

MOSC celebrates 1000th graduate



Seventeen years have passed since the first Management of Serious Crime (MOSC) program was delivered to 11 AFP participants at the Majura Complex in June 1991. “Four weeks of intensive training and mindgames” is the way one course member described that first MOSC experience.

Then Deputy Commissioner Adrien Whiddett regarded MOSC as the only course of its kind in Australia. In time, he said the MOSC program will be available to State police and other investigative agencies. His prediction materialised with MOSC 4 in March 1993. Forty-six programs later, a police officer from the Indonesian province of Papua has claimed the title of the 1000th MOSC graduate.

Superintendent Moch Sagi of the Indonesian National Police was officially

recognised as the 1000th graduate during the most recent International Management of Serious Crime (IMOSC) program conducted at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC) in Semarang, Indonesia. Interestingly, the first Indonesian police officer to attend MOSC in 1993 was then Lieutenant Colonel Mangku Pastika. A fellow participant of Lt Col Pastika on MOSC 5 was then Commander Mick Keelty. The relationship cemented between the two men during MOSC 5 has continued and was instrumental in building the relationship between the AFP and the Indonesian National Police following the Bali bombings in 2002.

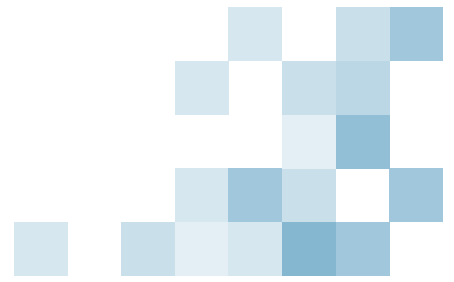
To commemorate the significant milestone of the 1000th MOSC graduate, Superintendent Sagi was presented with a plaque at the closing ceremony by Commissioner General Gories Mere of the Indonesian National Police, AFP

Manager for Indonesia Commander Bruce Hill and former Coordinator of MOSC, Federal Agent Mark Johnsen.

The legacy of MOSC

In line with the nostalgic feel of this commemorative edition of *Platypus*, we looked back at 17 years of MOSC and asked how does attending this prestigious investigations management course contribute to the professional growth of participants?

Above: Congratulating the 1000th MOSC graduate Moch Sagi (centre) is (from left) Pol. Brig. Gen. Tommy Sagiman, Pol. Com. Gen. Gories Mere, and Federal Agents Bruce Hill and Mark Johnsen.



Feedback suggests four main benefits: a greater strategic awareness; an appreciation of differing organisational priorities; an ability to gauge the increasing impact of politics and the media on the management of major investigations; and a greater appreciation of the importance of international partnerships.

Recent feedback

Some recent feedback on the MOSC learning experience has yielded responses such as:

- “This is a course with great ‘take-home’ value.”
- “I will take more from this course than any of the many I have attended in the past. I would recommend it to anyone serious about crime management not only for the learning, but also for the fellowship.”

- “I will walk away from MOSC being more confident, more determined and more relaxed about the future and my career progression. I now have a priceless network of professional colleagues that I can draw upon to discuss problems and situations with. So much of the learning from my participation on MOSC is difficult to put into words. It is something that you subconsciously learn and can later draw on. The experiences and memories will remain forever. The friendships are life-long. The new relationships and better understanding of other law enforcement agencies is invaluable to me personally and to my agency professionally.”

Participants attend MOSC from many different backgrounds. To date 1007 graduates have come from more than 50 countries.

Sharing experiences from a diverse range of backgrounds, cultures and agencies creates a unique learning environment.

MOSC adopts the philosophy that learning from past experiences and assessing the relevance of differing approaches is a highly effective method of continually assessing ‘best practice’ and challenging the way investigations are managed.

With six MOSC programs now being delivered each year in Australia, Singapore, Indonesia and China, the MOSC alumni will continue to grow and build an invaluable human databank for international collaboration.

Above: Back row (from left): Frank Atkinson, Jeffrey Penrose, Roger McConville, Robin Milner, Kevin McTavish, Peter Donaldson, Ted Foster. Front row (from left): Steve Samuels, Andre Legosz, Floyd Ballard, Ray Cooper, George Burton, Tom Hanlon and Gary Gent.