

November 2000, marked the 10th Anniversary of a partnership between the Justice Institute's Paramedic Academy and the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine and the Hong Kong Society for Emergency Medicine and Surgery.

Every year a team of physicians, nurses, paramedics and educators from Hong Kong and British Columbia teach Advanced Cardiac Life Support and a variety of other courses to health care practitioners in the Special Administration Region. The teachers from both sides of the Pacific have developed a mutual respect for each other and friendships have grown out of the many teaching programs.

The Hong Kong College held a special ceremony in Kowloon on November 13th, to celebrate the event. Tony Williams, Director of the Paramedic Academy, and Penny-Clarke Richardson, Program Director of Program Delivery, attended the ceremony in Hong Kong.

ACLS and Pediatric resuscitation courses were offered in conjunction with the anniversary celebration. Over 100 paramedics, nurses and emergency physicians participated in the training and the celebration.



Hong Kong ALS Students

For close to 10 years, the Paramedic Academy has worked with the Hong Kong Fire Service Ambulance Command. Students Candice Yu and Thompson Leung were here in August, completing an Advanced Life Support Level I course.

Back row from left: JI President Jack McGeer; Larry Goble (former president, now retired); Penny Clarke Richardson, Program Director, Operations, Paramedic Academy. Front row from left: Ian Dailly, Program Director Learning Systems, Paramedic Academy, Candice Yu and Thompson Leung, Robbin Norgren, Instructor.

Chinese Police Delegation

Delegates from Liaoning Province, pictured with JI President Jack McGeer (front, centre) and Police Academy Director Steve Watt (front, second from right).



Netherlands Delegation

Police and ambulance officials on a study tour to look at paramedic and police systems and training. Pictured with Penny Clarke Richardson, Program Director, Operations, Paramedic Academy (front, centre) and Police Academy Director Steve Watt (front, right).



Professor Ikuo Fukada

Research & Training Institute for Family Court Probation Officers, Tokyo, Japan

Professor Fukada met with staff in the Corrections and Community Justice Division.



POLICE TRAINING IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

WHAT DOES VANCOUVER HAVE IN COMMON WITH THE CITY OF ABU DHABI IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)?

To start with, they're both vibrant metropolitan cities with a mix of people from all nationalities. Situated on the coast, both have beautiful, even breathtaking views of the water.

When you look at the cities from a policing perspective, there are other, less appealing, similarities. As coastal cities, both have drug importation and trafficking problems. They are also points of entry for illegal immigrants, and both face increasing problems with fraud and other major crimes.

These similarities led Steve Watt, Director of the Police Academy, to the UAE in early 1999 to discuss police training. In five days, he met with 11 different groups (thanks to the assistance of the Canadian Embassy).

Before the year was out, the Police Academy had delivered four advanced courses to personnel from the General Directorate of the Abu Dhabi Police.

"They were looking for practical based training – that's what we do," says Watt.

This year, the JI will deliver 15 courses in the UAE – one on corrections and jail management, one on incident command, and the rest police related courses.

"This has been a great opportunity for us," says Watt "the cultural exchange for instructors what we learn from one another has been very positive. We're building relationships."



Nigerian Students attend Fire and Safety Division

Three students from Nigeria travelled to the JI to complete the Basic Fire Fighter Training course.

Pictured from left are: Rosiji Akinkunmi Olalekan, Bob Aldcorn, Deputy Director, Fire and Safety Division, Adeniran Idowu, and Enuiyin Ebenezer Olutayo



Italian Delegation

In October, 35 representatives involved with emergency preparedness throughout Italy spent a week with the JI's Emergency Management Division learning about systems and training within BC. Simultaneous translation was used throughout the week to assist with communication.

Ecuadorean Police

From left: Steve Watt, JI Police Academy Director, Captain Patricio Carrillo; Jack McGee, JI President; Major Willmer Loaiza and the Consul General for Ecuador, Entienne Walter.



Conflict Resolution

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The Centre for Conflict Resolution has enjoyed an excellent reputation for high quality training in dispute resolution over the past 13 years of its existence. We are the largest training centre in this field in Canada, and often considered one of the top three training centres in North America. I have felt for some time that it was important to our ongoing development and learning to use this strength as a Canadian force for peace on a global level whenever we were invited to do so, and to actively explore such opportunities. This involves offering our services to assist countries who are experiencing high levels of conflict to develop skills that can be widely distributed within their communities.

Our work in South Africa is one example.

In the fall of 1999, I went to South Africa to deliver training in mediation, negotiation and facilitation skills, to a large number of mediators over a three week period. The training was culturally adapted to their context.

Also during this period, I made presentations to a community embarking on an extensive conflict resolution training project to address the violence that had developed in their high school and in the community as a result of the high school's de-segregation following the end of apartheid. (Situations like this are

happening in many communities throughout South Africa)

The training was delivered in English, the second language for all of the participants; however that did not diminish their enthusiasm and willingness to



engage fully. It is hard work, requiring sustained effort, because the change agenda is huge. But so is their dedication to a vision of an integrated society where everyone feels valued and experiences a sense of personal dignity.

Earlier in 1999 I made a trip to Israel, at the invitation of the primary training organization the Israeli Centre for Negotiation, and the Ministry of Justice, to assist them as they rapidly develop

their dispute resolution services in all sectors of society. I provided consultation, and training for trainers and also worked with individuals dealing with a range of social conflicts with groups, to assist them to develop appropriate models for process. This work put the name and reputation of the JI on the map in Israel, and will open the door to future collaborations. Also, last month one of our senior trainers, Michael Fogel, made a trip to Israel to provide a number of training sessions in advanced mediation, and further enhanced the reputation of the JI in the process.

Those who work on our program believe that work of this nature is in the long term interests of the Centre for Conflict Resolution as we truly become a world class centre for training. It is my belief that this work will make it easier for us to take the next step. It also opens the door for partnerships with other educational institutions, who also place a value on international work.

We feel we have embarked on an exciting extension of our present work. This path is one that will not only enrich us, but one that is seen locally, nationally and internationally as enhancing Canada's reputation as a country known for its peace initiatives and its willingness to provide a valuable service to the global community.

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