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## **Dear Israel National Defense College Alumni**

Happy summer from all of us here at the INDC! We hope you are finding a little time to enjoy the sunny weather! Here's a quick update on what we have been up to in the ISMO office:



Dr. Anat Stern and the 46<sup>th</sup> class at the graduation ceremony.

Please join us in congratulating the 46<sup>th</sup> class of INDC on their graduation and the completion of their studies. Attachés, families, and the participants attended the graduation ceremony featuring speeches from esteemed guest Chief of the General Staff LTG Aviv Kochavi. Best of luck to the 46<sup>th</sup> class on their next assignments!

The end of one class always marks the beginning of another. In the beginning of July we welcomed the international participants of the 47<sup>th</sup> class. The Summer Course has begun, filling the participants' schedules with tours of Israel,

lectures on Israeli society and military history, and of course, a few Hebrew lessons.

In military news, Israel and the United States have run a series of successful tests on the Arrow 3 missile defense system in Alaska. The Arrow 3 is designed to intercept ballistic missiles in space at high speeds. Israel continues to invest in and develop new technology designed to ensure the safety of all citizens from external threats.

We recently bid farewell to Major Ido Soceanu, former Head of the ISMO office. He will be taking a year-long sabbatical in the United States to continue with his studies. We are thrilled to announce his replacement, MAJ Gal Balas. MAJ Balas is returning to the IDF after working in various government agencies including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a five year tenure in the Israel Security Agency.

With the warmest regard,

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