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INDC, 47th Class Participants

INDC Staff

**Subject: Preferences for the Tour of the East**

**Outline**

1. The 47th class of the Israel Defense College's Tour to the East will take place on May 10th-14th, 2020. The Tour was postponed by one week of its original date, due to various constraints.
2. This year's tour will take place in the following countries:
   1. Russia
   2. India
   3. China
   4. South Korea
3. Contrary to previous tours, this one *will not* be carried out within the organic teams, but by a designated team that will be chosen by the INDC staff and will take into account personal preferences brought by the participants.
4. Preceding the Tour to the East will be an important preparatory measure led by a team which will be chosen within each group. The preparation process will be accompanied by an instructor from the staff and will take part throughout the entire Specialization Season period.
5. Each group has defined two fields in advance. The learning and research processes will deal with the affinities between those two fields. Of course, each group will have plenty of room to focus on specific research questions based on each groups' internets.
   1. Russia – Between Geopolitics to Energy.
   2. India – Between Society to National Security.
   3. China – Between Economics to National Security.
   4. South Korea – Between Geo-strategy to technology.
6. Each participant is requested to rate three preferences to this tour according to the fields and affinities described above. We will do our best to assign participants according to their preferences, while considering other relevant factors. In case of a specific restriction involving one of the destination countries, please let us know.

**Sincerely,**

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