

# MOSC attracts Indonesian interest

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**L**IEUTENANT Colonel Mangku Pastika is the first Indonesian police officer to attend the AFP's Management of Serious Crime course.

The four-week course is designed to expose senior police to the complexities involved in managing major investigations. Lieutenant Colonel Pastika said that it was the opportunity to learn modern management techniques that attracted him to the course.

A police officer for 19 years, and married with three children, he currently is in charge of the 15-member Banking Crime Unit in the Commercial Crime Directorate which operates out of Jakarta. In this capacity he supervises investigations into the range of white-collar crimes associated with the Indonesian banking industry.

The crimes investigated include fraud, forgery, loan manipulation and misuse of credit cards, all of which he said can have domestic and international implications.

The detection of money laundering activities is also emerging as an area of investigation which involves the need to work closely with police agencies of other countries.

He said that it is now common to assist Australian authorities with investigations and that the recent re-establishment of an AFP liaison post in Jakarta will aid this process.

In Indonesia, police form one of the four branches of the armed



Deputy Commissioner Brian Bates and Lieutenant Colonel Mangku Pastika, the first Indonesian police officer to attend the AFP's MOSC course.

forces. While the uniform may differ, the ranks and pay structure are the same as the army, navy and air force.

Lieutenant Colonel Pastika was attracted to the challenge of a policing career and the fact that policing offered a chance to help people. His career has run the full range of policing activities and has enabled him to travel to many parts of the world and throughout Indonesia.

This trip is not his first visit to Australia. As a cadet officer he attended Duntroon Military College. He has seen duty with the United Nations Civilian Police in Namibia and apart from the MOSC course

he has furthered his police training in Japan.

Lieutenant Colonel Pastika said, "Prevention of crime has now become a global responsibility. Crime crosses all international borders and has become very sophisticated."

He said that the MOSC course addressed the complexity of modern crime through the application of relevant management methods and provided practical experience in organising personnel, time and budgets in order to effectively and efficiently conduct major investigations. He added that a scarcity of resources is a common factor in policing in all countries.

An important aspect of the course is that it teaches liaison techniques with allied agencies. Much of Lieutenant Colonel Pastika's work involves liaison with the Indonesian taxation, customs and finance departments, a process familiar to AFP investigators. Unlike Australia though, Indonesia has no state police organisations so jurisdiction is not an issue, and with banking crime usually confined to the major cities, the geography of Indonesia rarely impacts on investigations.

