

18 August 2015

Mr Ilan Itav

Counsellor

Embassy of Israel

6 Turrana Street, Yarralumla, ACT, 2600



Dear Mr Itav,

Re: Invitation for IDF, IMOD and MFA participation in 'Indo-Pacific Security, Politics and Policy' Executive Education Programs (UNSW at the Australian Defence Force Academy)

As Director of the Executive Education Program, I am writing to invite suitably qualified delegates from the IDF, IMOD and MFA to participate in our Executive Short Courses (ESCs) and executive Masters in Strategy and Security. The courses are offered exclusively to government and military officials and mid to senior level ranks typically benefit the most from them. As discussed, our flagship ESCs include 2 week and 3 month programs while the executive Master's degree involves a 3 month intensive component on-campus in Canberra and the balance of the 1 year program (if enrolled full-time) is completed on-line in Israel.

Israel's participation in these courses is important for several reasons. First, it reflects and will reinforce the growing relationship between Israel and Australia. Second, such participation recognises that our two countries share many common concerns. Third, it serves as an acknowledgement that no one country or agency can be a single solution to the complex national and international security environments that we now face. Moreover, I strongly believe that other delegates from Australia and abroad will greatly benefit from the valuable perspectives and experiences that Israel can offer. In turn, I am also very confident that the Indo-Pacific also offers a range of perspectives and experiences that will be highly useful for Israel.

The courses are held at the Australian Defence Force Academy. The 2 week ESC is held at least 3 times per year while the 3 month ESC and executive Masters involve 1 to 2 intakes per year. As noted in the attached brochure, the standard format for participation is on a multi-agency and multinational basis and the program is designed to capitalise on knowledge of each of the delegates (i.e. peer-to-peer learning in addition to the knowledge conveyed by senior officials and academics in the field). The program's on-campus and off-campus activities are also designed to facilitate engagement, mutual understanding, and the establishment of new relationships between the agencies of the participating countries.

The living arrangements are flexible. For example, there is an option where officials can be housed on the ADFA military base at the Officer's Mess (subject to availability) should Israel's security considerations deem this to be beneficial. Alternatively, we also have access to a range of executive apartments with direct transportation to ADFA and just a short walk from the CBD. Should it be useful for you, we can hold further discussions about the specific dates, course content and also costings.

I thank you for your time and for the time of your government in considering this invitation. Should you have any questions, or if I can assist in any other way, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to meeting with you again in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Roberts'.

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