive support from its local strategic partners, which include the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Ministry of Defence (MOD), the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC), the National Security Council, the Office of the Chief Government Security Officer (CGSO) of the Prime Minister's Department, the Royal Malaysia Police (RMP), the Malaysian Armed Forces, the Fire & Rescue Department, the Malaysian Prisons Department, the Immigration Department, the Royal Customs and Excise Department, the Civil Defence Department, the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), the Marine Department, the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), the Chemistry Department, the Atomic Energy Licensing Board (AELB), the Central Bank of Malaysia, as well as CyberSecurity Malaysia under the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation.

The continuous fostering of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) was also an important element of SEARCCT's counter terrorism programmes in 2017. During the year, SEARCCT had engaged with Telekom Malaysia Berhad, Petronas, Malaysia Airlines, Air Asia, Microsoft, Facebook and Google in various capacity building programmes.

The solid support, commitment and cooperation from both government and the private sector had undoubtedly contributed to the successful organisation of SEARCCT's capacity building and training programmes throughout the year.

FOREIGN SUPPORT AND COLLABORATORS

SEARCCT also maintained good relations and synergies with its foreign partners in 2017. SEARCCT had successfully conducted seven joint programmes, i.e., two training programmes each with Australia, New Zealand and the US, and one programme with France. Henceforth, 2018 will be another engaging year between SEARCCT and its foreign partners, based on the planning made at the end of 2017.

COLLABORATORS MEETING

A total of 56 officials from the relevant public and private sectors attended the Local Collaborators Brainstorming session, which was conducted at the end of November 2017. As the outcome of the session, a total of 23 capacity building programmes were proposed for implementation.

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In addition to new programmes, the session also discussed ways to improve several modules in SEARCCT's existing programmes. SEARCCT also received positive indications from Prasarana, Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) and Facebook on possible collaborations in 2018.

The Foreign Collaborators meeting was held subsequent to the local collaborators meeting. The meeting deliberated over 11 possible capacity building programmes to be conducted in 2018. The programmes consist of several modules on the topic of CVE, Counter Narratives, Maritime Security, Rehabilitation, Terrorism Financing and Counter Improvised Explosive Device.

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EVALUATION OF PROGRAMMES

SEARCCT had also introduced and implemented an online system to collect participants' feedback and evaluation at the completion of every course. The majority of participants gave an average of five out of seven, or 'good', in almost all of the areas evaluated. SEARCCT will continue to make further progress and necessary improvement in its future programmes and courses based on the feedback.

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i. Terrorist Threat Awareness Seminar for Telekom Malaysia Berhad

SEARCCT's first programme in 2017 was with Telekom Malaysia Bhd., entitled *Terrorism Threat Awareness Seminar for Telekom Malaysia Bhd.* (TM). It was held on 25 January 2017 at Menara Kuala Lumpur. A total of 90 TM Bhd. senior management officers attended the one-day seminar, including its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), YBhg. Tan Sri Zamzamzairani Mohd Isa. The seminar aimed to provide awareness and information on terrorism, as well as to enhance participants' knowledge on counter-terrorism measures and establish networks for future cooperation and collaboration between the private sector and government agencies.

Five speakers from relevant agencies were invited to deliver lectures according to a panel discussion format. They were: Senior Assistant Commissioner (SAC) Normah bt Ishak, Deputy Director of Special Branch Counter Terrorism Division, RMP; Tn. Haji Iszham Padil from INTAN Islamic Division; Mr Ruszaini Abd Karim, Director of Sensitive Areas, Chief Government Security Officer (CGSO); Lieutenant Colonel (R) Sazali Sukardi from CyberSecurity Malaysia; and Mr. Thomas Koruth Samuel, Director of Digital Strategic Communications Division of SEARCCT. The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Shazryll Zahiran, Deputy Director General of SEARCCT.

Among the topics discussed were, *'Current Status of the Terrorism Threat in Malaysia', 'The Threat from Daesh: The Islamic Perspective', 'Protection Of Telecommunication Infrastructure Againts Terrorist Attacks', 'Terrorism Challenges In The Communication Sector',* and *'Countering Terrorist Narratives'.* The seminar had enabled the participants to have a better understanding of various practical measures on countering Daesh in Malaysia, particularly in the telecommunication sector.

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ii. Cybersecurity: Protection of Critical Sectors Workshop

SEARCCT and CyberSecurity Malaysia, once again, co-organised a programme entitled *Cybersecurity: Protection of Critical Sectors Workshop* from 6 to 8 February 2017 in Seri Kembangan, Selangor. The workshop was attended by 32 participants from both the public and private sectors. It was the fifth collaboration between SEARCCT and CyberSecurity Malaysia. For this edition, the programme focused on issues of Cyber Terrorism, Cyber Security and Cyber Safety.

Among the topics delivered during the three-day workshop were *'Terrorism Threat in Malaysia'*, *'Cyber Terrorism: Definition, Threat and Challenges'*, *'Terrorist Use of the Internet'*, *'Case Study: Exploitation of the Internet by Daesh in Malaysia'*, and *'Narratives and Counter Narratives: The Battle against Daesh'*. Participants were also exposed to the hacking techniques and capabilities of Daesh during the lecture entitled *'Hacking: Dissecting Daesh's Digital Toolbox'*. There were also discussions on the ethical use of the Internet and the importance of educating Internet users to stay safe online. Participants also took part in the CyberSAFE Campaign conducted by CyberSecurity Malaysia.

During the workshop, participants visited the Digital Forensic and the Computer Emergency Response Team (MYCERT) Lab in CyberSecurity Malaysia. They were briefed on the roles, tasks and responsibilities of both labs. The workshop concluded with a Table Top exercise entitled *'Managing the Terrorists' Cyber Attacks'* aimed at enhancing pre, during and post cyber-attack inter-agency coordination.

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iii. Training of Trainers (ToT) Counter Terrorism Financial Investigation Workshop

SEARCCT's third capacity building programme for 2017 was the *Training of Trainers (ToT) Counter Terrorism Financial Investigation Workshop,* which was held from 20 to 24 February 2017 in Melaka. This programme was co-organised with the Australian High Commission in Malaysia, and also marked SEARCCT's 200th capacity building programme. The objectives of this ToT were to establish a team of local trainers in the field and to develop local modules on the subject of Terrorism Financing.

Fifteen participants from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Royal Malaysia Police, Attorney General's Chambers, Bank Negara Malaysia, Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia, Securities Commission and Labuan Financial Services Authority attended the workshop.

Throughout the five-day workshop, the Australian trainers from the Attorney General's Department and the Australian Federal Police guided the participants to develop lesson plans for the subjects of; *Overview of Terrorism Financing in Malaysia; Financial Intelligence; Terrorism Financing Legal Framework in Malaysia; Organisational Approach to Terrorism Financial Investigation; Terrorism Financing Typologies; Counter terrorism Financial Investigation; Terrorism Financing Case Studies and Terrorism Financing Hypothetical Exercise.*

The lectures, group discussion and presentations held throughout the workshop had helped participants to identify the objectives, outcomes and key-points of each of the modules that they developed. The newly established local trainers are expected to deliver their first training session in the second half of 2018.

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iv. Petronas CBRNE Awareness Programme for Petronas Auxiliary Police

SEARCCT's first programme with Petronas in 2017 was entitled *the Petronas CBRNE Awareness Programme*. It was held on 7 March, 2017 at Agro Bank Centre, Bangi. A total of 33 Petronas Auxiliary Police from all over Malaysia attended the programme. The objectives of the seminar were to provide awareness, as well as to enhance the knowledge and understanding of participants on CBRNE threats and incident response. The speakers and their topics for this seminar were Dr. Kevin Fernandez, SEARCCT, on *"Daesh 101"*, Mejar Shaifulnizam Abdul Kholid, Ministry of Defense on *"CBRNE Weapons"*, Mr. Muhammad Fauzi Ghazali, Chemistry Department on *"Chemical Agents"*, Insp. Nor Azmi from the Royal Malaysia Police on *"Basics of Explosives"*, Datuk Dr. Mohamed Alwi Hj Abd Rahman, Hospital Selayang, on *"Mass Casualty Incidents in CBRNE"* and Mr. Eirwan Hussin, Fire and Rescue Department on *"Decontamination Procedure and PPE Demonstration"*.

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v. Training of Trainers (ToT): Countering Improvised Explosive Devices (CIED)

SEARCCT and the New Zealand High Commission in Kuala Lumpur successfully co-organised the *Training of Trainers (ToT): Countering Improvised Explosive Devices (CIED) Workshop* in Kuala Lumpur from 13 to 17 March 2017. This programme was a continuation of the session organised in 2015, but with the specific aim to produce SEARCCT CIED Trainers. The workshop was attended by 20 participants from the Ministry of Defence and the Royal Malaysian Police who have sound knowledge in CIED. The objectives of this ToT were to establish a team of local trainers and to develop localised modules on the subject of CIED awareness.

Throughout this five-day workshop, a total of four bomb experts/trainers from the New Zealand Defence Forces and the New Zealand Police were brought in to share their knowledge and experience on the subject matter. The trainers also guided the participants to develop a plan of lessons on safe IED handling, search techniques and IED Awareness. Apart from basic IED knowledge, the trainers also exposed the participants to other related subjects, such as the coordinated incident management mechanism and its IED team arrival questioning format that is based on New Zealand's model. Under the trainers' close supervision, the participants carried out table top exercises in order to put their theoretical knowledge into practice at a nearby shopping complex. The lectures, group discussions and presentations held throughout the workshop helped participants to identify the objectives, outcomes and key-points of each of the modules that they had developed.

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vi. Developing a Whole-Of-Government Soft Power Response to Terrorism and Extremism Workshop

Due to the success of *the Developing a Whole-of-Government Soft Power Response to Terrorism and Extremism Workshop* programme conducted in 2016, SEARCCT organised a similar programme at INTAN Campus, Sabah, from 28 to 30 March 2017. The workshop was attended by 96 participants from various government agencies in Sabah. The objectives of the seminar were to create awareness amongst the officers in Sabah on the emerging threat of Daesh, as well as to provide a platform to exchange views and experience to further understand the issues and address the threats.

Throughout the workshop, participants were exposed to Daesh's recruitment strategy, as well as their narratives. Participants were also introduced to measures on how to develop counter narratives. The topics covered during the workshop were '*Daesh 101*' delivered by Ms. Siti Munira (SEARCCT), '*Involvement of Malaysians in Daesh*' by ACP Azman Omar (Royal Malaysia Police), '*The ESSZONE's Security Threat (ESSCOM)*' by ACP Hashim Justine, '*Extremism and Terrorism*' by Supt. A. Asmadi Mohd Salim, '*Daesh Exploitation on the Internet*' by Ms. Jasmine Jawhar (SEARCCT), '*Daesh Narratives and Counter Narratives*' by Mr. Asrul Daniel Ahmad (SEARCCT), '*Legal Perspective on Counter Terrorism*' by Mr. Budiman Lutfi Mohamed (Attorney General's Chambers), '*The Terrorist's Character*' by ACP Adinaraina Subramaniam (Prison Academy Malaysia) and '*Islamic Perspective on Daesh*' by Mr. Iszam Padil (National Institute of Public Administration - INTAN).

A table top exercise was held at the end of the workshop whereby participants had the opportunity to churn their ideas and share their perspectives on how to approach the threats of radicalisation, especially within a community setting. In essence, the workshop provided the participants with insights and awareness on the way forward to address the issue of radicalisation.

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vii. SEARCCT Workshop on Training of Undergraduate Leaders in Countering the Terrorism Narrative

SEARCCT and the US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur jointly organised two back-to-back workshops on *Training of Undergraduate Leaders in Countering the Terrorism Narrative,* also coined as *"Student Leaders against Youth Extremism and Radicalisation"* (SLAYER), from 11 to 13 and 17 to 19 April 2017. The workshops were attended by 100 student leaders from institutions of higher learning across Malaysia.

The workshop was designed to invoke a sense of responsibility among undergraduate leaders in countering the terrorist threat on a peer-to-peer level. SLAYER was also aimed at equipping participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop and disseminate digital counter narrative products. Throughout the workshop, participants were exposed to current threats of terrorism and extremism among youth and the need for all parties to be part of the solution.

The topics covered during the workshop were *'Harnessing Youth Potential'* (Cheryl Fernando and Daniel Lee), *'An Introduction to Terrorism'* (Thomas Koruth Samuel), *'Peer-suasion'* (Deborah Henry, Paul Jambunathan and Aznil Nawawi), *'Countering the Terrorist Narrative'* (Thomas Koruth Samuel), *'Reviewing Digital Banners'* (Asrul Daniel), *'Dos and Don'ts in Malaysia Cyber Law'* (MCMC), *'Turning Something Viral'* (Shahnon Salleh, Syafawati Khairunnisa and Hazeman Huzir), *'Religious Perspectives in Terrorism'* (Ustaz Ahmad El-Muhammady and Ustaz Saiful Alam), and *'Comics as a Medium in CVE'* (Sireh, Oren, Sagu, Cendol and Erwin Jabbar).

SEARCCT was privileged to be collaborating with public figures such as Datuk Aznil Hj Nawawi, Ms. Deborah Henry, anchors of Astro hit entertainment programme, Motif Viral, and icons such as Mr. Daniel Lee and Ms. Cheryl Ann Fernando. Malaysia's renowned comic artists came together to promote the approach of countering the terrorists' narratives through posters and comics, as well as to stimulate creative ideas among participants to design their own digital banners. It was the first time that SEARCCT involved celebrities and comic artists in its engagement with youths. The unconventional approach of the programme received positive feedback from the participants.

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viii. Understanding Terrorism : Issues, Threats and Challenges

SEARCCT's third programme with Petronas entitled Understanding Terrorism: Issues, Threats and Challenges Seminar was held on 4 May 2017 at The Zon All Suites Residences, Kuala Lumpur. The seminar was attended by 30 executives from the Group Security, Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) and Marine Safety departments of Petronas. The seminar aimed to provide participants with an overview on terrorism and counter-terrorism related issues in Malaysia.

The topics covered during the workshop were 'Daesh: The Origin, Challenges and Future Threats' by Mr. Thomas Koruth Samuel (SEARCCT), 'Terrorism Threats in Malaysia: Lessons Learned' by ACP Azman Omar (Royal Malaysia Police), 'The Threat from Daesh: From Islamic Perspective' by YM Engku Ahmad Fadzil bin Engku Ali (IKSIM) and, 'Countering The Terrorist Narratives' by Mr. Asrul Daniel bin Ahmed (SEARCCT). The programmes also included topics related to maritime security namely, 'Emerging Security Threat and Response by Industry from PETRONAS Perspective', which was presented by Mr. Mohd Noor Ahmad (PETRONAS) and 'Maritime Security and The Threat of Terrorism: A Malaysia Perspective' by Mr. Ikmal Hisyam bin Abu (MIMA).

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ix. ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Workshop Countering On-Line Extremist Messaging

The first international event organised by SEARCCT of the year was held from 19 to 20 July 2017. It was a joint collaborative project between Malaysia and Australia under the framework of the ASEAN Regional Forum. SEARCCT, together with the ASEAN Malaysia National Secretariat (AMNS) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia, co-organised a workshop entitled Countering On-Line Extremist Messaging in Kuala Lumpur. The two-day programme was attended by 72 senior level officials from ARF member countries and one observer from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

A variety of topics were presented and discussed by invited experts throughout the seven sessions of the workshop. The topics were *'On-Line Recruitment and Radicalisation – Global Trends, Challenges, And Responses'* by Ms Jessie Francescon, Hedayah, and Mr Remy Mahzam from the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies. Mr Thomas Samuel of SEARCCT, Ms Anna Sherburn from the Australian Attorney-General's Department and Dr John Hardy from Charles Sturt University presented on *'The Country Case Studies: ASEAN Member States and ARF Dialogue Partners'* on tactics by terrorist organisations, as well as emerging trends in online terrorist propaganda in the region and the challenges faced by CVE policy makers and practitioners in developing responses. The three speakers also shared best practices on responses to counter online radicalisation.

Other topics were, *'Countering Extremist Messaging On-Line: Perspectives From Digital Industry'* by representatives from social media giants such as Facebook, Google and Twitter, *'Perspectives From Civil Society and Communities in Challenging Extremist Messaging'* by representatives from civil society, such as Ms Amina Rasul from the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy, Mr Musa Mohamad Sanguila from Pakigdait Incorporated, Mr Don Pathan from the Patani Forum, and Mr Pancho Lara of International Alert. At the end of the workshop, the participants underwent a Table Top Exercise (TTX) entitled Operation New Hope. They were introduced to real-life scenarios and formulated recommendations for governments to deal with and respond to online extremist messaging. The TTX session was moderated and facilitated by both SEARCCT and the Australian Attorney General's office to create an environment that allowed for the free flow of ideas and intellectual discourse among participants.

The workshop provided an avenue for participants to understand and learn about best practices of other ARF countries. This enabled participants to provide recommendations that could be considered by their respective governments. The event also provided an opportunity for participants to network with giants of the digital industry.

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x. Counter Terrorism Financing Investigation Workshop

The Counter Terrorism Financing Investigation Workshop was successfully organised from 1 to 2 August 2017 at the Institut Latihan Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan Dan Kerajaan Tempatan (IKPKT), Bukit Tinggi, Pahang. This workshop was attended by 28 participants (grades 41 - 44) from various government agencies.

The speakers who led this workshop were SEARCCT's newly established local trainers from relevant agencies, namely the Royal Malaysia Police (RMP), AGC and Bank Negara Malaysia. The trainers were initially trained by Australia during SEARCCT's Financial Investigation Workshop in March 2017, making this workshop a first for them.

Over the three-day course, participants were exposed to the threat of Daesh, as well as were briefed on the various legal tools in place to deal with the threat of terrorist financing. Various terrorism financing typologies were discussed, and speakers highlighted several case studies on terrorism financing in Malaysia and abroad.

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xi. CBRNE Terrorism Awareness and Medical Emergency Consequence Management Workshop

SEARCCT, in collaboration with the Emergency Department of Hospital Selayang and Hospital Sultanah Aminah Johor Bahru, had successfully organised the CBRNE Terrorism Awareness and Medical Emergency Consequence Management Workshop at Hospital Sultanah Aminah, Johor Bahru (HSAJB) from 15 to 18 August 2017. This workshop was attended by 70 participants consisting of medical practitioners of hospitals and clinics from the Southern region of Malaysia.

A variety of topics on the subject of CBRNE were discussed, ranging from the basics of CBRNE, mode of dispersal, and managing post attack situations to emergency decontamination. This had provided the participants with an insight and understanding on the roles of other agencies, in the event of CBRNE incidents.

During the workshop, participants were given the opportunity to familiarise themselves with detection equipment to be used during a CBRNE incident. The practical demonstration exercise enabled the participants to learn about the coordination, security procedures, command control and communication in handling mass casualties in the event of CBRNE incidents. SEARCCT received encouraging feedback from the participants, with the hope that the programme would be conducted more frequently by SEARCCT.

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xii. Seminar on The Dynamics of Youth and Terrorism: Understanding and Countering the Issues (MTCP)

SEARCCT had successfully organised the Seminar on the Dynamics of Youth and Terrorism: Understanding and Countering the Issues from 22 to 29 August 2017 at the Quality Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. This programme was under the ambit of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), and SEARCCT has been conducting this programme since 2012. The seminar was attended by 21 participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Indonesia, Kenya, Lao PDR, Madagascar, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka, South Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia.

The speakers for the seminar were law enforcement officials, legal experts, academicians, researchers, youth parliamentarians, youth activists, social media experts and former rehabilitated members of Jemaah Islamiyah (JI). It was the first time SEARCCT received nine undergraduate volunteers from the University Tun Abdul Razak (UniRazak) to assist and become facilitators of the programme. They also conducted the 'Energisers' session with the participants. The volunteers also participated in all lectures.

The seminar touched on the need to understand and 'listen' to the voice of the youth, to empower and guide them in building the right identity. Participants learnt the various ways youths voice out their views and opinions, such as through Youth movements, NGOs, youth councils, political groups, social media and art. Participants were also exposed to the various methods employed by terrorist groups to recruit the youths in different settings, including in prisons, religious institutions, universities and institutes of higher learning, and on the internet. The programme also exposed the participants to Malaysia's counter terrorism legal framework.

Participants went through a practical session to develop digital counter messaging products and they managed to produce 15 digital banners in a short time frame. Participants also worked through a Table Top Exercise (TTX) titled Operation New Hope, similar to the one conducted during the ARF workshop, whereby they proposed recommendations on how governments could tackle the threat of terrorist online messaging. Participants also came up with an Action Plan at the end of the seminar that could assist them in planning for youth engagement programmes in their respective countries.

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xiii. CBRNE First Responder Training Workshop for Civil Defence Department

SEARCCT and the Malaysian Civil Defence Force (APM) had successfully co-hosted the CBRNE First Responder Training Programme at Akademi Latihan Pertahanan Awam (ALPHA), Bangi from 5 to 8 September 2017. The workshop was attended by 24 participants, consisting of staff and officers from APM of the peninsular region.

The workshop provided valuable insights for participants to be familiar with detection equipment used by CBRNE agents. This two-fold module format had also enabled participants to have hands-on experience in dealing with CBRNE threats and response through demonstration exercises.

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xiv. Post Attack and Forensic Investigation: An Experience by France

The Workshop on Managing Post Terrorist Attack Investigation: An Experience by France was organised in collaboration with the Embassy of France in Kuala Lumpur from 12 to 14 September 2017. This workshop was the twelfth capacity building programme between SEARCCT and the Embassy of France since 2005.

The workshop was attended by 22 participants from RMP, Prime Minister's Department, AGC, National Security Council, Bank Negara Malaysia, Chemistry Department of Malaysia and Cyber Security Malaysia. The speakers were Mr. Bertrand Morcello and Mr. William Leveque from the General Directorate for Interior Security (DGSI), France.

They explained in detail the sequence of events pre and post Charlie Hebdo attack on 7 January 2015 and the Bataclan attack on 13 November 2015, and lessons learnt. The video of the attacks and 'never before seen images' were shown to the participants. The speakers then explained each of the investigation procedures that were executed following both attacks, from establishing an investigation team to the coordination of hundreds of personnel in dealing with victim identification, preserving the crime scene, terrorists identification, interviewing process, collecting forensic evidences, obtaining intelligence from foreign agencies, gathering information from CCTV and analysing telephone calls.

The outcome of the workshop was the Post Terrorist Attack Coordination Checklist which was produced by the participants. The checklist provides a general overview of the main tasks and responsibilities of each respective agency in the event of a terrorist attack. The checklist could be used as a reference for the respective departments.

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xv. Training of Trainers (ToT) Aviation Security Workshop

SEARCCT, with the support of the New Zealand High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, sent five local trainers to participate in the ICAO Aviation Security (AVSEC) Instructors Course from 13 to 21 September 2017 held at the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Aviation Security Training Center, Auckland, New Zealand.

The local trainers were exposed to various teaching skills and methods, including presentation and communication skills and how to perform evaluation and assessment on participants. The trainers also learnt about course organisation and Familiarisation of Aviation Security Training Packages (ASTP). The course also enabled SEARCCT's trainers to exchange knowledge, experience and best practices with fellow trainers from Kiribati, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

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xvi. Seminar on Malaysia's Counter Terrorism Legal Framework

SEARCCT and the AGC collaborated in conducting a capacity building programme entitled Seminar on Malaysia's Counter Terrorism Legal Framework on 11 October 2017 at AGC, Putrajaya. The seminar was attended by 94 participants from various ministries, departments, agencies and local universities.

The speakers and the topics for the seminar were DPP Budiman Lutfi Mohamed on The Pillars: Counter Terrorism Law in Malaysia, DPP Saiful Edris Zainuddin on From the Prosecutor's Desk: Success stories, Challenges and How Can the Public Assist, and Mr. Thomas Koruth Samuel on Counter Narratives. YBhg. Datuk Abdul Rashid Harun, former Sabah Police Commissioner and former Commander of Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) and one of the key witnesses during the prosecution process of the Lahad Datu incident, was also invited as a speaker. The programme focused on the latest issues on terrorism including extremism and radicalisation, Malaysia's legislative framework and laws on terrorism, successful prosecution cases, and challenges faced by prosecutors in terrorism-related offences.

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xvii. ASEM Symposium on Countering Radicalisation

SEARCCT assisted the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Regional Cooperation Division (ORCD), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia in organising the ASEM Symposium on Countering Radicalisation from 25 to 26 October 2017 at the St. Regis, Kuala Lumpur. It was the second international event organised by SEARCCT in 2017. 150 participants from ASEM member countries attended the two-day programme. Thirteen (13) experts/speakers from Belgium, Finland, Netherlands, Romania, Singapore, Switzerland and Malaysia shared their views and insights on the many issues concerning radicalisation and countering radicalisation.

During the symposium, speakers highlighted the importance of prevention through moderation and empowering vulnerable groups, including women. In addition, they stressed that counter measures for violent extremism should not only be confined to security-based counter-terrorism measures alone but more importantly, to also focus on the preventive approaches that are inclusive, involving various actors, such as governments, communities and civil society. The need for effective strategic communication was also emphasised during the symposium.

The symposium succeeded in showcasing the differences and uniqueness of the challenges faced by countries in Europe and Southeast Asia. The experiences and lessons learnt from both regions were explained by the speakers throughout the two-day symposium.

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xviii. Collaboration Programme with IDFR

As in previous years, SEARCCT continued its commitment in assisting the Institute of Diplomacy & Foreign Relations (IDFR) to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Humanitarian Crisis Management Module for the training of officers who will be posted abroad.

For the year 2017, SEARCCT's module had contributed to two IDFR programmes as follows:

- SPKM Pre-Posting Orientation Course for Home-Based Staff and Spouses 1/2017 on 13/02/2017 – 22/02/2017 (Grade 41 & below)

- SPKM Pre-Posting Orientation Course for Home-Based Staff and Spouses 1/ (Grade 38 & below) on 11/09/2017-20/09/2017

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SEARCCT PROGRAMMES IN 2018

SEARCCT intends to conduct 24 programmes/training courses in 2018. The list of Programme/Training Courses in 2018 is attached as **ANNEX D.**

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INTRODUCTION

SEARCCT's Research and Publications Division is responsible for conducting research on relevant terrorism-related areas and publish its findings in the forms of monographs, articles, papers and reports.

In 2017, SEARCCT continued its efforts in delivering the Centre's findings at the Ministry, national and international levels through reports, lectures and presentations, as well as conducting public awareness programmes, particularly for the youth. SEARCCT also embarked on two new research areas, aside from continued to work on three existing research projects. SEARCCT also produced periodic reports, analysing terror incidents and developments across the globe. These reports were prepared specifically for the internal consumption of the Ministry.

Given the trans-national character of the issue, international cooperation is imperative in order to combat terrorism more effectively. Taking this into account, SEARCCT also collaborated with foreign governments as well as regional and international organisations, such as the Japan-ASEAN Integrated Fund (JAIF), the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) and the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) in conducting several of its research activities. In 2017, SEARCCT continued to work with Japan and the United States, in efforts to produce quality research on relevant topics in the field of counter-terrorism.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

In 2017, the Division conducted its activities in five different areas as follows:

i) *Undergraduates and Radicalisation (existing research)*

The youth has always been one of the main targets of radicalisation and recruitment by terrorist groups, from the likes of al-Qaeda to Jemaah Islamiyah, and today, Daesh. With this in mind, SEARCCT has always ensured that its soft-responses to terrorism also focus on this susceptible age group, specifically undergraduate students.

In 2017, SEARCCT continued its research on the issue and focussed its study at the regional level. With the support of JAIF and ASEC, SEARCCT is currently completing the 'Undergraduates and Radicalisation' project, which aims to understand the perceptions held by undergraduates on extremism, radicalism and political violence, to identify the factors behind undergraduates joining radical groups, and to evaluate the current measures taken by ASEAN member-states in addressing the issue.

Essentially, this research project hopes to identify the undergraduates' perceptions on terrorism and political violence in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. It is believed that with the knowledge gained from the study, a more robust and structured approach, as well as intervention programmes could be developed

to counter or even prevent the youth from getting involved in terrorism activities.

In addition, the project also intends to sensitise relevant policy makers on the nexus of university undergraduates and terrorism, propose policy recommendations at the strategic and operational levels, and disseminate the outcome of the project through printed resources among ASEAN member-states. In this regard, SEARCCT aspects to publish a monograph of this study in early 2018.

ii) Training University Undergraduate Leaders to Develop Counter-Violent Extremism (CVE) Capabilities on Campuses (existing research)

In relation to the topic of Undergraduates and Radicalisation, SEARCCT has also embarked on another research project entitled "Training University Undergraduate Leaders to Develop CVE Capabilities on Campuses" in 2017. The project is supported by the United States CVE Local Grant Program, with two main objectives, i.e., (i) to develop and publish training manuals (in both English and Bahasa Malaysia) for university undergraduate leaders to counter the rhetoric of extremists, and (ii) to train university undergraduate leaders to initiate, develop and implement CVE programmes for their fellow peers in the university setting.

SEARCCT is in the midst of finalising the training manuals, which are expected to be published and disseminated in early 2018.

iii) Countering the Terrorist Narratives (existing research)

Creatively crafted narratives by terrorists have been extremely effective in gaining support for their cause as well as to radicalise, recruit and acquire funding from individuals all over the world. The advancement of technology including the Internet and social media platforms have also been manipulated to facilitate the spread of terrorist narratives.

Realising this, SEARCCT conducted studies that examined the various elements - including social, political, economic and religious aspects - put forth by terrorists in their messaging. It is hoped that by understanding the elements that resonates most with the terrorists' targeted audience, counter-narratives that debunk the legitimacy of their messages, could be constructed and disseminated effectively. In furtherance to this effort, SEARCCT also realises the importance of the messengers in delivering the counter-narratives.

In this regard, SEARCCT conducted a programme, involving student leaders at the undergraduate level, to equip them with the necessary skills in CVE and Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE). The programme essentially aims to train university undergraduate leaders to initiate, develop and implement CVE/PVE programmes for their peers in the university setting.

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iv) Online Recruitment of Terrorists (new research)

As an extension to SEARCCT's Terrorist's Use of the Internet project in 2016, the Centre embarked on another project in the end of 2017, focussing on the theme of terrorist recruitment online.

The project is aimed at (i) identifying the processes of online recruitment in Indonesia and Malaysia; (ii) analysing the recruitment model; (iii) identifying the social media platforms and preferred online communication applications used to recruit individuals in both countries; (iv) studying the areas needed to be strengthened in order to mitigate the use of the Internet for recruitment purposes by terrorists; and (v) proposing recommendations in the effort to counter the propagation of violent extremism on social media platforms. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

v) Women and Terrorism (new research)

In 2017, SEARCCT also explored the possibility of embarking on the topic of women and terrorism, as it is seen as an emerging trend in recent years - with the increasing involvement of women in terrorist activities. The project seeks to understand the roles and motivational factors that leads women to join terrorist groups, as well as women's current level of involvement in CVE and PVE efforts.

The goal of the project is to further promote the function and responsibility of women in CVE and PVE and create a more inclusive and gender sensitive approach in tackling extremism and terrorism. The project is expected to take off in 2018.

PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

The Division is also responsible for conducting public awareness programmes, such as the SEARCCT University Lecture Series (ULS), SEARCCT's Looking Back Lecture Series and SEARCCT's Public and Internal Lecture Series. In 2017, SEARCCT conducted four ULS, attended by more than 1,350 students, and two Internal and three Public Lecture Series.

The list of ULS is as follows;

a) Kolej Profesional Mara (KPM) Beranang on 6 April 2017 – attended by 300 students;

b) Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) on 26 May 2017 – attended by 800 students;

c) Institut Kemahiran Mara (IKM) Kuala Lumpur on 2 August 2017 – attended by 200 students; and

d) Yayasan Sukarelawan Siswa (YSS), Ministry of Higher Education, on 13 September 2017 – attended by 50 students.

SEARCCT's Internal and Public Lecture Series in 2017 are as follows:

a) "Ancaman Luar dan Isu Keselamatan di Sabah" – Lecture by RMP at SEARCCT on 14 February 2017;

b) "Ekstremis Sosial dan Ancaman Ke Atas Keselamatan Negara" – Lecture by RMP at SEARCCT on 15 February; and

c) "Global Threats and Trends of Terrorism", Lecture by SEARCCT at Malaysian International Shipping Corporation (MISC), on 12 December 2017.

PARTICIPATION, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

SEARCCT also shared its experience and research findings through participation or delivering lectures/presentation at conferences, seminars and workshops at the national, regional and international levels. In 2017, the Division delivered 17 interventions, lectures and presentations.

The list of SEARCCT's participation at conferences, lectures and presentations is attached as **ANNEX E.**

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SEARCCT'S UNIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES (ULS) AT
INSTITUT KEMAHIRAN MARA (IKM) KUALA LUMPUR
ON 2 AUGUST 2017.

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INSTITUT KEMAHIRAN MARA (IKM) KUALA LUMPUR
ON 2 AUGUST 2017.

SEARCCT'S UNIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES (ULS) AT
KOLEJ PROFESIONAL MARA, BERANANG, SELANGOR
ON 6 APRIL 2017.

SEARCCT PRESENTING AT THE ASIA DIALOGUE ON
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
(ICT) AND COUNTER TERRORISM ON 29 MAY 2017
IN JEJU ISLAND, SOUTH KOREA.

SEARCCT PRESENTING AT THE CONFERENCE ON PEACE AND THE
PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ON 23
SEPTEMBER 2017 IN MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES.

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INTRODUCTION

The growing ubiquity of computer mediated communications in the 21st century has unfortunately made it easier for terrorist groups to disseminate their ideologies as well as procure fresh recruits. The social media platforms have, therefore, not only provided new channels for terrorists' propaganda and recruitment, but also allowed them to spread specific and detailed instructions to their supporters on how to weaponise the paraphernalia of everyday life, such as vehicles and knives.

Therefore, there is a growing consensus among counter-terrorism and security experts on the indispensable need to address terrorist messaging as censorship measures are no longer adequate. The steady stream of online media and narratives originating from terrorist groups and their supporters must be confronted, challenged, and discredited on the same platforms in which their messaging is gaining traction. Alternative narratives to their ideologies and interpretations must be presented in ways that resonate with groups vulnerable to their influence.

Hence, the Digital Strategic Communications Division (DSCD) of SEARCCT extends its efforts into four core activities, i.e., (i) compiling, analysing and understanding the online content with elements of violent extremism and terrorism; (ii) exploring, deconstructing and learning from online content that has been put out by other individuals or organisations targeted at addressing, preventing and countering violent extremism and the influence of terrorist groups; (iii) conceptualising, planning and developing narratives and media products aimed at preventing and countering violent extremism online; and (iv) disseminating narratives and media products aimed at preventing and countering violent extremism through computer mediated communications, especially social media platforms, as well as measuring and evaluating their effectiveness.

In 2017, DSCD had developed over 250 unique media products, ranging from digital banners, animated GIFs, digital comics, and short videos, and subsequently distributed them over a number of social media platforms that were deemed relevant within the local context, which include Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

WORKSHOPS

Cognisant of the fact that the strategic messaging initiatives from the public sector, would not, by themselves, be able to address the growing virtual content imbalance that tips heavily towards the favour of violent extremists and terrorist groups, SEARCCT has embarked into building partnerships with credible influencers that can assist in both developing and disseminating the messages. With the youth demographic representing a potentially vulnerable group within the Malaysian context, as well as within the region and beyond, the Centre started its

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reach out programme to influencers within such groups. In this regard, the Division, with the support from other divisions in SEARCCT, organised two workshops aimed at equipping undergraduate leaders with necessary knowledge and skills to develop and disseminate their own digital counter and alternative narratives products.

Student Leaders against Youth Extremism and Radicalisation (SLAYER)

For the two workshops of the Student Leaders against Youth Extremism and Radicalisation (SLAYER), in April 2017, DSCD provided the substantive elements as well as organised hackathons with competitive structures designed to incentivise the production and dissemination of Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) materials by the participants. The hackathons resulted in over 200 additional authentic and potentially resonant P/CVE media products, as well as the dissemination of some of the P/CVE media products over the wide and far-reaching social media networks of student leaders themselves.

Workshop against Violent Extremism (WAVE)

During the Workshop against Violent Extremism (WAVE) held in October 2017, DSCD organised a similar hackathon, albeit at a smaller scale with the hopes of attracting more creatively-inclined youths. Over 150 P/CVE products were produced over a short period of time, and the participants were actively encouraged to consider contributing

their time and effort towards producing more P/CVE products beyond the workshop itself. To date, the alumni of the workshops have organically built virtual communities among themselves, within which they have been discussing matters related to P/CVE regularly, which has been a significantly encouraging development.

TRANSLATIONS, TALKS AND BEYOND

During the year, DSCD was involved in a number of efforts to localise P/CVE material and products that have been produced in other regions and by other organisations. A number of short videos in other languages have been given subtitles in the local vernacular by the Division. DSCD had also provided Malay scripts to a number of P/CVE organisations to help them customise their messaging for the local context. The DSCD had also been involved in the Malay translation of the P/CVE document, "Undermining Violent Extremist Narratives in South East Asia, A How-To Guide" that was published in 2016 by Hedayah, an international P/CVE research organisation based in Abu Dhabi.

DSCD also played a part in developing expertise and being a resource centre for other countries and organisations both in the region and beyond in the field on CVE. In 2017, the Division had trained, equipped and facilitated talks on the subject of developing counter narratives in Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada Egypt, Indonesia, Japan,

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the Philippines, Thailand and the United States. It is also significant to note that Internet-based companies have also tapped the resources of DSCD.

With the relative success of the workshop hackathons, DSCD is looking into replicating and diversifying such efforts in 2018, with at least six workshops planned that includes a substantial hackathon component. Developing a more robust and informative measurement and evaluation component

that can help guide the Division's path forward is also an aspiration for 2018 and beyond. DSCD will also be looking into diversifying its production of P/CVE media products to include a wider range of formats, as well as exploring themes that are more relevant to the rapidly shifting context of terrorism and violent extremism.

The list of lectures provided by DSCD personnel in 2017 is in **ANNEX E.**

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The Administration and Finance Division is accountable for SEARCCT's overall administrative and financial performance and delivers core support services to the other divisions. SEARCCT has a total of 54 posts with an additional six administrative posts that were provided by the ministry to assist SEARCCT in its various divisional operations. At the end of 2017, 44 of these posts were filled, leaving ten posts vacant. The Centre has officers from the uniformed services on a secondment basis, which include two from the Royal Malaysia Police and one officer from the Malaysian Armed Forces.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The approved allocation for SEARCCT's overall budget in 2017 was RM4,137,900.00, while the total operating expenditure for 2017 was RM4,137,406.53 (99.99%). The bulk of the expenses went towards salaries and emoluments, capacity building and training programmes, counter narrative workshops, publications and research work, as well as compulsory contractual payments.

Please refer to the following table for SEARCCT's financial performance for 2017.

SEARCCT'S FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR 2017

Division	Allocations	Expenditures
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	3,587,649.81	3,595,349.48
ICT	118,860.00	118,741.60
PLANNING & TRAINING	322,389.31	318,879.91
DSCD	17,000.00	16,792.56
RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS	92,000.88	87,642.98
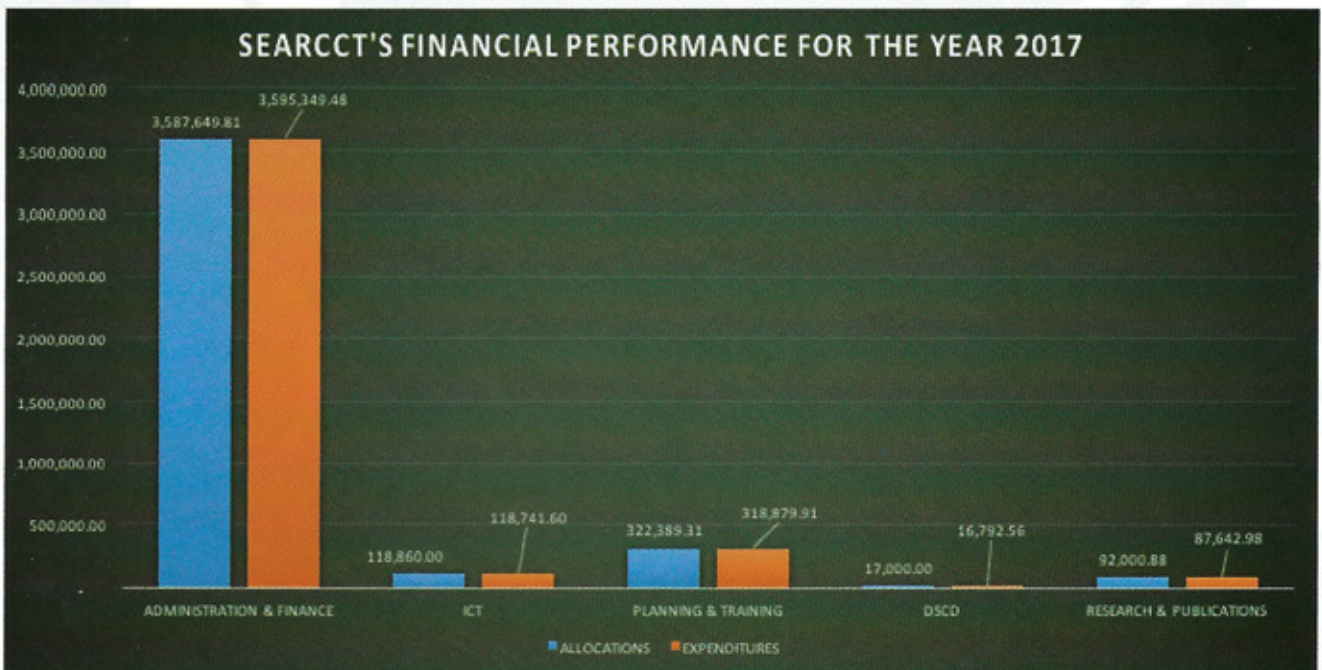
During the year, SEARCCT received several visits from the Ministry's Internal Audit Division and the Accountant General's Department of Malaysia (AGD) to provide an objective independent examination of SEARCCT's training programmes, accounting processes, administrative procedures, as well as general management. This aided SEARCCT in making sure its operations and management of core businesses were in line with set guidelines.

SEARCCT was also recognised, through its personnel, with the Ministry's Civil Service Awards for the year 2016, which was awarded in 2017 to nine of its officers and staff. The recipients were Mr. Shazryll Zahiran (Deputy Director General I), Mr. Mohd Hasril Abdul Hamid (Director), Mr. Mohd Syukor bin Abdul (ICT Officer), Ms. Thangeswary Paleswaran (Assistant Director), Ms. Jasmine Jawhar (Research Officer), Mr. Syaifulludin bin Mahamad Ayub (Executive Officer), Mr. Wan Nazaruddin Wan Ismail (Admin Assistant), Mr. Rusli bin Seman (Driver) and Mr. Suhaimi bin Madjalumin (General Assistant).

WORKING VISITS TO SEARCCT

SEARCCT regularly receives familiarisation visits from various government agencies and officials who are interested to know more about the Centre's programmes and views on terrorism in Southeast Asia. Among those visits in 2017 were:

- Visit by H.E. Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, Ambassador of the US to Malaysia, 25 January 2017;

- Visit by Belgian FPS Foreign Affairs to SEARCCT, 30 May 2017;

- Visit by the High Commissioner of New Zealand to Malaysia, H.E. Dr. John Subritkzy, 11 July 2017;

- Visit by the Delegation of Thailand headed by H.E. Damrong Kraikruan, Ambassador of Thailand to Malaysia, 17 July 2017;

- Visit by the High Commissioner of Australia, H.E. Rod Smith, 17 August 2017;

- Visit by the Home Team Behavioural Sciences Centre (HTBSC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, 18 August 2017; and

- Visit by Joint Secretary (Counter-Terrorism), Ministry of External Affairs, India to SEARCCT, 6 September 2017.

TRANSFORMATION PLAN

As an agency under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SEARCCT implemented its transformation plan in accordance with the Ministry's Transformation Plan for 2017, with the aim of generating people-centric programmes. In general, SEARCCT's Transformation Plan is aimed at enhancing capacity building programmes and expertise in the field of counter-terrorism and moulding experts in the fields related to terrorism.

For the year 2017, under its Transformation Plan, SEARCCT implemented one initiative under the SEARCCT's Collaborative Research Program, through the 'Student Leaders against Youth Extremism and Radicalisation (SLAYER) Workshop' and the publication of a manual for youths to reach out to their peers in Countering Violent Extremism (CVE).

For the year 2018, with a fresh direction from the Ministry, SEARCCT will embark on three initiatives under the "Strategic Thrust of Providing Effective and Efficient Services to the Ministry's Stakeholders and Clients". These initiatives are to establish a SEARCCT smart fellowship programme, to expand collaborative research and training activities on counterterrorism, and to enhance international recognition.

This transformation plan as well as the Strategic Plan is expected to provide the direction for SEARCCT in the next five years in order to achieve its vision of becoming a regional centre of excellence for research, training and digital counter messaging in the field of counter terrorism.

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INTRODUCTION

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Unit is a part of the Administration and Finance Division of SEARCCT. The Unit's main roles and functions are as follows:

i. Managing SEARCCT ICT Steering Committee Meetings and participate in the Ministry's ICT Steering Committee;

ii. Planning, designing, managing and implementing communication and collaboration needs of the ICT network for SEARCCT;

iii. Managing and monitoring SEARCCT's website and e-mail system;

iv. Providing advisory services in ICT infrastructure, ICT security and development of the latest ICT technology for SEARCCT; and

v. Facilitate other divisions in SEARCCT to improve services offered in accordance with the requirements of stakeholders.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE

The ICT Unit of SEARCCT is responsible for keeping SEARCCT's website up-to-date, through regular monitoring of its contents and the uploading of latest articles published by the Centre. Also published on the website are the summary reports on training and capacity building programmes and events conducted by the Centre. The digital version of the Centre's annual prospectus is also available online.

Additionally, related articles on terrorism and counter-terrorism as well as the Client Charter were also made available on the website. It is hoped that SEARCCT's website could be one of the tools that the public could utilise, should they wish to learn and understand more about the issue of terrorism and its counter-measures.

As of 31 December 2017, SEARCCT's website recorded 34,465 visits from 180 countries around the globe. The visitors were mainly from Malaysia, United States, Philippines, India, United Kingdom, Singapore, Pakistan, Australia, Canada and Kenya.

ANNEX A

SEARCCT'S PROGRAMMES IN 2017

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE START	DATE END	COLLABORATORS
1	Counter-Terrorism Threat Awareness Seminar for Telekom Malaysia	25/01/2017	25/01/2017	Telekom Malaysia
2	Cybersecurity: Protection of Critical Sectors Workshop	06/02/2017	08/02/2017	CyberSecurity Malaysia
3	SPKM Pre-Posting Orientation Course for Home-Based Staff and Spouses 1/2017	13/02/2017	22/02/2017	IDFR
4	Training of Trainers (ToT) Counter-Terrorism Financial Investigation Workshop	20/02/2017	24/02/2017	Australian High Commission
5	CBRNE First Responder for Petronas Auxiliary Police	7/3/2017	-	Petronas
6	Training of Trainers (ToT) Countering Improvised Explosive Device (CIED)Workshop	13/03/2017	17/03/2017	New Zealand
7	Developing a Whole-of-Government Soft Power Response to Terrorism and Extremism	27/03/2017	30/03/2017	SEARCCT
8	Student Leaders Against Youth Extremism & Radicalisation (SLAYER) Workshop	11/04/2017	13/04/2017	The US
9	Student Leaders Against Youth Extremism & Radicalisation (SLAYER) Workshop	17/04/2017	19/04/2017	The US
10	Understanding Terrorism: Issues, Threats and Challenges	04/05/2017	04/05/2017	Petronas
11	ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Workshop Countering On-line Extremist Messaging	19/07/2017	20/07/2017	Australia & ASEAN Secretariat

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE START	DATE END	COLLABORATORS
12	Counter Terrorism Financial Investigation Workshop	01/08/2017	02/08/2017	SEARCCT
13	CBRNE Terrorism Awareness and Medical Emergency Consequence Management Workshop	15/08/2017	17/08/2017	Hospital Selayang & Hospital Sultanah Aminah, JB
14	Seminar on the Dynamics of Youth and Terrorism: Understanding and Countering the Issues	22/08/2017	29/08/2017	MTCP
15	CBRNE First Responder Training Workshop for Civil Defence Department	05/09/2017	08/09/2017	APM
16	SPKM Pre-Posting Orientation Course for Home-Based Staff and Spouses 1/2017	11/09/2017	20/09/2017	IDFR
17	Workshop on Managing Post Terrorist Attack Investigation: An Experience by France	12/09/2017	14/09/2017	France
18	Training of Trainers (ToT) Aviation Security Workshop	13/09/2017	21/09/2017	New Zealand
19	Seminar on Malaysia's Counter Terrorism Legal Framework	11/10/2017	11/10/2017	AGC
20	ASEM Symposium on Countering Radicalisation	25/10/2017	26/10/2017	ASEM
21	Bengkel Percambahan Minda dan Perancangan Strategik SEARCCT Tahun 2018	21/11/2017	23/11/2017	SEARCCT

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ANNEX B

PARTICIPANTS BY COUNTRY / YEAR 2003 – 2017

NO	COUNTRIES	YEAR															TOTAL
		2003/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
1	MALAYSIA	225	223	229	183	220	351	245	265	365	359	602	681	1490	938	6376
2	AFGHANISTAN	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2
3	ALBANIA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
4	AUSTRALIA	8	2	2	3	-	3	7	2	-	-	-	10	-	6	43
5	AUSTRIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
6	AZERBAIJAN	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		2
7	BAHAMAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1		4
8	BANGLADESH	7	4	3	10	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	8	13		49
9	BELGIUM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6
10	BHUTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	3		12
11	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3
12	BRAZIL	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-		4
13	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	12	15	4	12	3	1	9	9	10	7	5	14	6		107
14	BURKINA FASO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		1
15	BURUNDI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		1
16	CAMBODIA	13	7	4	6	8	3	6	9	4	1	3	17	14	2	97
17	CANADA	7	8	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	18
18	CHILE	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		3
19	CHINA	10	5	-	3	-	-	2		-	-	4	-	7		31
20	COOK ISLANDS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
21	COLOMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-		1
22	CROATIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		2
23	CYPRUS	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2

NO	COUNTRIES	YEAR														TOTAL
		2003/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
24	CZECH REPUBLIC	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
25	EGYPT	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		2
26	ETHIOPIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		1
27	EUROPEAN UNION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	4
28	FIJI	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-		5
29	FINLAND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
30	FRANCE	4	1	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	15
31	GAMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		2
32	GHANA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		1
33	GERMAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4
34	HONG KONG	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-		4
35	HUNGARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
36	INDIA	6	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	16
37	INDONESIA	40	20	17	17	12	7	9	11	9	9	17	15	23	5	211
38	IRAN	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
39	IRELAND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
40	ITALY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
41	JAPAN	13	-	2	14	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	6	-	5	43
42	JORDAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-		3
43	KAZAKHSTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
44	KENYA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
45	KIRIBATI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		1
46	KUWAIT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2		3

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NO	COUNTRIES	YEAR														TOTAL
		2003/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
47	KYRGYZSTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
48	LAO PDR	14	7	2	4	-	2	4	5	7	5	7	9	8	4	78
49	LEBANON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
50	LESOTHO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
51	MACAU	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
52	MADAGASCAR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
53	MALAWI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	5
54	MALDIVES	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	4	-	17
55	MALI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
56	MALTA	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
57	MARSHALL ISLAND	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
58	MAURITIUS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	-	5
59	MEXICO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	4
60	MOROCCO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
61	MONGOLIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3
62	MYANMAR	9	5	-	-	-	-	2	6	7	4	-	8	4	2	47
63	NEPAL	3	2	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	13
64	NETHERLANDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
65	NEW ZEALAND	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	14
66	NIGERIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
67	NIUE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
68	NORWAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
69	OMAN	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2

NO	COUNTRIES	YEAR														TOTAL
		2003/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
70	PAKISTAN	5	2	-	2	-	2	-	14	1	1	4	2	3	3	39
71	PALESTINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	6
72	PAPUA NEW GUNEA	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		4
73	PERU	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		3
74	PHILIPPINES	37	12	22	41	18	6	6	15	8	9	11	13	11	4	213
75	QATAR	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-		3
76	ROMANIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
77	RUSSIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	6
78	RWANDA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		2
79	SAMOA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
80	SAUDI ARABIA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		2
81	SEYCHELLES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-		2
82	SENEGAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		1
83	SINGAPORE	17	13	9	18	-	6	8	10	5	4	-	4	6	5	105
84	SOLOMON ISLANDS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	2		8
85	SOUTH KOREA	-	3	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	13
86	SRI LANKA	10	3	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	4	2	9	8	1	45
87	SOUTH SUDAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
88	SUDAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-		4
89	SWAZILAND	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	5
90	SWITZERLAND	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
91	TAJIKISTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-		2
92	TANZANIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		1

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NO	COUNTRIES	YEAR														TOTAL
		2003/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
93	THAILAND	33	20	15	22	13	5	12	19	4	9	9	16	18	10	205
94	TIMOR-LESTE	9	-	-	1	-	4	2	3	3	3	1	1	-		27
95	TONGA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-		3
96	TUNISIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-			1
97	TUVALU	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
98	UGANDA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2		4
99	UK	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8
100	UNITED NATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		1
101	THE UNITED STATES	13	11	7	5	-	-	-	1		-	-	23	3	2	65
102	UZBEKISTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-		4
103	VANUATU	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
104	VIETNAM	12	10	2	4	5	3	6	7	8	3	3	9	11	5	88
105	YEMEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-		5
106	ZAMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3		6
107	ZIMBABWE	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	-		6
108	ASEAN SECRETARIAT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	5
109	UNODC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1		3
110	OTHER	11	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		13
		553	383	318	357	281	420	331	388	443	432	681	924	1657	1056	8224

7527 ASEAN COUNTRIES (INCLUDING MALAYSIA)
1151 ASEAN COUNTRIES (EXCLUDING MALAYSIA)

ANNEX C

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS BY PROGRAMMES

YEAR	NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS		
		MALAYSIAN	FOREIGN	TOTAL
2003	1	20	43	63
2004	11	205	285	490
2005	12	223	160	383
2006	11	229	89	318
2007	11	183	174	357
2008	11	220	61	281
2009	14	351	69	420
2010	11	245	86	331
2011	14	265	123	388
2012	16	365	78	443
2013	17	359	73	432
2014	17	602	79	681
2015	24	681	243	924
2016	27	1490	167	1657
2017	21	938	118	1056
Total	218	6376	1848	8224

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SEARCCT'S PROGAMME BY FLAGSHIP

FLAGSHIP	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Legal and Investigation	-	1	2	1	4	4	3	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	2	22
CBRNE and Crisis Management	-	3	4	6	3	3	3	4	7	5	5	6	6	5	4	64
Aviation, Maritime and Transport Security	-	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	24
Cyber Terrorism	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Prevention and Rehabilitation	-	5	2	-	1	2	4	2	-	2	3	3	11	16	7	58
Terrorism Financing	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	3	3	-	1	1	1	-	2	19
Youth and Terrorism	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	4	3	2	3	4	22
TOTAL	1	11	12	11	11	11	14	11	14	16	17	17	24	27	21	218

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ANNEX D

SEARCCT'S LIST OF TRAINNING PROGRAMMES FOR 2018

No.	Programmes	Date
1.	CBRNE First Responder Training Workshop For Royal Malaysian Police (CBRNE Department) - Intermediate	26 FEB – 03 MAC 2018
2.	Counter Terrorism Awareness Programme	7 MAC 2018
3.	Training Of Trainers (TOT) Counter Terrorism Financial Investigation Workshop – Intermediate	26 MAC – 3 APR 2018
4.	Counter-terrorism and CVE programme	04 APR 2018
5.	Counter-terrorism and CVE programme	05 APR 2018
6.	Aviation Security Workshop 1/2018	16 – 20 APR 2018
7.	Counter Terrorism Financing Investigation Workshop 1/2018	16 – 20 APR 2018
8.	CBRNE Advanced First Responder Training Programme	03 – 15 MAY 2018
9.	Cyber Security: Cyber Investigation	08 – 10 MAY 2018
10.	Legal Framework on Countering Terrorism 1/2018	27 – 28 JUNE 2018
11.	Equipping Malaysian Youth With CVE-Based Digital Skills) (Developing Digital Banners) (1/2018)	03 – 06 JULY 2018
12.	Aviation Security Workshop 2/2018	09 – 13 JULY 2018
13.	Counter Terrorism Financing Investigation Workshop 2/2018	09 – 13 JULY 2018
14.	CBRNE First Responder Training Workshop for Department of Chemistry Malaysia	16 – 21 JULY 2018
15.	Equipping Malaysian Youth With CVE-Based Digital Skills) (Developing Digital Banners) (2/2018)	24 – 27 JULY 2018
16.	MTCP - CBRNE First Responder Training Programme	31 JULY – 10 AUG 2018
17.	Counter Narrative – New Zealand	28 – 29 AUG 2018
18.	Developing A Whole-Of-Government Soft Power Response To Terrorism And Extremism	2 – 7 SEPT 2018
19.	MTCP Youth and Terrorism	18 – 24 SEPT 2018
20.	Equipping Malaysian Youth With CVE-Based Digital Skills - Web Comics (3/2018)	02 – 05 OCT 2018
21.	CBRNE Terrorism Awareness & Medical Emergency Consequence Management Workshop	09 – 11 OCT 2018
22.	CBRNE First Responder Training Workshop	22 – 26 OCT 2018
23.	Legal Framework on Countering Terrorism 2/2018	30 – 31 OCT 2018
24.	Equipping Malaysian Youth With CVE-Based Digital Skills - Web Comics (4/2018)	13 – 16 NOV 2018

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ANNEX E

SEARCCT'S LIST OF PARTICIPATIONS, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE	VENUE
1	Lecture on 'The Threat Related to Violent Extremism and Radicalisation leading to Terrorism: Overview and Main Legal and Operational Challenges'	January	Selangor, Malaysia
2	Lecture on 'Terrorists' Use of the Internet: The Case of Daesh'	6 February	Selangor, Malaysia
3	Lecture on 'Understanding the threat to National Security' at SPKM Pre-Posting Orientation Course for Officers	21 February	Kuala Lumpur Selangor
4	Lecture on 'Counter-Terrorism Among the Youth: The Power of the Story-Teller',	February	Brussels, Belgium
5	Presentation on 'Eksploitasi Internet oleh Daesh'	28 March	Sabah, Malaysia
6	Lecture on 'What is Terrorism' at SEARCCT's ULS	6 April	Selangor, Malaysia
7	Lecture on 'Penggunaan Internet oleh Pengganas' at SEARCCT's ULS	6 April	Selangor, Malaysia
8	Briefing on 'Daesh's Use of Social Media Platforms' at ISIS Roundtable Discussion	13 April	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
9	Lecture at SEARCCT's ULS	26 May	Selangor, Malaysia
10	Presentation on 'Terrorists Use of ICT: The Asian Region' at the Asia Dialogue on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Counter Terrorism'	29 May	Jeju Island, South Korea
11	Presentation on 'Counter-Narrative Efforts: A Southeast Asia Perspective' at Jeju Forum	31 May	Jeju Island, South Korea
12	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives: Exploring the Message, Medium and Messenger' and 'A Network to Fight a Network: Countering the Terrorist Narratives through an Institutional Approach – The Four-Step Counter-Narrative Developmental Model'	May	Manila, Philippines
13	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives: Exploring the Message, Medium and Messenger' and 'A Network to Fight a Network: Countering the Terrorist Narratives through an Institutional Approach – The Four-Step Counter-Narrative Developmental Model'	May	Jakarta, Indonesia

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE	VENUE
14	Presentation on 'Terrorism and the Internet: The Case of Daesh' – American University Visit to SEARCCT	7 July	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
15	Briefing on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives'	July	Sydney, Australia
16	Lecture on 'Understanding the Terrorist Narratives'	July	Sydney, Australia
17	Lecture on 'Understanding the Defeating the Terrorist Narratives' for the Counter-Terrorism Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)	July	Canberra, Australia
18	Lecture on 'Understanding the Challenges of On-Line Extremist Messaging' for the Countering Violent Extremism Centre, Attorney General's Department (AGD)	July	Canberra, Australia
19	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives' for the Islamic Council of Victoria	July	Melbourne, Australia
20	Lecture on 'Understanding Terrorist Messaging among the Youth and Developing Subsequent Counter-Messaging' for the Community Resilience Unit, Victoria Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC)	July	Melbourne, Australia
21	Lecture on 'A Network to Fight a Network: Countering the Terrorist Narratives through an Institutional Approach – The Four-Step Counter-Narrative Developmental Model'	July	Jakarta, Indonesia
22	Lecture on 'Understanding Radicalisation'	July	Jakarta, Indonesia
23	Lecture at SEARCCT's ULS	2 August	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
24	Presentation on 'Terrorists' Use of the Internet: The Case of Daesh'	24 August	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
25	Lecture on 'The Malayan Emergency: Lessons Learned'	August	Hawaii, US
26	Lecture on 'Countering the Narratives of Violent Extremism: Exploring the Message, Medium and the Messenger'	August	Manila, Philippines
27	Presentation on 'The Understanding of Ideology; for Yayasan Sukarelawan Siswa (YSS)'	13 September	Putrajaya, Malaysia
28	Presentation on 'PVE Strategies: Online and Offline'	23 September	Manila, The Philippines

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SEARCCT'S LIST OF PARTICIPATIONS, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE	VENUE
29	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives'	September	Bangkok, Thailand
30	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives: The Four-Step Counter-Narrative Developmental Model'	September	Jakarta, Indonesia
31	Presentation on 'Terrorists' Use of the Internet: The Case of Daesh'	13 October	Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
32	Lecture on "Understanding Terrorist Messaging and Developing the Counter-Narrative'	November	Taipei, Taiwan
33	Lecture on 'Youth, Narratives and Counter-Narratives'	November	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
34	Presentation on 'Global Threats and Trends of Terrorism'	12 December	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
35	Intervention at the 'Regional Workshop on Violent Extremism & Religious Education in Southeast Asia'	11-13 December	Jakarta, Indonesia
36	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narrative: Exploring the Message, Medium and Messenger'	December	Tokyo, Japan

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