

**Defence Technology Asia 2007  
International Conferences & Exhibition  
21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007  
Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore**

**Conference Summary**

Defence Technology Asia 2007 International Conferences and Exhibition (DTA 2007), the fifth in the series organized by Defence Technology Conferences, was held on 21st - 22nd March 2007 at the Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore. Defence Technology Conferences also organized Homeland & Maritime Security Asia (HMSA) 2007 on 21st March 2007, at the same venue.

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 2007, **Mr Richard Lim**, Chief Executive, Defence Science & Technology Agency (DSTA) Singapore, launched DTA 2007 with the opening keynote address.



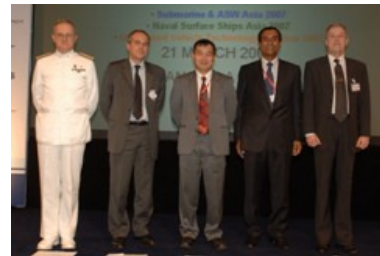
*Guest of Honour Richard Lim delivering the welcome address*

In this address, Mr Lim noted that in the current strategic situation of post 9/11, defence forces have to be capable to operate in a conventional 'total war' scenario, as well as in the wide spectrum of 'military operations other than war' (MOOTW).

He emphasized that the traditional defence force structures, operational art, training, and defence technology have to be refined and developed to counter the challenges of conventional and asymmetrical threats in the full spectrum of operations likely to be encountered.

Other government and military officials who delivered keynote speeches at DTA 2007 were:

VADM Dino Nascetti, Director General, Italian Naval Armament Authority (NAVARM), Italian Navy;  
RADM Lars Salomonsson, Director of Naval Systems, Swedish Defence Material Administration (FMV), Sweden;  
Dr Francois Regis Martin-Lauzer, Director, NATO Undersea Research Centre, NATO; and  
Dr Frank Herr, Head Ocean Battlespace Sensing Department, Office of Naval Research, US Navy.



*Guest of Honour Richard Lim (centre) with VADM Dino Nascetti, Dr Francois Regis Martin-Lauzer, Thomas Vergis, CEO of Naval Exchange and RADM Lars Salomonsson*



*VADM Dino Nascetti*



*Dr Francois Regis Martin-Lauzer*



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The keynote speakers mainly discussed the operational and technological developments in their respective countries. Their speeches were based on their strategic and operational situations and threats, with a focus on countering asymmetrical threats in littoral waters. This had relevance for regional forces, which are also concerned with asymmetrical threats in the littoral waters of South China Sea, and the Malacca and Singapore Straits.

The operational and technological aspects were presented in greater detail at the three conferences which were held concurrently during DTA 2007. The three conferences were: Submarine & ASW Asia 2007; Naval Surface Ships Asia 2007; and Unmanned Vehicles & Systems Asia 2007.

These conferences were complemented by an exhibition, which enabled the participating defence companies to showcase their latest technological developments. The Guest-of-Honour, Mr Richard Lim and other VIPs, visited all the booths at the exhibition after the opening ceremony.



*Ultra Electronics Ltd  
Exhibition Booth*



*Whitehead Alenia Sistemi Subacquei  
Exhibition Booth*



*Germanischer Lloyd Exhibition booth*

There was a steady stream of visitors to the exhibition, which was open throughout DTA 2007. Visitors also included participants from HMSA2007. The exhibition provided exhibitors and visitors the opportunity to discuss the latest technology and facilitated networking.



*Galileo Avionica Exhibition booth*



*Thales Exhibition Booth*



*Eurocopter South East Asia  
Exhibition Booth*



*S3LOG Exhibition booth*



*Rolls Royce Exhibition booth*



*Sea and Land Technologies  
Exhibition Booth*



*HIS EXCELLENCY Chalermphol Thachhitt, Ambassador from the  
Royal Thai Embassy with Thomas Vergis,  
Guest of Honour Richard Lim and Chang Yang Fa*



*Thomas Vergis with  
Commodore Hardiwan and  
Colonel Donald George  
Freeman*



*Commander Giuseppe De Cuia,  
RADM Paolo Sandalli,  
VADM Dino Nascetti and  
Michele Ingrassia*

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*MAJ Chen Yuan Xin, MAJ Toh Eng Yee, MAJ Lee Boon Chuan and MAJ Tan Teck Yong*



*Samuel Mathews with CAPT (IN) Ashok Kumar Gopal, Dr Vijay Sakhuja and P.C. Bhandari*



*LTC(NS) Beh Bak Hai (2nd from right) with Tommy Tham, Foo Kim Peng and AC Jerry See*



*Commodore Hardiwan, COL Chen Yeang Tat with VADM Dino Nascetti*



*Frederic Dabe, Tommy Tham, ICA Thierry Rolland, Foo Kim Peng*



*Thomas Vergis with Commodore Hardiwan and Colonel Donald George Freeman*



*LTC Harjit Singh, COL Joe Cheong, RADM (NS) Larry Loon with Thomas Vergis and COL(RET) Gary Lee*

Detailed discussions between defence companies and potential customers on the developments in technology and its ability to meet end-user requirements were also arranged on the sidelines of DTA 2007.

A very successful reception, for guests and participants from DTA 2007 and HMSA 2007, was organized on the evening of 21st March 2007. This social event, held in the lush tropical setting of the Waterfall Terrace at the Shangri-La Hotel, facilitated interaction and networking between guests and participants.



*Thomas Vergis, Patrick Valentini, General (Ret) Bernard Norlain and Dr Francois Regis Martin-Lauzer*



*COL Jackson Chia, RADM(NS) Sim Gim Guan, Alan Bragassam, Lionel Mun Kok Leong and LTC(NS) Beh Bak Hai*



*George Loh, Christophe Lemetais, Yong Thiam Chong, Olivier Conrozier and Tommy Tham*



*Thomas Vergis with Peter Obermark*

Feedback from participants at DTA 2007 indicated that this event has impressed them with its ability to build on its tradition of providing an excellent forum for the presentation and discussion of the latest defence technology which is relevant to the Asian region. DTA 2007 has also impressed suppliers and end-users with its numerous networking opportunities.

Given the success of DTA 2007, Defence Technology Conferences is confident of continuing its tradition of providing another excellent and unique forum of conferences and exhibition in Defence Technology Asia 2008.

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