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■ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ■



For SEARCCT, 2018 saw great encouragement in the field of counter-terrorism with continued momentum from positive developments the year before. Sustained military operations led to the mass territorial defeat of Daesh in Syria and Iraq. With its physical presence practically destroyed, Daesh's utopian idea of a so-called caliphate was obliterated. The loss of Daesh's financial resources through physical economic activities has slowed down the tempo of the group's operations and recruitment activities significantly.

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However, there were still ongoing concerns whose effects are still unfolding. The shocking announcement at the end of 2018 by the United States to withdraw its troops from Syria and the declaration that Daesh had been defeated had caused mixed reactions. Although it was explained that the withdrawal is only the beginning of the next phase in the campaign against Daesh, no concrete details were given as to what the next phase entails.

2. While Daesh experienced a massive loss of territorial control, the geopolitical circumstances in the region should not be discounted. In retrospect, history has shown that military withdrawal from any conflict seems to be more detrimental to the stability and security of the affected nations. Different factions and rebel groups are still active, while political instability in Syria remains. This might possibly pave the way for the civil war to further escalate indefinitely. How this turn of events will play out, or bring consequences in terms of terrorist activities, is certainly something to focus on in 2019.

3. Throughout the year, Daesh had been quick to claim responsibility for a number of terror incidents across the globe via its Amaq media wing. Some notable instances included Daesh's claim over the April 2018 attack in Khorasan Province, which targeted the headquarters of Afghan intelligence services in the city, despite debates on whether Daesh or the Taliban was behind it. Meanwhile, in Libya, Daesh also deemed itself responsible for twin bombings on head offices of the country's electoral commission in May 2018, although no evidence was given to substantiate this claim. In Paris that same month, a man was shot dead by local police after he attacked passers-by in the Opera district with a knife. Following the attack, Daesh conveniently released a video purportedly depicting the perpetrator, Azimov, swearing allegiance to Daesh supreme leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, while his identity had not been confirmed by authorities. In November 2018, Daesh also claimed it was behind a vehicle and knife attack in Melbourne. While there were no concrete links between Daesh and the perpetrators of the

mentioned attacks, such claims were expected and could be considered as some of the group's attempts to stay relevant.

4. The string of attacks around the world in 2018 served as a reminder that the fall of Daesh in Syria and Iraq does not indicate the threat of terrorism is over. Far from that, extremist ideology is still spreading, be it through online or offline means. Individuals as well as smaller cells and groups continue to emerge and stage attacks, indicating that Daesh is still a significant actor in the terrorist threat against national, regional and international security.

5. The aftermath of Daesh's territorial defeat has left surviving Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) and their families with the option to remain, return home or flee to other countries. The sheer volume of returning FTFs pose a serious problem to receiving nations. The two church suicide bombings carried out by a family in Surabaya, Indonesia, in May 2018, illustrate that this is a matter of serious concern, as the family behind the attacks – a father, mother, two sons and two daughters – were among the 500 Indonesian returnees from Syria and Iraq. They also belonged to the Jamaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD), the largest local terror group which swears allegiance to Daesh.

6. In this regard, it can be projected that the full impact of returning FTFs would not manifest itself until much later. The possibility of Daesh members regrouping and creating smaller groups or cells to commit terror acts, or merging with local militant groups should not be

dismissed. However, history has shown that the consequences of the war in Afghanistan (1979) only played out several years after it ended, with fighters regrouping in their home countries. Therefore, it is of paramount importance for law enforcement agencies to detect and closely monitor the networks that returning FTFs possess, in order to mitigate the risk of them bringing the battlefield to their home countries. It is not enough to just focus on Daesh and what is left of the group. The network formed among terrorists from all over the world is what will endure.

7. This worrying situation warrants the strengthening of cooperation among countries in the region and beyond. In ASEAN, a step towards this has been undertaken through the adoption of the ASEAN Plan of Action to Prevent and Counter the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism (2018-2025) during the 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) on 31 October 2018. It is imperative that such regional cooperation is enhanced and member states play their respective roles in combating this menace. Given the rise of terror activities in the region, Southeast Asia is seen as an emerging hotspot for terrorism, as noted by the recent Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2018. This correlates with the increase in activities by the Philippines-based Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) on Malaysian soil in 2018, particularly in Sabah where the Royal Malaysia Police (RMP) has managed to detain at least 19 individuals linked to the group since January 2018. Monitoring and interrogations into their activities reveal



alarming trends, including the establishment of a cell in Sabah, making Sabah a safe haven for ASG members to plan attacks, recruit children to be front liners in battles, and to procure arms, among others.

8. Zooming in on Malaysia in 2018, the country witnessed a change in government for the first time since its independence in 1957. Notwithstanding the significant change, Malaysia remains steadfast in its commitment to counter-terrorism and the prevention of violent extremism. Through rigorous security operations by the RMP, 84 individuals with suspected links to terrorism were arrested in 2018, indicating a 20 percent reduction from 2017 during which 105 individuals were arrested. With such success, the RMP has managed to prevent several attacks in the country. Most notably was the plot by a 51 year-old woman to stage an attack against non-Muslim voters at a polling station during the 14th General Election. This also highlights the much anticipated shift in activity or expectations of female terrorist roles from being merely supporters to carrying out more “on the ground” functions.

9. The arrests made in Malaysia in 2018 had also shed light on a number of trends, including a group of foreigners with links to a Yemeni terrorist group in the Middle East. Investigation into the group, known as Asoib or Pemuda dari Timur, revealed that the suspects aspired to join a terrorist group in Yemen that would provide them with sufficient weapons to conduct attacks, including in Saudi Arabia. Further arrests had also exposed a group with a plan to

infiltrate the Islamic education system in the country with foreign extremist ideologies.

10. Apart from intelligence gathering and sharing, these series of arrests would not have been possible without tangible and robust legislative measures. Although there had been strong inclinations by certain quarters in 2018 to repeal two terror-related acts, namely, the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act (SOSMA) 2012 and the Prevention of Crime Act (POCA) 2014, the aforementioned arrests only highlight the importance of having preventive laws in place, particularly with regard to terrorism cases, in order to curb the threat more effectively and in a timely manner.

11. On the other hand, it is impractical to focus on hard power responses alone to counter terrorism. The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Mahathir Mohamed, during his speech at the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in September 2018, stressed the importance of winning the hearts and minds of the people in combating the threat of terrorism – a soft approach strategy employed against communist terrorists during the Malayan Emergency. This element was seen as a catalyst to eliminate terrorist threats back then, and has been adopted and improved to address the scourge of terrorism today. In this respect, another major pillar in Malaysia’s fight against terrorism is to foster community resilience and enhance preparedness of counter-terrorism practitioners and policy-makers. As a strong believer in such an approach, SEARCCCT takes on this responsibility by conducting



capacity-building programmes, public awareness activities, research and the development of counter-narratives.

12. In 2018, SEARCCT conducted 23 capacity-building programmes, with a total of 1,207 participants from Malaysia and other countries. Five of the programmes were jointly organised with SEARCCT's foreign partners, in which two were held at the international level. Meanwhile, two programmes were organised under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), 10 with local collaborators, while the remaining six were in-house programmes.

13. The first international level programme was conducted in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC). The event, entitled "Cross Regional Workshop for South and Southeast Asia on Strengthening National and Regional Legal Frameworks and Networks for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Leading to Terrorism," was held from 10 to 12 July 2018 in Kuala Lumpur. The second event was jointly organised by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED). The programme, titled "Asia Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) and Counter-Terrorism (CT) Dialogue" was the third and final

workshop of the series, held in Kuala Lumpur on 7 and 8 November 2018.

14. Realising the impact of the Internet and social media platforms in the proliferation of propaganda to radicalise and recruit, SEARCCT continues its efforts to monitor, analyse and develop effective counter and alternative narratives in its quest to discredit the often-misconstrued ideals propagated by terrorists. In 2018, SEARCCT designed and produced hundreds of digital counter / alternative narrative products. These products included digital banners, videos and digital comics, which have been disseminated over three major social media platforms, namely, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

15. Apart from capacity-building programmes and countering terrorist narratives, SEARCCT successfully completed two research activities in the area of "undergraduates and radicalisation." As a result, two new monographs were published in 2018, namely, *"Don't Lah Wei! – A Peer-to-Peer Resource Guide on Ensuring Your Kawan Never Becomes a Terrorist,"* and *"Undergraduate Radicalisation in Selected Countries in Southeast Asia: A Comparative Quantitative Analysis on the Perception of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism among Undergraduates in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand."*



16. Further emphasising the importance of youth as the future of the country and how susceptible they are to terrorist ideologies, SEARCCT in 2018 continued conducting public awareness programmes, specifically SEARCCT University Lecture Series (ULS), at higher learning institutes across Malaysia. SEARCCT was also closely engaged with student volunteers such as Yayasan Sukarelawan Siswa (YSS), as we strongly believe that these students are effective agents in promulgating positive voices and activities in countering extremism and extremist messages.

17. All in all, SEARCCT had a productive and fruitful year in 2018, forging close cooperation with like-minded agencies and countries with mutual interests, as well as playing an important role in promoting peace, stability and security in the country against the terrorist threat. As fighting terrorism requires a concerted effort, SEARCCT will continue to foster such relations and encourage a whole-of-nation approach to address the threat of terrorism.



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INTRODUCTION

The year under review was another challenging yet interesting one for the Planning and Training Division. Despite having limited budget and manpower issues, the Division managed to explore new partnerships, strengthened existing cooperation, and designed more creative and impactful programmes. The Division welcomed a new officer, ASP Firman Adi Rahmana bin Norsalam from the RMP, who joined SEARCCT in October 2018, replacing ASP Billy MacMiller, who left the Centre in March 2018.

Throughout the year, 23 programmes were successfully organised, including one new programme and two workshops at the international level. Of the programmes, four were conducted with foreign collaborators, while 10 were conducted with local partners. Five programmes were organised with the collaboration of new local partners, namely, the Chemistry Department of Malaysia, Akademi Tentera Darat (ATD), the Malaysian Press Institute (MPI), the Public Works Department of Selangor, and the Centre for Initiation of Talent and Industrial Training (CiTra) of the University of Malaya.

Most of the programmes, 13 in total, were conducted under the flagship of Preventing and / or Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE). The themes included awareness on counter-terrorism efforts in Malaysia, counter-narratives, youth and terrorism, de-radicalisation and rehabilitation, as well as legal issues concerning CVE and PVE.

During the year, SEARCCT also continued to receive several requests from the “First Responder” agencies, including those based as far as Sandakan, Sabah, to conduct programmes under the flagship of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives (CBRNE) and Crisis Management. Additionally, SEARCCT organised one programme each under the two flagships of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Terrorism Financing.

As in recent years, SEARCCT’s training programmes have been designed to achieve immediate and tangible outcomes or deliverables. In this regard, SEARCCT worked hand in hand with its trainers, invited experts and speakers to ensure this objective was met. This was done by including elements such as Action Plans, Counter Narrative Digital Products and Group Discussion End Results in each course or workshop conducted in 2018.

SEARCCT continued to enjoy strong 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 (NSC), the Office of the Chief Government Security Officer (CGSO) under the Prime Minister’s Department (PMD), RMP, the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF), the Fire and 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 and Innovation.

SEARCCT also continued to give strong emphasis on fostering Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in its counter-terrorism campaigns and programmes in 2018. SEARCCT had engaged with Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB), Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB), Malaysia Airlines and Air Asia in various capacity-building programmes in 2018.

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

The list of programmes organised by SEARCCT in 2018 appears in **ANNEX A.** PAGE 46

BUDGET

In January 2018, a total of RM 298,700.00 was allocated for the Division. By the end of the year, the total expenditure of the Division was RM 293,267.03, representing 98.18% of the total budget allocation. The Division also received funding from the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP),

as well as from foreign collaborators. The financial support from both MTCP and its foreign collaborators had helped SEARCCT to sustain its capacity-building programmes.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of 1,207 participants attended SEARCCT's capacity-building programmes in 2018. Out of this number, 124 were foreign nationals – mainly from ASEAN member states, while the rest, i.e., 1,083, were local participants. Details of the international participants are summarised in the following table:

COUNTRIES	No. of Participants
ASEAN Countries	
Brunei	3
Cambodia	0
Indonesia	8
Lao PDR	4
Myanmar	2
Philippines	11
Singapore	4
Thailand	5
Viet Nam	1

OTHERS COUNTRIES	No. of Participants
Algeria	1
Australia	3
Azerbaijan	3
Bangladesh	5
Cameroon	1
Canada	1
China	1
Colombia	1
European Union	2
Finland	1
France	1
Gambia	2
Ghana	1
Iran	1
Japan	2
Jordan	2
Kenya	2
Maldives	4
Mauritius	1

Nepal	1
New Zealand	2
Nigeria	1
Oman	1
Pakistan	1
Palestine	2
Republic of Palau	2
Saudi Arabia	2
Senegal	1
Sierra Leone	1
Korea	5
Sri Lanka	5
Sudan	1
Sweden	1
Timor-Leste	1
Tonga	1
Uganda	1
UK	5
UN	4
USA	9

The table of SEARCCT's participants by country / year is attached as **ANNEX B.** PAGE 70

The table of SEARCCT's participants by programme is attached as **ANNEX C.** PAGE 76

The table of SEARCCT's participants by flagship is attached as **ANNEX D.** PAGE 78



FOREIGN SUPPORT AND COLLABORATORS

SEARCCT's foreign partners including Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea (ROK), USA, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (UN CTED), had contributed in terms of ideas, expertise and funding in the co-organisation of five capacity-building programmes in 2018. Two of the programmes were at the international level involving foreign participants. SEARCCT is truly grateful and honoured to receive continuous support from its foreign collaborators.

COLLABORATORS MEETING

A total of 33 officials from both relevant public and private sector agencies attended the Local Collaborators Brainstorming session, held at the end of November 2018. The session discussed ways to improve SEARCCT's existing programmes and modules. In addition, the participants proposed for SEARCCT to conduct 16 capacity-building programmes in 2019.

A foreign collaborators meeting was held following the local collaborators meeting. It was attended by 22 foreign representatives. Among the possible areas of collaboration with foreign partners proposed for 2019 are on the issues of Terrorism Financing, Counter Narratives, Maritime Security, Aviation Security and Suicide Bombings.

EVALUATION OF PROGRAMMES

In 2018, SEARCCT also introduced and implemented an online system for feedback and evaluation of programmes by its participants. The majority of participants gave an average of five out of seven, or 'good', in almost all of the areas evaluated in the organisation of SEARCCT's capacity-building programmes. SEARCCT will continue to make further progress and necessary improvements in its future programmes and courses based on the feedback.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES

a) CBRNE First Responder Training Programme (Intermediate)



SEARCCT's first programme for 2018 was held at Maktab Teknik, RMP, Bakri, Muar (Johor), from 26 February to 2 March 2018. It was a collaboration with the newly-established CBRNE Unit of RMP. Twenty-five police officers attended this five-day programme, which was officiated by ACP Mohammad Rafee Abu Bakar, Assistant Director of Armaments (CBRNE), RMP.

The aim of this intermediate level programme was to further enhance the knowledge and understanding on the trends adopted by terrorists in utilising CBRNE agents, as well as to train the participants in planning and responding to CBRNE threats and incidents. SEARCCT's CBRNE trainers from RMP, MAF, the Ministry of Health, the Chemistry Department of Malaysia, the Fire and Rescue Department and AELB shared their knowledge on the subject.

The programme consisted lectures and practical sessions and a demonstration exercise conducted at the end of the programme to simulate a holistic emergency response scenario and mechanism towards a possible CBRNE incident.



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b) Forum on Understanding Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in Malaysia



SEARCCT and Akademi Tentera Darat (ATD) co-organised three programmes for the army's middle ranking officers in 2018. The first programme was conducted on 3 March 2018, while the second and third programmes were held on 25 July and 15 November 2018, respectively. All programmes were held at the academy in Port Dickson. About 80 to 100 army officers, including several foreign army, attended each programme.

The programme included panel sessions on the topics of radicalisation process, existing de-radicalisation efforts, recruitment methods by terrorists, social media as propaganda tools, counter narratives, and Malaysia's counter-terrorism legal framework. The speakers were from the Ministry of Home Affairs, RMP, International Islamic University and SEARCCT.

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c) Counter-Terrorism Awareness Programme for KTMB Senior Executives



The programme was held at the Malaysian Railway Academy (MYRA), Batu Gajah, Perak, on 5 April 2018 and was attended by 170 senior executives from Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB). Tuan Haji Hilmi Hasan, General Manager of the Human Capital Department, KTMB, officiated the one-day seminar alongside Ms. Mazita Marzuki, Deputy Director-General of SEARCCT. The programme was organised at the request of KTMB to equip

participants with knowledge and understanding on the subjects of terrorism, counter-terrorism and other related issues. The prime objective of this programme was to create awareness among KTMB senior executives on the threat of terrorism and to enhance KTMB's preventive and preparedness mechanisms in dealing with possible terrorist threats to KTMB stations and infrastructure.

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Local subject-matter-experts from CGSO, RMP, NSC and SEARCCT, were invited to speak on issues related to the security and safety of the railway transportation sector, as well as key violent extremist groups and their network apparatus both in Malaysia and Southeast Asia. The workshop was beneficial for participants to gain knowledge on terrorism, as well as to be aware of the real terrorist threat to the transportation sector in the country.

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d) Forum on Understanding the Threat of Terrorism and What We Can Do as Partners of Development and Agents of Change



SEARCCT and the Centre for the Initiation of Talent and Industrial Training (CITra), University of Malaya, collaborated for the first time in co-organising a one-day counter-terrorism awareness programme on 3 May 2018 at the university. The programme was attended by 38 students from various faculties. The programme was divided into two sessions. The first consisted of lectures by SEARCCT officials and the second was a group discussion. The students were then divided into four groups to discuss and solve a scenario / problem related to terrorism.



From the programme, it was deduced that the students had a basic understanding of the threat of terrorism and were aware of other issues related to this subject. The participants even proposed for a dedicated “hotline” service in order to allow the public to report or seek assistance in cases such as being exposed to radicalisation.

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e) Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Advanced First Responder Training Programme



SEARCCT successfully completed the “Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Advanced First Responder Training Programme” at the Akademi Bomba dan Penyelamat Wakaf Tapai, Terengganu, from 26 June to 6 July. 33 officers from RMP, MAF, MOH, AELB and the Chemistry Department attended the nine-day programme, which was officiated by Ms. Mazita Marzuki, Deputy Director-General of SEARCCT. Instructors of the workshop were SEARCCT’s own established CBRNE trainers.



Apart from learning advanced CBRNE subjects, the programme also exposed the participants to Malaysia’s CBRNE Model of multi-agencies emergency response, managing post-attack situations, multi-agency emergency decontamination operations, as well as familiarisation with various CBRNE’s detection equipment. This provided participants with an insight into the significance of each agency’s roles and responsibilities. It also demonstrated the need for swift coordination in the event of a CBRNE incident.



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f) Cross Regional Workshop for South and Southeast Asia on Strengthening National and Regional Legal Frameworks and Networks for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Leading To Terrorism



SEARCCT's first international level programme for 2018 was a collaboration with the Embassy of Japan and the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). 43 participants from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Maldives, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Malaysia attended the programme, held at the Intercontinental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, from 10 to 12 July 2018. The speakers for the workshop were counter-terrorism experts from UNODC, Bangladesh, Denmark, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Netherlands, the Philippines, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

The workshop was aimed at raising awareness of current threats and risks of terrorist recruitment, returning FTFs and extremist groups operating in the region, exploring the benefits and challenges of inter-agency cooperation at regional level and promoting the "Whole of Society" approach. The highlights of the programme were the group discussion (country-based) and presentation on the possibility of forming an informal coordination network of CVE practitioners for the two regions. A majority of the participating countries supported the idea and looked forward to the follow up programme by UNODC.

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g) Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) First Responder Training Programme (Intermediate)



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SEARCCT and the Chemistry Department of Malaysia collaborated for the first time in co-organising a five-day intensive CBRNE programme in July 2018, held at the Hotel Sentral Revierview, Melaka. The programme was officiated by Ms. Rosnah Bt Awang, Director-General of the Chemistry Department and Dato' Azmil Zabidi, Director-General of SEARCCT.



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The programme was attended by 18 officers from the Department of Chemistry headquarters and Department of Chemistry Malaysia, Melaka Branch. The participants were exposed to various CBRNE subjects, ranging from the basics of CBRNE, to modes of dispersal, to managing post-attack situations, to emergency decontamination. They were also given the opportunity to familiarise themselves with detection equipment for CBRNE agents, which provided them with hands-on experience. Through demonstration exercises, participants were also briefed on coordination, security procedures, command and control, and



communication in handling mass casualties in the event of CBRNE incidents. Speakers who facilitated this programme were SEARCHCT's established CBRNE trainers.

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h) Developing a 'Whole-Of-Government' Soft Power Response to Terrorism and Extremism Workshop



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SEARCCT organised a three-day seminar at Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN) Sarawak from 31 July to 2 August 2018. The seminar focused on the importance of a “Whole-of-Government” approach in countering terrorism. Ms. Mazita Marzuki, Deputy Director-General of SEARCCT, officiated and closed the programme. It was attended by 72 participants from various relevant government agencies mainly from Sarawak and Sabah. Officials from the RMP, the Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement (ABIM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), the Malaysian Prisons Department, the Attorney General’s Chambers, and SEARCCT were invited to speak at the programme.



The highlight of the seminar was the table-top exercise which exposed participants to possible scenarios of radicalisation in real-life settings. The participants then identified some of the best approaches and preventive measures to deal with such situations.

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i) MTCP: CBRNE First Responder Training Programme



SEARCHCT's first MTCP programme for 2018 was on CBRNE, held from 31 July to 10 August in Kuala Lumpur. This annual programme gathered 16 foreign participants from MTCP-recipient countries namely, Lao PDR, Philippines, Uganda, Kenya, Sudan, Republic of Palau, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Ghana, Gambia and Sierra Leone.

SEARCHCT's CBRNE trainers shared their knowledge on various CBRNE topics and emphasised the significance of understanding the role of each agency and the need for swift multi-agency coordination in the event of a CBRNE incident. Participants were also given the opportunity to familiarise themselves with CBRNE detection equipment and procedures involved as first responders. This enabled the participants to have hands-on experience on top of their theoretical and practical knowledge on Malaysia's best practices.



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j) Counter Messaging Workshop



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SEARCCT and the New Zealand High Commission co-organised a workshop on Counter Messaging at the Concorde Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, from 28 to 30 August 2018. The programme was aimed at improving strategic thinking for counter-messaging, approaches in evaluating success, overcoming challenges and adapting digital products to changing audiences.



Eleven participants from SEARCCT were exposed to analytics in measuring the success of specific counter-messages and methods to interpret the results. The programme was facilitated by two experts from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand who guided participants on the essentials of developing quality messages for intended target audiences and implementing counter-narrative campaigns into several stages.

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k) Terrorism and Civil Aviation Course (Basic)



SEARCHCT held a civil aviation course from 3 to 5 September 2018 in Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan. The course was conducted by the newly-established team of trainers on Aviation Security, comprising members from the Civil Aviation Authority Malaysia (CAAM), the Immigration Department, RMP, Malaysia Airlines, Air Asia and MAHB. The trainers, who were trained in New Zealand in 2017, taught the fundamentals of aviation terrorism and Malaysia's approach to counter the issue to 20 participants from both government and private sectors.

The course also put specific emphasis on public-private partnerships (PPPs) in aviation security by stressing the need to have solid coordination among relevant agencies as well as the importance of complying with international standards. The programme also included a visit to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport to observe security measures already in place.



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I) Counter-Terrorism Financing Workshop: An Overview



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SEARCHCT's Terrorism Financing instructors trained 21 local participants from relevant agencies in Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan, from 4 to 6 September 2018. The instructors were from the MHA, RMP, the Royal Malaysian Customs Department, AGC, the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia, Bank Negara Malaysia, the Securities Commission of Malaysia and the Labuan International Business and Financial Centre.

Through a table-top exercise, participants demonstrated their understanding of the subject by identifying techniques employed by terrorists to gather funds to support their activities and operations, as well as applying counter-terrorism financing laws and procedures in Malaysia.

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m) Program Kesedaran dan Pencegahan Keganasan di Malaysia



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SEARCCT and the Electrical Engineering Division of the Selangor Public Works Department collaborated for the first time for an awareness programme on counter-terrorism in Malaysia. The event took place in Shah Alam, Selangor, on 13 September 2018 and was attended by 65 participants from all over Selangor. Experts from RMP and the International Islamic University of Malaysia were invited to speak at this one-day programme.

Among the topics discussed were Islamic perspectives on terrorism and radicalisation in Malaysia. The Q&A session was lively and included discussions between speakers and participants, on the true meaning of jihad, issues of islamophobia and Malaysia's counter-terrorism legal framework.

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n) Seminar on the Dynamics of Youth and Terrorism: Understanding and Countering the Issues



SEARCCT's second MTCP programme for 2018 was held at the Royale Chulan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, from 18 to 26 September 2018. This programme was attended by 16 participants from Algeria, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Iran, Jordan, Lao PDR, Mauritius, Nigeria, Oman, Palestine, Senegal, Tonga and Zimbabwe. Invited local speakers were from RMP, the Malaysian Prisons Department, the International Islamic University, UniRazak, ABIM, MyCorps, Malaysia Youth Parliament, a consultant psychologist and SEARCCT.

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The immediate outcome of this seminar was the “Action Plan” produced by the participants, which called for countries to adopt a comprehensive approach in implementing the Prevention of Violent Extremism, the need to develop and disseminate counter-narratives on terrorism, to encourage youth to be involved in civil society activities be it humanitarian, sports or volunteerism and the creation of a “Youth Parliament” in their countries similar to Malaysia’s Youth Parliament system. The plan produced by the participants reflects the knowledge and information they gained throughout the seminar and also illustrated their better understanding of the issues discussed.

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o) Workshop on the Role of Media in Covering Violent Extremism (CVE) and Radicalisation Leading to Terrorism



SEARCCT, in collaboration with the Malaysian Press Institute (MPI) and the US Embassy, successfully organised two programmes specifically for media practitioners in Melaka from 25 to 27 September 2018, and in Kota Bharu, Kelantan, from 30 September to 2 October 2018. Fifty-nine participants consisting of local journalists from TV Alhijrah, Utusan Malaysia, Bernama, Kosmo, the China Press, Crime KL, RTM, Malaysian Insight, The Sun Media Corporation and Star Media Group attended the programme.

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The programme aimed to discuss issues and problems concerning media reporting on extremism and terrorism, as well as the use of the Internet for spreading radical ideas and relevant legislation. The speakers for the programme were from RMP, MHA, the Prison Department, academicians, US Media practitioners and SEARCCT officers. The main highlight of the programme was the discussion between experts and participants on reporting and writing news articles pertaining to terrorism, which can be used as a tool to counter terrorist propaganda.



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The three-way collaboration programme involving SEARCCT, MPI and the US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur was a success, where participants were able to gain theoretical and practical knowledge on terrorism.

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p) CBRNE Terrorism Awareness and Medical Emergency Consequence Management Workshop



Two hundred participants consisting of medical practitioners from hospitals and clinics in Sabah, Maritime Malaysia Sabah Base and the Fire and Rescue Department of Sabah attended this three-day programme co-organised by SEARCCT, Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sabah (JKNS), Hospital Selayang, and Hospital Duchess of Kent in Sandakan, Sabah, from 9 to 11 October 2018. This workshop aimed to create awareness among medical practitioners on the use of CBRNE elements as weapons and to prepare them in responding to such casualties. The speakers for the workshop were SEARCCT's CBRNE instructors.



The highlight of this programme was the demonstration exercise. Participants were briefed on coordination, security procedures, command control and communication in handling mass casualties in the event of CBRNE incidents, thus, emphasising the need for an all-inclusive approach to response mechanisms. All in all, the workshop was a success, as it provided a beneficial platform for participants to obtain theoretical and practical knowledge on CBRNE.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES

q) The 3rd Asia Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Counter-Terrorism Dialogue



Fifty-three ICT experts and practitioners from Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Thailand, Philippines, Singapore, USA, APEC, ASEAN, Interpol and Malaysia gathered in Kuala Lumpur from 7 to 8 November 2018 for the Third Asia ICT and Counter-Terrorism Dialogue. This event was co-organised by SEARCCT, the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (UN CTED) and the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Deliberations of the dialogue centred on three main themes, namely, incitement and online violent extremism; PPPs and industry self-regulation, and cyber protection of critical infrastructures against terrorist attacks. Experts from the UN CTED, UN Office of Information and Communications Technology, Interpol, Hedayah Centre, Global Network Initiative, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Weibo and SEARCCT led the discussions on these themes. The dialogue managed to enrich participants with new insights and strengthened the ongoing commitment of participating countries to combat terrorism in their respective capacities.

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r) Terrorism Awareness and Bomb Threat Management



The programme on Bomb Threat Management was held at the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN) Sabah Campus from 7 to 9 November 2018. 48 participants consisting of law enforcement officers from RMP, the Immigration Department of Malaysia, the Royal Malaysian Customs Department, MAF, policymakers and civil servants, including from local government agencies, participated in the programme.



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Officials from the NSC, Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM), Bomb Data Centre, and RMP's Special Branch E3 and E8 were invited to speak. Aside from providing awareness on current threats and trends of terrorism, the workshop also aimed to equip participants with the necessary "know-how" on managing bomb threats. Topics on the introduction to Improvised Explosive Device (IED), response mechanisms to IED, decision-making processes involved, as well as emergency responses, were thoroughly deliberated during the course. Through the demonstration session, participants were briefed on coordination, security procedures, command control and communication in handling mass casualties in the event of IED incidents. Overall, the workshop was a success, as it provided a beneficial platform for participants to obtain theoretical and practical knowledge on bomb threat management.





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RESEARCH AND
PUBLICATIONS DIVISION



INTRODUCTION

The Research and Publications Division of SEARCCT conducts research and analysis on relevant topics relating to terrorism and publishes its findings in the form of monographs, articles and reports.

In 2018, SEARCCT successfully completed two research projects with support from the United States and the Japan-ASEAN Integrated Fund (JAIF). Two monographs were published as outcomes of the two projects. The Division also contributed two articles in the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR)'s triannual publication, *Diplomatic Voice*, entitled "Daesh Propaganda Online: Challenges and Counter Measures" and "Malaysian Women in Daesh: A Reflection of Their Roles and Counter Measures' Recommendations".

Apart from the foregoing, the Division delivered its research findings through lectures and presentations, both at the local and international levels, and contributed to efforts in preventing violent extremism (PVE) by conducting public awareness programmes, particularly with university students on the dangers of violent extremism and terrorism. The Division also produced periodic reports throughout the year, analysing terror incidents and developments across the globe, for the internal consumption of the Ministry.

The Division is currently in the initial stages of two new areas of research.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

In 2018, the Division conducted its activities in four different areas, as follows:

Completed Research Projects

a) Undergraduates and Radicalisation

The youth has always been a priority throughout SEARCCT's work in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism, given their vulnerability and susceptibility to such ideas. With the support of JAIF and the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC), SEARCCT completed the 'Undergraduates and Radicalisation' project, which was aimed at understanding the perceptions held by undergraduates on extremism, radicalism and political violence, among others.

The research was carried out by examining current literature on the subject, studying countries beyond the region that face similar challenges, seeking views and opinions from experts in the field, and conducting a quantitative survey on undergraduates from five countries in the region, i.e., Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

A monograph entitled "Undergraduate Radicalisation in Selected Countries in Southeast Asia: A Comparative Quantitative Analysis on the Perception of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism among Undergraduates in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand" was published in this regard.



b) Training University Undergraduate Leaders to Develop Counter-Violent Extremism (CVE) Capabilities on Campuses.

The project was supported by the United States CVE Local Grant Program, with the aim to develop and publish training manuals (in both English and Bahasa Malaysia) for university undergraduate leaders to counter the rhetoric of extremists, as well as to train university undergraduate leaders to initiate, develop and implement CVE programmes for their fellow peers in the university setting.

The programme to train undergraduate leaders was successfully conducted in 2017, while the training manual entitled “Don’t-lah Wei! A Peer-to-Peer Resource Guide on Ensuring your Kawan Never Becomes a Terrorist” was published in 2018.

The resource guide is a preliminary attempt to equip young leaders with the skills and tools to understand the deception of extremists, the manner in which past and current heroes overcame adversity and addressed grievances without using indiscriminate violence, critically examine the claims and 'promises' of terrorists, understand the potential for both women in terrorism and countering terrorism and study the radicalisation process to better understand the vulnerable, paving the way for intervention.

Ongoing Research Activities

c) Online Recruitment of Terrorists

Understanding that the threat of terrorism is one that is fluid, SEARCCT continued to study the evolving trends of terrorism, particularly in the cyber realm, through an additional, more focused research area. As an extension to SEARCCT's Terrorist's Use of the Internet project in 2016, the Centre had embarked on another project, focusing 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 2019.



d) Women and Terrorism

SEARCCT also began exploring the topic of women and terrorism, as it is seen as an emerging trend in recent years.

The project seeks to understand the roles and motivational factors that have led 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 be completed by the end of 2019.

PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

The Division is also responsible for conducting public awareness programmes, such as the SEARCCT University Lecture Series (ULS). In 2018, SEARCCT conducted five ULS programmes. One public awareness programme was organised in collaboration with the Malaysia International Shipping Company (MISC) targeting the former's executives, officers and employees.

SEARCCT's 2018 ULS programme were as follows:

- i. Kolej Profesional Mara (KPM), Beranang, 8 February 2018 – attended by 150 students;
- ii. Yayasan Sukarelawan Siswa (YSS), Ministry of Higher Education, 19 February 2018 – attended by 50 students;

- iii. YSS, Ministry of Higher Education, 19 April 2018 – attended by 50 students;
- iv. Kolej Yayasan UEM (KYUEM), 28 June 2018 – attended by 70 students; and
- v. YSS, Ministry of Higher Education, 12 July 2018 – attended by 50 students.

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

SEARCCT also shares its experience and research findings through participation or delivering lectures / presentations at conferences, seminars and workshops at the national and international levels.

The list of the Division's participation, lectures and presentations is attached as **ANNEX E.** [PAGE 60](#)



SEARCCT giving a presentation on “Global Threats and Trends of Terrorism” at the Terrorism Awareness Programme, hosted by the Malaysian International Shipping Cooperation (MISC) Bhd. in Kuala Lumpur, 9 February 2018.



SEARCCT giving a presentation on “Terrorist Use of ICT and Violent Extremism in the Region” at the 3rd Asia ICT and CT Dialogue in Kuala Lumpur, 7 November 2018.



SEARCCT sharing a light moment with students during the University Lecture Series programme at KYUEM, 28 June 2018



SEARCCT giving a Terrorism Awareness lecture during the University Lecture Series programme at Kolej Yayasan UEM (KYUEM), 28 June 2018



SEARCCT presenting on "Female Radicalisation and the Roles of Women in Terrorist Organisations: The Malaysian Case" at the Workshop on P/CVE in Southeast Asia: Advancing Gender Inclusion and Women's Participation, 3 May 2018

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DIGITAL STRATEGIC
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INTRODUCTION

Terrorist and violent extremist propaganda continued to be a salient issue in 2018. Although Daesh (one of the most significant terrorist groups to successfully exploit social media platforms) had suffered tremendous losses in territory and the capacity of their so-called caliphate in 2017, they have since transformed their strategy to operate as an insurgency that ply their trade through shadowy networks not only within their traditional area of operations of Syria and Iraq but also beyond.

This arguably will make them rely even more on their propaganda efforts to build support from various communities and forge alliances with like-minded affiliates in other regions, many of which have been learning, adapting and emulating the propaganda machinery of Daesh.

Today, terrorists' ability to get messages from the battlefield to the living room remains one of their greatest strengths and newest weapons. They are also able to insulate their propaganda from censorship and legal measures by relying on the help of their passionate and networked members and supporters.

Such a scenario necessitates approaches that challenge their claims, entreaties and calls to action on an ideological, intellectual and emotional level.

By mitigating, degrading and diminishing the online influence of terrorists and violent extremists of today, the international community can begin to sever the support lines that keep them empowered, relevant and active.

It was against this backdrop that the Digital Strategic Communications Division (DSCD) was established under SEARCCT.

COUNTER-MESSAGING EFFORTS

The DSCD began its efforts to address online propaganda and influence of terrorist and violent extremist groups within the local and regional context in 2016.

By employing data-driven and results-oriented soft approaches, DSCD looks for ways to complement legal and law-enforcement based hard approaches to counter-terrorism by presenting challenges and alternatives to ideologies and narratives of hate, intolerance and violence employed by such groups.

These efforts are anticipated to diminish and degrade support and interest for such groups among vulnerable populations and selected target audiences.



In order to achieve reproducible results in such efforts, DSCD pursues four areas of focus in its operations, as follows:

- i. Monitoring online propaganda and messaging of violent extremist actors, as well as analysing them to establish crucial reference points for contextually relevant counter-messaging that has the capacity to resonate with selected target audiences;
- ii. Assessing P/CVE strategies and operations of other similar and like-minded organisations, to emulate and adapt ideas and approaches for local and regional contexts and audiences;
- iii. Developing the campaigns and media products based on the findings and recommendations of the previous lines of efforts; and
- iv. Disseminating the media products, executing the campaigns and evaluating the effectiveness of ongoing P/CVE efforts.

In 2018, DSCD produced hundreds of unique communications products and distributed it over a variety of social media platforms, which include Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. However, such efforts, especially by the public sector, were limited by default in the P/CVE space.

Therefore, the DSCD continued to reach out to interlocutors from a wide spectrum of backgrounds for collaboration in getting the messages out to where they would resonate

the strongest and would have the most impact.

Collaborations included individuals and groups within civil society and the private sector, as well as influencers, grass-root leaders, and other credible voices.

WORKSHOP

Targeting and Preventing Extremism for Youths (TAPESTRY)

In line with the core belief that the participation and contribution of youth are essential to any effective counter-messaging efforts, the Division went a step further in 2018 by focusing on the possibilities of bringing low-cost and social-media centred film-making and the youthful exuberance and creativity of university students together in a two-day workshop called "TAPESTRY".

The workshop brought together a group of 30 students from a number of institutions of higher learning in the Klang Valley, where they participated in talks, discussions and table-top exercises on the dangers of violent extremism and how such issues were relevant to them.

There was also a crash course on film-making by an industry expert. Through a hackathon held during the workshop, the participants managed to produce unique, relevant and authentic CVE-themed concept videos, and sparked a healthy interest among the participants themselves on further contributing to P/CVE efforts.



COUNCILS OF EXPERTS

Realising that a multidisciplinary approach from a diversified range of expertise has great potential in significantly enhancing and enriching the development of creative and applicable solutions to addressing challenges or mitigating the influence of terrorist messaging, DSCD has established a number of councils of experts in 2018 as follows:

Council of Experts on Violent Extremism and Community Engagement

This council was established with the purpose of having a pool of subject matter experts in areas related to violent extremism, communications and community engagement to provide guidance, as well as technical assistance to the ongoing counter-messaging efforts of DSCD. Council members provide support in terms of evaluating DSCD's messaging efforts and drawing key findings from current P/CVE engagements. The council also provides recommendations related to strategies, risks and opportunities when it comes to P/CVE.

Council of Religious Advisors

While recognising that religious-themed messaging is crucial to developing an effective communications strategy to thwart the efforts of violent extremist groups such as Daesh, SEARCCT is also cognisant of its lack of credibility to directly touch on such matters.

As such, SEARCCT established a council of experts that would be able to give sound advice on this matter. In 2018, a number of meetings were held to discuss the possible themes and areas where they can provide their expertise in, as well as steps needed to bring about a framework for such a council.

CAMPAIGNS, TRANSLATIONS, TALKS AND BEYOND

In 2018, the DSCD embarked on a campaign entitled "Hebat Youth: Positive Expressions" (HYPE). This campaign aims to encourage young people currently studying in tertiary education all over Malaysia, regardless of race, gender, religious beliefs or socio-economic backgrounds, to contribute to community-based solutions and actively participate as content creators of positive messages in the efforts to address the drivers of extremism. The campaign involved a video making competition and a youth carnival event that will be held in 2019, which include various local artists, government and non-governmental organisations (NGO), as well as talks by experts in the CVE field.

DSCD has also begun preparations to launch the Malaysian Voices Opposing Violent Extremism (MOVE) Campaign, which seeks to produce audio and video public service announcements (PSAs) by local influencers. The PSAs touch upon subtle CVE messaging, emphasising aspects of peace, tolerance and multi-culturalism within the Malaysian context.



To aid in the localisation of high quality counter-messaging material for local and regional consumption, DSCD has, in collaboration with the International Centre for the Study of Violent Extremism (ICSVE), provided Malay, Indonesian and Tagalog translations of a selection of videos developed by the Centre.

DSCD also contributes to the development of expertise and serves as a resource centre for other countries and organisations both in the region and beyond, within the field of P/CVE.

In 2018, DSCD continued to participate, train, equip, as well as give and facilitate talks on themes involving the development of counter narratives in Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, India, Japan, Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States to name a few.

Officers from DSCD were also involved in the following publications:

- i. *'Don't-Lah Wei: A Peer-to-Peer Resource Guide on Ensuring Your Kawan Never Becomes a Terrorist'*;
Monograph published in February 2018 with the support of the United States.
- ii. *'Undergraduate Radicalisation in Selected Countries in Southeast Asia: A Comparative Quantitative Analysis on the Perception of Terrorism and Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism among Undergraduates in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand'*;
Monograph published in July 2018 with the support of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) and the ASEAN Secretariat.
- iii. *'From Computer Screen to Battlefield'*;
An article for the Indo-Pacific Defence Forum published in October 2018.
- iv. *'Engaging Youth in CVE Initiatives'*
A chapter in 'Learning from Violent Extremist Attacks: Behavioural Sciences Insights for Practitioners and Policymakers' published in World Scientific in December 2018.

In 2018, members of DSCD were also involved in giving talks at the national and international levels. Details appear in **ANNEX F.** PAGE 84



SEARCCT officers with participants during the Targeting and Preventing Extremism for Youths (TAPESTRY) programme, 24- 25 October 2018



Participants giving a presentation during the Targeting and Preventing Extremism for Youths (TAPESTRY) programme, 24- 25 October 2018



SEARCCT giving a presentation during the Targeting and Preventing Extremism for Youths (TAPESTRY) programme, 24-25 October 2018



SEARCCT at the YouTube Creators for Change Regional Summit, 16 November 2018



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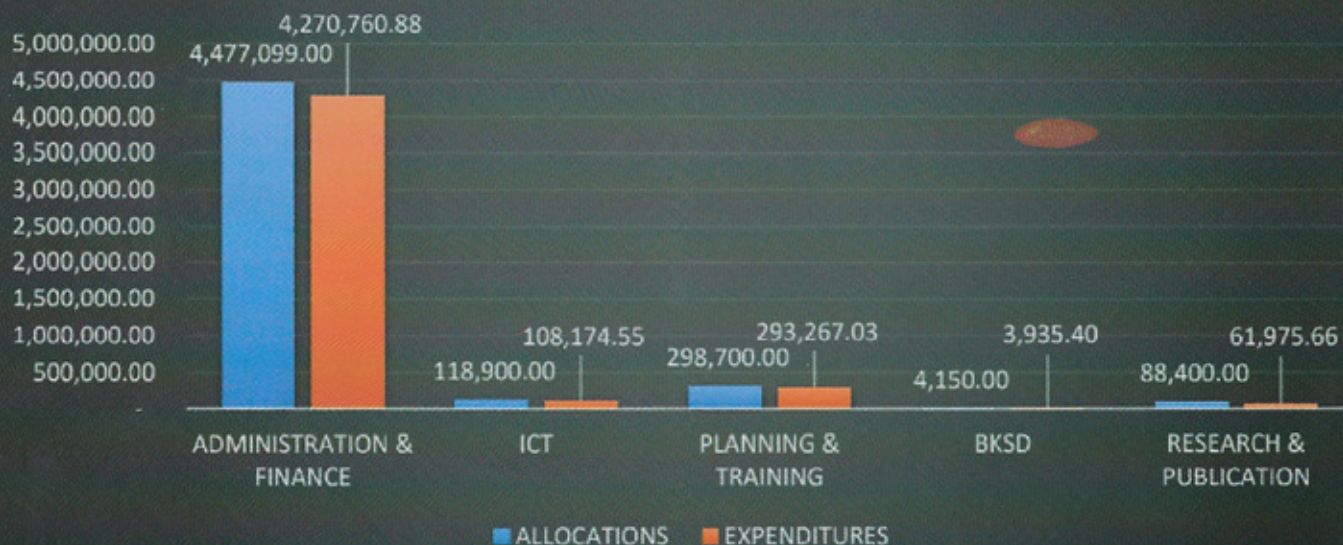
The Management Services Division is responsible for the overall administrative and financial performance of SEARCCT and delivers core support services to the three Divisions under the Centre. SEARCCT has a total of 54 posts, with 50 filled as at the end of 2018. The Centre has officers from the uniformed services on a secondment basis – two officers from the Royal Malaysia Police and one officer from the Malaysian Armed Forces.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

SEARCCT's overall budget in 2018 was RM4,987,249.00 with a total operating expenditure of RM4,738,113.52 (95%). The expenses were for the payment of salaries and emoluments, capacity-building and training programmes, counter narrative workshops, publication and research work, as well as maintenance, general services and infrastructure upkeep.

The following is SEARCCT's financial performance for 2018 according to Divisions:

SEARCCT'S 2018 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE





AUDIT

In 2018, SEARCCT was audited by a number of Divisions from within the Ministry, as well as other government agencies. This aided SEARCCT in ensuring that its operations and management of core activities were conducted according to procedure.

The audit sessions were as follows:

- i. Operasi Tindak Sama (OTS) on general administration, security and asset – Administrative Division, KLN;
- ii. Maintenance audit – Internal Audit Division, KLN;
- iii. Procurement and receipt of payment – Account Division, KLN;
- iv. Asset management – Ministry of Finance (MOF);
- v. Salary and emolument – National Audit Department; and
- vi. iGFMAS interim audit – National Audit Department.

RECOGNITION

SEARCCT's personnel were also recognised through the Service Excellence Awards. The awards were accorded for their excellent service and achievements in 2017. The nine officers were, Ms. Mazita Marzuki, Ms Suhailah Rosdi, Capt. Sulaiman Mhd Sofian, Mr. Razzuan Huri, Ms. Noor Najmiah Alias, Mr. Saiful Amani Abd Ghani, Mr. Effendy Batter Deen, Mr. Darwis Abd Aziz and Mr. Saifuddin Hamzah.

WORKING VISITS TO SEARCCT

SEARCCT regularly receives familiarisation visits from various government agencies and officials keen on being informed about the Centre's programmes and views on terrorism in Southeast Asia.

Among the visits in 2018 were:

- i. Visit by the Chief Executive of Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security (MIDAS), Lt. Gen. Dato' Suhaimi Mohd Zuki, 18 January 2018;
- ii. Visit by delegation of the ASEAN Secretariat, 27 February 2018;
- iii. Visit by the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), 8 March 2018;
- iv. Visit by the Ambassador of the European Union, H.E. Maria Castillo Fernandez, 12 March 2018;
- v. Visit by the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Malaysia, H.E. Valery N. Yermolov, 18 April 2018;
- vi. Visit by students from the School of International Studies, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), 19 April 2018;
- vii. Visit by students from Tun Abdul Razak School of Government, Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK), 25 April 2018;
- viii. Visit by the Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the USA to Malaysia, Dean R. Thomson, 17 May 2018;
- ix. Visit by the Director General for Consular and Security, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Philip Barton, 4 June 2018;



- x. Visit by the Ambassador of Sweden to Malaysia, H.E. Dag Juhlin - Danfelt, 6 September 2018;
- xi. Visit by the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State, H.E. Nathan Sales, 12 September 2018;
- xii. Visit by the U.S. Federal Judge, Mr. David O. Carter, 22 October 2018;
- xiii. Visit by the Royal Malaysian Navy, Rear Admiral Datuk Khairul Anuar, 26 October 2018; and
- xiv. Visit by the Ambassador of the USA to Malaysia, H.E. Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, 21 December 2018.

With the aim of generating rakyat-centric programmes, SEARCCT's Transformation Plan focuses on enhancing capacity-building programmes and expertise in the field of counter-terrorism and moulding experts in fields related to terrorism. Hence, under the Strategic Thrust of Providing Effective and Efficient Services to the Ministry's Stakeholders and Clients, SEARCCT has embarked on several programmes which include the establishment of SEARCCT's smart fellowship programme, and the expansion of collaborative research and training activities on counter-terrorism.

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In 2018, SEARCCT had taken the step to review and improve its vision, mission, objective and core flagship, in accordance with the current need and expectation of stakeholders, unveiled in April. SEARCCT also continued its implementation of the Ministry's Transformation Plan which commenced in 2017.



Visit by UniRazak students to SEARCCT,
25 April 2018



Visit by H.E. Maria Castillo Fernandez,
Ambassador of the European Union (EU)
to Malaysia to SEARCCT,
15 March 2018



Visit by the Foreign Minister
YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah to SEARCCT,
25 July 2018



**Visit by H.E. Ambassador Nathan Sales,
Coordinator for Counterterrorism U.S.
Department of State to SEARCCT,
13 September 2018**



**Visit by the Deputy Foreign Minister,
YB Dato' Marzuki Yahya to SEARCCT,
7 August 2018**



**Courtesy call by H.E Kamala
Shirin Lakhdir, Ambassador
of the U.S. to Malaysia,
on the DG of SEARCCT,
21 December 2018**



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| ICT UNIT |



INTRODUCTION

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Unit is a part of the Management Services 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. Facilitates other divisions in SEARCCT to improve services offered in accordance with the requirements of stakeholders.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE

The ICT Unit of SEARCCT is also 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, as well as 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 at 31 December 2018, SEARCCT's website recorded 25,332 visits from 155 countries around the globe. Aside from Malaysia, the visitors were mainly from the United States, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, India, Singapore, Pakistan, Australia, Canada and Indonesia.



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PARTICIPANTS BY COUNTRY / YEAR 2013-2018

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE START	DATE END	COLLABORATORS	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS	FLAGSHIP
1.	CBRNE First Responder Training Programme	26/02/2018	02/03/2018	Royal Malaysia Police	Akademi Latihan Polis Bakri, Muar, Johor	25 Local	CBRNE and Crisis Management
2.	Forum on & "Understanding Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in Malaysia"	03/03/2018	03/03/2018	Malaysian Armed Forces	Akademi Tentera Darat, Port Dickson	88 local	P/CVE
3.	Program Kesedaran Menangani Keganasan	05/04/2018	05/04/2018	KTM Berhad	Malaysian Railway Academy (MyRA), Batu Gajah, Perak	170 local	P/CVE
4.	Forum on Understanding the threat of Terrorism and What We Can Do as Partners of Development and Agents of Change	03/05/2018	03/05/2018	CITra, University Malaya	University Malaya	38 local	P/CVE
5.	CBRNE: Advanced First Responder Training Programme	26/06/2018	6/7/2018	Fire and Rescue Dept	Akademi Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia Wilayah Timur, Wakaf Tapai, Terengganu	33 local	CBRNE and Crisis Management
6.	Cross Regional Workshop for South and Southeast Asia On Strengthening National and Regional Legal Frameworks and Countering Violent Extremism Leading To Terrorism	10/07/2018	12/07/2018	UNODC	Intercontinental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	39 Participants (5 Bangladesh, 6 Indonesia, 4 Maldives, 4 Philippines, 5 Sri Lanka, 15 Malaysia)	P/CVE
7.	CBRNE: First Responder Training Programme (Awareness)	22/07/2018	27/07/2018	Chemistry Department	Sentral Riverview Hotel, Melaka	18 Local	CBRNE and Crisis Management
8.	Forum on Understanding Terrorism and Counter Terrorism in Malaysia	25/07/2018	25/07/2018	Malaysian Armed Forces	Akademi Tentera Darat, Port Dickson	70 Participants (1 Brunei, 1 Pakistan, 1 Philippines, 67 Malaysia)	P/CVE
9.	Developing a whole-of-Government Soft Power Respinse to Terrorism & Extremism	31/07/2018	02/08/2018	SEARCCT	Kampus INTAN Sarawak, Kota Semarahan	79 Local	P/CVE



NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE START	DATE END	COLLABORATORS	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS	FLAGSHIP
10.	CBRNE: First Responder Training Programme	31/07/2018	10/08/2018	MTCP	The Royale Chulan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur	16 Participants (1 Arab Saudi, 2 Gambia, 1 Ghana, 2 Kenya, 3 Lao PDR, 1 Nepal, 1 Philippines, 2 Republic of Palau, 1 Sierra Leone, 1 Sudan, 1 Uganda)	P/CVE
11.	Counter Messaging Workshop	28/08/2018	30/08/2018	New Zealand	Concorde Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	15 Local	P/CVE
12.	Terrorism and Civil Aviation Course (Basic)	03/09/2018	05/09/2018	SEARCCT	PD Golf & Country Club, Port Dickson	20 Local	Aviation, Maritime and Transport Security
13.	Counter Terrorism Financing Workshop: An Overview	04/09/2018	06/09/2018	SEARCCT	PD Golf & Country Club, Port Dickson	21 Local	Terrorism Financing
14.	Program Kesedaran Menangani Keganasan	13/09/2018	13/09/2018	JKR	Komplek JKR, Shah Alam, Selangor	65 Local	P/CVE
15.	Seminar on the Dynamics of Youth and Terrorism: Understanding and Countering the Issues	18/09/2018	26/09/2018	MTCP	The Royale Chulan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur	16 Foreign Participants (1 Algeria, 1 Azerbaijan, 1 Cameroon, 1 Iran, 2 Jordan, 1 Lao PDR, 1 Mauritius, 1 Nigeria, 1 Oman, 2 Palestine, 1 Senegal, 1 Tonga, 2 Zimbabwe)	P/CVE
16.	Workshop on Role of Media in Covering Violent Extremism (CVE) & Radicalisation Leading to Terrorism	25/9/2018	27/9/2018	US Embassy & Malaysian Press Institute	DoubleTree by Hilton, Melaka	31 Local	P/CVE
17.	Workshop on Role of Media in Covering Violent Extremism (CVE) & Radicalisation Leading to Terrorism	30/9/2018	2/10/2018	US Embassy & Malaysian Press Institute	Perdana Hotel, Kota Bharu, Kelantan	26 Local	P/CVE
18.	CBRNE Terrorism Awareness and Medical Emergency Consequence Management Workshop	09/10/2018	11/10/2018	Duchess of Kent, Sandakan & Hospital Selayang	Hospital Sandakan	200 Local	CBRNE and Crisis Management

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE START	DATE END	COLLABORATORS	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS	FLAGSHIP
19.	The 3rd Asia Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Counter Terrorism Dialogue	7/11/2018	8/11/2018	UN CTED	Ritz Carlton, Kuala Lumpur	53 Participants (15 Malaysia, 1 Japan, 1 Interpol, 4 UN, 9 USA, 3 UK, 2 Indonesia, 4 ROK, 5 Thailand, 3 Australia, 3 Philippine, 1 Singapore, 1 China)	P/CVE
20.	Terrorism Awareness and Bomb Threat Management	07/11/2018	09/11/2018	SEARCCT	Kampus INTAN Sabah, Kota Kinabalu	50 Local	P/CVE
21.	Forum on Understanding Terrorism and Counter Terrorism in Malaysia	15/11/2018	15/11/2018	Malaysian Armed Forces	Akademi Tentera Darat, Port Dickson	77 Participants (2 Brunei, 1 Singapore, 74 Malaysia)	P/CVE
22.	Bengkel Percambahan Minda dan Perancangan Strategik SEARCCT Tahun 2019	03/12/2018	03/12/2018	SEARCCT	Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	33 Local	P/CVE
23.	Foreign Collaborators Meeting 2019	03/12/2018	03/12/2018	SEARCCT	Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	24 Participants (2 Aseanapol, 2 EU, 1 Japan, 1 Interpol, 2 New Zealand, 2 Singapore, 2 Philippines, 1 Finland, 1 Sweden, 1 France, 1 Canada, 2 UK, 2 Myanmar, 1 Cambodia, 1 Korea, 1 Vietnam, 1 Timor Leste)	P/CVE



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NO	COUNTRIES	YEAR															TOTAL
		2003/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
1	MALAYSIA	225	223	229	183	220	351	245	265	365	359	602	681	1490	938	1083	7459
2	AFGHANISTAN	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
3	ALBANIA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
4	ALGERIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
5	AUSTRALIA	8	2	2	3	-	3	7	2	-	-	-	10	-	6	3	46
6	AUSTRIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
7	AZERBAIJAN	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
8	BAHAMAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	4
9	BANGLADESH	7	4	3	10	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	8	13	-	5	54
10	BELGIUM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6
11	BHUTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	3	-	-	12
12	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	3
13	BRAZIL	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4
14	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	12	15	4	12	3	1	9	9	10	7	5	14	6	-	3	110
15	BURKINA FASO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
16	BURUNDI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
17	CAMBODIA	13	7	4	6	8	3	6	9	4	1	3	17	14	2	-	97
18	CAMEROON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
19	CANADA	7	8	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	19
20	CHILE	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
21	CHINA	10	5	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	7	1	32
22	COOK ISLANDS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
23	COLOMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
24	CROATIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
25	CYPRUS	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
26	CZECH REPUBLIC	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
27	EGYPT	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
28	ETHIOPIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
29	EUROPEAN UNION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	6
30	FUJI	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	5
31	FINLAND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
32	FRANCE	4	1	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	16
33	GAMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	4
34	GHANA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
35	GERMANY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	4
36	HONG KONG	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
37	HUNGARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
38	INDIA	6	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	16



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NO	COUNTRIES	YEAR															TOTAL
		2003/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
39	INDONESIA	40	20	17	17	12	7	9	11	9	9	17	15	23	5	8	219
40	IRAN	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
41	IRELAND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
42	ITALY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
43	JAPAN	13	-	2	14	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	6	-	5	2	45
44	JORDAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	5
45	KAZAKHSTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
46	KENYA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
47	KIRIBATI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
48	KUWAIT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	3
49	KYRGYZSTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
50	LAO PDR	14	7	2	4	-	2	4	5	7	5	7	9	8	4	4	82
51	LEBANON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
52	LESOTHO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
53	MACAU	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
54	MADAGASCAR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
55	MALAWI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	5
56	MALDIVES	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	4	-	4	21
57	MALI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
58	MALTA	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
59	MARSHALL ISLAND	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
60	MAURITIUS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	-	1	6
61	MEXICO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	4
62	MOROCCO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
63	MONGOLIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	3
64	MYANMAR	9	5	-	-	-	-	2	6	7	4	-	8	4	2	2	49
65	NEPAL	3	2	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	14
66	NETHERLANDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
67	NEW ZEALAND	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	2	16
68	NIGERIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
69	NIUE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
70	NORWAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
71	OMAN	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
72	PAKISTAN	5	2	-	2	-	2	-	14	1	1	4	2	3	3	1	40
73	PALESTINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	2	8
74	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
75	PERU	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
76	PHILIPPINES	37	12	22	41	18	6	6	15	8	9	11	13	11	4	11	224



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		2003/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
77	QATAR	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3
78	REPUBLIC OF PALAU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
79	ROMANIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
80	RUSSIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	6
81	RWANDA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
82	SAMOA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
83	SAUDI ARABIA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	4
84	SEYCHELLES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
85	SENEGAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
86	SIERRA LEONE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
87	SINGAPORE	17	13	9	18	-	6	8	10	5	4	-	4	6	5	4	109
88	SOLOMON ISLANDS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	2	-	-	8
89	KOREA	-	3	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	5	18
90	SRI LANKA	10	3	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	4	2	9	8	1	5	50
91	SOUTH SUDAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
92	SUDAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	5
93	SWAZILAND	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	5
94	SWEDEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
95	SWITZERLAND	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
96	TAJKIKISTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
97	TANZANIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
98	THAILAND	33	20	15	22	13	5	12	19	4	9	9	16	18	10	5	210
99	TIMOR-LESTE	9	-	-	1	-	4	2	3	3	3	1	1	-	-	1	28
100	TONGA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	4
101	TUNISIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
102	TUVALU	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
103	UGANDA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	5
104	UK	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	13
105	UNITED NATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	5
106	USA	13	11	7	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	23	3	2	9	74
107	UZBEKISTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	4
108	VANUATU	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
109	VIETNAM	12	10	2	4	5	3	6	7	8	3	3	9	11	5	1	89
110	YEMEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	5
111	ZAMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	6
112	ZIMBABWE	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	8
113	ASEAN SECRETARIAT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	5
114	UN ODC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3



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NO	COUNTRIES	YEAR														TOTAL	
		2003/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2018
115	INTERPOL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
	ASEANAPOL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
116	OTHER	11	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		13
		553	383	318	357	281	420	331	388	443	432	681	924	1657	1056	1207	9431

8648 ASEAN COUNTRIES (INCLUDING MALAYSIA)

1189 ASEAN COUNTRIES (EXCLUDING MALAYSIA)



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TABLE OF SEARCCT PARTICIPANTS BY PROGRAMME

Year	Total No. of Programmes	No. of Participants		
		Malaysian	Others	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
2018	23	1083	124	1207
Total	241	7459	1972	9431



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TABLE OF SEARCT PROGRAMMES BY FLAGSHIP

Themes	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
Legal Aspect 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	5	69
Terrorism Financing	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	3	3	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	20
P/CVE	-	5	2	-	1	2	4	2	2	6	7	6	13	19	11	16	96
Critical Infrastructure Protection	-	1	3	2	1	2	3	2	1	3	3	4	3	3	2	1	34
TOTAL	1	11	12	11	11	11	14	11	14	16	17	17	24	27	21	23	241



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**SEARCHCT'S LIST OF PARTICIPATIONS, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS
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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE	VENUE
1.	Presentation on 'General Overview: Terrorist Use of ICT and the Spread of Violent Extremism in the Region' at the 2nd Asia ICT and CT Dialogue	January	Bangkok, Thailand
2.	Presentation on 'The Dangers of Terrorism' at a University Lecture Series session	February	Kolej Profesional Mara, Beranang, Selangor
3.	Presentation on 'Global Trends and Threats of Terrorism' at the Malaysia International Shipping Cooperation (MISC) Bhd	February	MISC, Kuala Lumpur
4.	Presentation on 'Terrorism and Counter- terrorism' at a University Lecture Series session for the students of Yayasan Sukarelawan Siswa (YSS)	February	Bandar Enstek, Negeri Sembilan
5.	Presentation on 'Terrorist Use of the Internet' during the Forum on Understanding Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in Malaysia	March	Army Academy, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
6.	Presentation on 'Cyber Threat and Extremism' at a University Lecture Series session for the students of Yayasan Sukarelawan Siswa (YSS)	April	Bandar Enstek, Nilai, Negeri Sembilan
7.	Presentation on 'Terrorist Use of the Internet' at the Forum on Understanding the Threat of Terrorism and What We Can Do as Partners of Development and Agents of Change	May	University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
8.	Presentation on 'Female Radicalisation and the Roles of Women in Violent Extremism: The Malaysian Case' at the Workshop on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in Southeast Asia: Advancing Gender Inclusion and Women's Participation	May	Bangkok, Thailand
9.	Presentation on 'Terrorist Use of ICT and Counter Narratives' at the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Open Meeting	May	New York, USA
10.	Presentation on 'What You Need to Know About Terrorism' at a University Lecture Series session for students of Kolej Yayasan UEM (KYUEM)	June	KYUEM, Lembah Beringin, Selangor
11.	Presentation on 'Terrorism and Counter- terrorism' at a University Lecture Series session for the students of Yayasan Sukarelawan Siswa (YSS)	July	Ministry of Higher Education, Putrajaya
12.	Presentation on 'Terrorist Use of the Internet: The Case of Daesh' at the Forum on Understanding Terrorism and Counter- Terrorism in Malaysia	July	Army Academy, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan



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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE	VENUE
13.	Presentation on 'Eksplorasi Internet oleh Daesh' at the Workshop on Developing a Whole of Government Soft Power Response to Terrorism and Extremism	August	INTAN Sarawak
14.	Presentation on 'Terrorists' Use of the Internet' at the MTCP Programme	September	Kuala Lumpur
15.	Presentation on 'General Overview: Terrorist Use of ICT and the Spread of Violent Extremism in the Region' at the 3rd Asia ICT and CT Dialogue organised by UN CTED and SEARCCT	November	Kuala Lumpur
16.	Presentation on 'Terrorist Use of the Internet: The Case of Daesh' at the Forum on Understanding Terrorism and Counter- Terrorism in Malaysia	November	Army Academy, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan



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SEARCHCT'S LIST OF PARTICIPATIONS, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS
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DIGITAL STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE	VENUE
1.	Lecture on 'Menyangkal Retorik Pengganas' for the workshop on 'Enhancing Human Development'	February	Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM) Kuala Lumpur
2.	Lecture on 'Undergraduates and Violent Radicalisation' for the 'Mahasiswa Melawan Ekstremisme'	February	Persatuan Pelajar Islam Selangor Darul Ehsan (PEPIAS), Selangor
3.	Lecture on 'The Story of Terrorism' for the 'Pre-Posting Orientation Course'	February	Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Kuala Lumpur
4.	Lecture on 'Terrorism Awareness' at Nottingham University Philosophy, History, International Relations Society (PHIR- NOTT) Speaker Series	March	Nottingham Malaysia Campus, Semenyih, Selangor
5.	Lecture on 'Violent Extremist Narratives and Counter-Narratives' at the Forum on Understanding Terrorism and Counter Terrorism in Malaysia	March	Army Academy, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
6.	Briefing on 'Counter-Terrorism Messaging' for the 'Messaging Workshop' organised by the Global Engagement Centre (GEC), US State Department and M & C Saatchi	March	London, United Kingdom
7.	Lecture on 'Understanding the Nuances of Radicalisation' for the 'Preventing Violent Extremism among Young Women in Malaysia' workshop	April	Islamic Renaissance Front (IRF), Kuala Lumpur
8.	Lecture on 'Digital Strategic Communications' for the workshop on 'Transformasi Tadbir Urus Islam 2018'	April	National Security Council, Putrajaya
9.	Briefing on 'Terrorist Narratives' for University Utara Malaysia	April	SEARCHCT
10.	Briefing on 'Terrorist Branding' for UniRazak	April	SEARCHCT
11.	Panelist on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives' for the seminar on countering terrorism	April	IRF, Kuala Lumpur



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2018**

DIGITAL STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

NO	PROGRAMMES	DATE	VENUE
12.	Lecture on 'Narratives, Youth and Violent Extremism' at the Forum on Understanding the Threat of Terrorism and What We Can Do as Partners of Development and Agents of Change	May	University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
13.	Lecture on 'Not Answers but Questions on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)' for the 'You Tube Trusted Flagger Summit' organised by Google	May	Singapore
14.	Lecture on 'Working Together – Lessons from the Past' for the Counter-Terrorism Conference 2018: Better Together – Regional Militaries in Counter-Terrorism Partnership' organised by the Australian National University (ANU) and the Department of Defence	May	Canberra, Australia
15.	Lecture on 'How-Lah Wei?' for the Creators for Change Bootcamp	June	Google, Kuala Lumpur
16.	Lecture on 'Understanding Violent Ideologies in Southeast Asia' for the 'Tackling Insurgent Ideologies' workshop organised by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy	June	New Delhi, New York
17.	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives' for the 'Workshop on Preventing Extremism Leading to Terrorism' organised by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	June	Tokyo, Japan
18.	Lecture on 'The Terrorist Narrative' for the 'Jefferson Fellowships on Populism, Identity and the State of Democracy in Southeast Asia' (jointly organised by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies – ISIS and the East-West Centre, USA)	July	ISIS, Kuala Lumpur
19.	Lecture on 'The Terrorist Narrative' for the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Workshop	July	IDFR, Kuala Lumpur
20.	Lecture on 'Youth Radicalisation'	July	Asia Pacific University, Kuala Lumpur
21.	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narrative' organised by the UNODC	July	Kuala Lumpur
22.	Lecture on 'Radicalisation and Terrorism Explained' for the Defence College Masters Programme	July	Ministry of Defence, Malaysia
23.	Lecture on 'Terrorists, Counter-Terrorists and Those in-Between' for the Diplomatic and Administrative Officers	July	IDFR, Kuala Lumpur

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24.	Lecture on 'Countering the Narratives of Violent Extremists' at the Workshop on Developing a Whole of Government Soft Power Response to Terrorism and Extremism	August	INTAN, Sarawak
25.	Lecture on 'The Message, Medium and Messenger' for the 'Public-Private Partnership in Southeast Asia Against the Use of Internet for Terrorist Purposes' workshop organised by UNODC and UNDP	August	Bangkok, Thailand
26.	Lecture on 'In Pursuit of a Degree, Being Pursued by Terrorists: A Comparative Quantitative Study on the Perception of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism among Undergraduates in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand' for the International CVE Research Conference 2018 organised by the Hedayah Centre and the University of Swansea	August	Wales, United Kingdom
27.	Lecture on 'Issues on Violent Extremism in South and Southeast Asia' for the 'Regional Capacity Building Workshop on the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education (PVE-E) in South and South East Asia' organised by the Hedayah Centre, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) Bangkok Regional Hub, and the Commonwealth Secretariat	September	Bangkok, Thailand
28.	Lecture on 'Fighting back-Using Fire to Fire: Critical and Digital Literacy in CVE' for the 'Regional Capacity Building Workshop on the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education (PVE-E) in South and South East Asia' organised by the Hedayah Centre, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) Bangkok Regional Hub, and the Commonwealth Secretariat	September	Bangkok, Thailand
29.	Lecture on 'Getting Back to Basics: The Theory behind Youth and Terrorism' for the 'Youth and Terrorism' MTCP Programme	September	Kuala Lumpur
30.	Lecture on 'CVE and the Media' for the 'Media in Covering CVE' workshop organised by the Malaysian Press Institute (MPI) and SEARCCCT	September	Melaka
31.	Lecture on 'People Who Made A Difference in CVE' for the physically challenged Malaysian undergraduates organised by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) and the Ministry of Education	September	Kuala Lumpur
32.	Lecture on 'CVE and the Media' for the 'Media in Covering CVE' workshop organised by the Malaysian Press Institute (MPI) and SEARCCCT	September	Ministry of Defence, Malaysia
33.	Lecture on 'Terrorism Xplained' for the Targeting and Preventing Extremism for Youths (TAPESTRY) workshop	July	Kuala Lumpur



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34.	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives: Exploring the Message, Medium and Messenger' for the New Zealand Defence Force Command and Staff College Overseas Study Tour 2018	October	Ministry of Defence, Malaysia
35.	Lecture on 'Understanding the Ideology of Terrorism' for the 10th International Conference on Financial Crime and Terrorism Financing 2018 organised by the Asian Institute of Finance	October	Kuala Lumpur
36.	Lecture on 'Preventing Violent Extremism: The Role of Education' at the Seminar on the Dynamics of Youth and Terrorism and Countering the Issues, organised by MTCP and SEARCCT	October	Kuala Lumpur
37.	Lecture on 'Producing and Disseminating Products Against Violent Extremism' at the Seminar on the Dynamics of Youth and Terrorism and Countering the Issues, organised by MTCP and SEARCCT	October	Kuala Lumpur
38.	Talk on 'Country Presentation – Malaysia' at the 3rd Asia ICT and CT Dialogue organised by UN CTED and SEARCCT	November	Kuala Lumpur
39.	Lecture on 'Violent Extremist Narratives and Counter-Narratives' at the Forum on Understanding Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in Malaysia	November	Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
40.	Lecture on 'Countering the Terrorist Narratives' for the Malaya Model United Nations 2018 organised by the Model United Nations and University Malaya	November	Kuala Lumpur
41.	Case-Study Presentation on SEARCCT's collaboration with content creators organised by YouTube at the Creators for Change Regional Summit	November	Bangkok, Thailand
42.	Lectures on (i)'The Dynamics Between Youth and Extremism/Terrorism' and (ii)'The Narrative and Counter-Narrative of the Terrorist' for the workshop on Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) Leading to Terrorism and Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) through Rule of Law-Based Criminal Justice Approaches organised by the UNODC and the Government of Japan	December	Tokyo, Japan

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