

DTA 2008 - Summary of Conference & Exhibition

Date: 22nd and 23rd May 2008

Venue: Raffles Hotel, Singapore

Defence Technology Asia 2008 International Conferences and Exhibition (DTA 2008), the sixth in the series organized by Defence Technology Conferences, was held on 22nd – 23rd May 2008 at the Raffles Hotel, Singapore.

These unique events enabled key regional decision makers and experts from government, military, defence industries and academia to be updated on the latest technological developments and systems which are suitable for a wide range of operations in the region.



The Guest-of-Honour for DTA 2008, **RADM Chew Men Leong**, Chief of Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy, launched DTA 2008 with the opening keynote address.

In this Keynote address, RADM Chew discussed the role of technology as a catalyst for Naval Warfare evolution. The address gave an insight into RSN transformation from 1967 to today's 3rd Generation RSN. In his address, he emphasized the technologies that has been deployed by RSN over the years and gave an interesting glimpse into what the future holds.

Other government and military officials who delivered keynote speeches at DTA 2008 were:



VADM Dino Nascetti, Director General, Italian Naval Armament Authority (NAVARM), Italian Navy;



Dr Sukru Besiktepe, Modelling and Prediction Group Director, Representing NATO Undersea Research Centre, NATO;



CAPT Jonas Haggren, Commander 1st Flotilla, Royal Swedish Navy, Sweden;

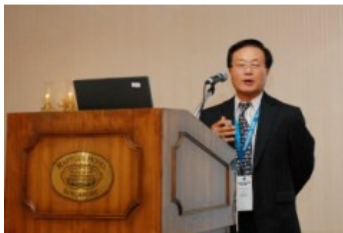


Distinguished Participants at DTA 2008 included ADM Prawit Srisukwattana, Commander in Chief, Royal Thai Fleet, and His Chief of Staff, His Excellency Par Ingemar Ahlberger, Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden among the regional and international delegate list.



Key Industry leaders were also at the two day Conference. This included Managing Directors, worldwide Sales and Marketing Vice-Presidents, and Directors from:- Eurotorp, DCNS, Finmeccanica, Kokums AB, L3, MTU, SAGEM, SELEX SYSTEMI INTEGRATI, ST Electronics, THALES, ULTRA and WASS.

The keynote speakers discussed the operational and technological developments in their respective countries. Their speeches were based on their appreciation of strategic and operational situations and threats, with a focus on specific projects and programmes in their individual organisations. The role of technology and its strategic usage in these organisations was very clearly emphasized by the distinguished speakers.



The operational and technological aspects were presented in greater detail at the two conferences which were held concurrently during DTA 2008. The three conferences were: Submarine and ASW Asia 2008, Naval Surface Ships Asia 2008, Maritime & Naval Domain Asia 2008 and Unmanned Vehicles & Systems Asia 2008.



These conferences were complemented by an exhibition, which enabled the participating defence companies to showcase their latest technological developments. The Exhibition was opened by RADM Tan Kai Hoe, Chief of Staff (Naval Staff), Republic of Singapore Navy. 15 leading defence organisations from Europe and US participated in the Exhibition.

There was a steady stream of visitors to the exhibition, which was open throughout DTA 2008. The exhibition provided exhibitors and regional and local visitors the opportunity to discuss the latest technology and facilitated strategic networking.

Detailed discussions between defence companies and potential customers on the developments in technology and its ability to meet end-user requirements were also conducted on the sidelines of DTA 2008.



A very successful networking reception for 120 delegates and participants from DTA 2008 was organized on the evening of 22nd May 2008 at the poolside of Conrad Hotel. In the peaceful setting beside the calm waters of the Conrad Hotel pool, the delegates and the participants spent the evening in a social setting with the String Quartet providing light semi classical music that set the overall mood of the evening against a brilliant Singapore sunset.

Feedback from participants indicated that **Defence Technology Asia 2008** has impressed them with its ability to build on its tradition of providing an excellent forum for the strategic presentation and discussion of the latest defence technology advances and its relevance to the Asian region by acknowledged international experts. DTA 2008 has also impressed suppliers and end-users with its numerous networking opportunities. In all a total of 220 delegates attended this two day conference.



Given the success of DTA 2008, Defence Technology Conferences is confident of continuing its tradition of providing another excellent and unique forum of conferences and exhibition in Defence Technology Asia 2009.

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