

**Submarine & ASW Asia 2003
International Conference & Exhibition
4th – 5th March 2003
Shangri-la Hotel, Singapore**

Conference Summary

To improve the value to our subscribers and users, Naval Exchange launched the inaugural **Submarine & ASW ASIA 2003 International Conference & Exhibition**- the first of its kind in Asia. The Naval Exchange team managed to conceive and conduct the Event within an aggressive timeframe of six months with excellent support from the global Defence community.



The event was a success with 300+ delegates, with around 50 naval personnel, attending the Conference and Exhibition.

The Conference achieved its objectives in providing up-to-date information and also promoting interaction between Navies in the region and industry leaders in Submarine and Anti Submarine Warfare technology, research and related products. Organizations from the global defense industry, Key Navy and Ministry of Defense decision makers from Asia and select Navy technologists from European Navies all participated in this path-breaking event.

The Conference officially launched with a welcome address from the Guest of Honor **RADM Ronnie Tay**, Chief of Staff – Naval Staff (COS-NS), Republic of Singapore. He reiterated the importance of staying in touch with the latest developments in Submarine and Anti-Submarine warfare technology.



Soon after, delegates also had the privilege of hearing from keynote speakers **RADM Phil Davies** (Deputy Commander for Undersea Warfare and Program Executive Officer for Submarines, Naval Underwater Warfare Centre, USA), **RADM Göran Larsbrink** (Director Joint Procurement Command Defence Material Administration (FMV), Sweden) and **IGA Gerald Böisrayon** (President, Etude Générale au Conseil Général d'Armement ARMEES FRANCE).



The issues addressed in the Conference were focused on the ASIAN theatre, with an ASEAN focus. The Conference took place out over a two-day period. During the first half of the day, the delegates attended presentations in the main Conference hall. After which, the presentations were divided into concurrent sessions. Some of the main topics at the Conference were:

Submarine Design and Stealth, Weapons & Combat Systems, Propulsion (with specific focus on Air Independent Propulsion), Anti-Submarine Warfare and Submarine Operations and Rescue. All speeches were presented by leading technology experts in their respective fields.

The Conference also held Question & Answer sessions providing an opportunity for clarification with the speakers themselves.

In addition to the Conference, there was also an Exhibition that showcased the latest technologies relevant primarily to shallow water Submarines and Anti Submarine Warfare.

Guest of Honor RADM Ronnie Tay officially opened the Exhibition and later took a tour around the nineteen Exhibition booths accompanied by COL (NS) Thomas Vergis, CEO, Naval Exchange Pte Ltd. DisplayWorks, a subsidiary of Naval Exchange was in charge of the exhibition. Feedback gathered regarding the Exhibition has been excellent and participants had requested to see an even larger exhibition for the next Event.



In the evening of Day One of the Conference and Exhibition programme, a VIP cocktail party was held at the Alkaff Mansion. It gave all attendees a chance to meet and speak to each other in an informal setting. RADM (NS) Richard Lim, CEO, DSTA and other honored guests graced the occasion.

On Day Two, the whole Conference was then rounded off with an appreciation ceremony where all the speakers were presented with a token of appreciation and all delegates were given a "free flow of beer".

General feedback on the Conference has been positive. Many delegates have enquired about our next Conference. All delegates left the Conference with new friendships forged and old ones strengthened.