

About **CPT Muhamad Yusri**



CPT Muhamad Yusri Bin Mohamed Ali, enlisted into military service in December 1993. In 1996, he received the Licentiate Diploma for Trumpet Performance from the London College of Music. In the same year, he was accepted to attend the Asian Youth Orchestra Camp and Tour. During the camp, CPT Yusri studied trumpet with Professor Edmund Cord from Indiana University (US) and played under the direction of the late Maestro Sergiu Commissiona.

In 1997, CPT Yusri was selected to attend the UK Bandmaster Course at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall in Twickenham. While he was there, he studied conducting with Major (Retired) Roger Swift and Lieutenant Colonel Stewart Watts who was then the Principal Director of Music of the British Army. In the final year examinations and competitions, CPT Yusri won the Principal Director of Music Prize for Conducting and the Graham Wallace Prize for the Best Overseas Student Bandmaster. Upon returning to Singapore in December 1999, CPT Yusri was appointed the Director of Music of Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Band B.

In 2004, CPT Yusri was appointed the Chief Instructor of the SAF Bands. This appointment allowed him time to concentrate on fine tuning his conducting abilities. CPT Yusri attended several conducting masterclasses with Hardy Mertens (NL), Timothy Reynish (UK), Mick Dowrick (UK), Robert Ponto (US), Stephen Peterson (US), Mallory Thompson (US), Douglas Bostock (GB), James W. McRoy (US), Shuichi Komiyama (US), Robert W. Rumbelow (US), Gary Green (US) and H. Robert Reynolds (US).

In July 2005, CPT Yusri participated in the 10th Conductors Contest in Holland. In the competition, he conducted two local community bands and the Marine Band of the Dutch Royal Navy. CPT Yusri reached the finals and eventually won the Bronze Baton.

In May 2007, CPT Yusri attempted the Licentiate of the Royal Schools of Music (LRSM) Diploma in Music Direction examination and he passed with a Distinction.

In February 2008, CPT Yusri was appointed conductor of the SAF Central Band. The Central Band is the premier band of the Singapore Armed Forces.

CPT Yusri was appointed the conductor of the Republic Polytechnic Wind Symphony (RPWS) in August 2006. Since taking over the band, RPWS has performed five full concerts, travelled to Taiwan and Hong Kong and attained 2nd placing in the First Division of the inaugural Singapore International Band Festival in July 2008.