Providing **Security**.
Anywhere. Anytime.

6 Sep 12: CHIBAT vehicles escorting a convoy of World Food Program (WFP) from Cap-Haïtien to Plaisance.
After an opening ceremony on 5 Sep 12 in Camp Charlie, Port-au-Prince, Project KIZUNA is going on now. JAPENGCOY implements for the 4th time this vocational training course intended for 12 Haitian students. The students learn step by step the techniques and skills necessary for their future job as heavy construction equipment operators. As they acquire self-confidence, their ability and expertise continues to grow. After the instructional first phase, the operational phase began on 12 Sep 12.

Naoshi, a big-hearted Engineer.

Naoshi, 44 years old, is the chief instructor for Project KIZUNA. He is an experienced military Engineer. He explains: “I am convinced that Peacekeepers improve the environment by building schools and roads, and support Haitians by teaching the construction techniques and knowledge”.

Question:
I would like to have my story and my pictures published in “The Peacekeeper”. How can I?

Answer:
Contact us or your Public information Officer. Be sure to have the agreement of your Chain of Command. Send us your story and your pictures (good definition). So simple.
Tell me your mission...

Helen, PHILCOY, 38 years old.

“I am Helen. I am married with one son. I’ve been in the Philippine Navy for almost 16 years. Currently I work as the Welfare clerk of U1 Branch at MINUSTAH Headquarters. For me, it is a tough job considering the distance from our families. But it is also a great opportunity to serve my fellow peacekeepers in boosting their morale even in a small way. On behalf of my country, I am proud to be a part of this mission”.

Fumio, JAPENGOY, 34 years old.

“My name is Fumio. My hobby is reading books. I serve in the Japan Engineers Company. I command the engineer works as a platoon leader. For me, Peacekeepers are the representatives of their nation. They conduct in a well disciplined manner, take pride in own tasks, exercise all the ability for the reconstruction of Haiti and are trusted by Haitians”.

MINUSTAH Angels open the throttle...

On Friday 31 Aug 2012, a cross-country race was organized at BOLCOY base camp. The representatives of fourteen countries took part in it: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sri-Lanka and Uruguay. They ran five kilometers with their helmet on while holding a rifle and five kilos of sand in their backpack. Silvia (Chilean Army), Claudia (Argentinean Army) and Alicia (Argentinean Gendarmerie) also accepted the challenge. Congratulations to all the participants and especially to these three strong women peacekeepers!
Learn more about Haiti...

A few useful words in Creole:

Please................................................ Souple
What is your name?...................... Ki jan ou rele ?
My name is Mark.............................. Mwen rele Mark
No problem................................. Pa gen pwoblèm
I do not understand...................... Mwen pa konprann?
Excuse me.................................... Eskize mwen

Haitian people love proverbs. So we propose you to learn a new Haitian proverb in each issue of “the Peacekeeper”. This time:

“Piti piti zwazo fè nich” (little by little, the bird builds its nest).

Meaning: with time and perseverance, one accomplishes one’s goals.

NEPALESE BATTALION

Peacekeepers, but above all infantrymen.

Because development is nothing without a stable environment, NEPBAT soldiers perform every week many foot patrols on their area of responsibility. They provide security to MINUSTAH Engineers and Haitian population. In this way, they also gain a good knowledge of their civil environment in order to conduct CIMIC operations. “These boots were made for walking…”

« Infantry is the Queen of Battles ». French Marechal Joffre.
On 1 Sep 12, BRABAT 1, in partnership with the Community Violence Reduction Section and Foundation Timoun Bouke, invited three hundred children to the base to be a “Peacekeeper for a Day”. The children from Cité Soleil participated in educational, cultural and leisure activities, including: the capoeira dance, a hygiene workshop, face painting and drawing, and sports (football, volleyball and basketball). They also shared a snack with their hosts… The star attraction was undoubtedly the clown, who the children loved!

On 31 Aug 12, Peacekeepers from Chilean Army and Navy organized a day of entertainment for the 700 underprivileged children from the Argentinean Foundation Valdocco in Cap-Haïtien. Boys and girls took part in games and received toys and school stationery from the Peacekeepers, many who are also parents. This day of happiness and tenderness will remain in the memories of both the children and the adults in uniform.
Beyond the Ceremonial...

For each Peacekeeper, the Medal Parade is, of course, an intense moment of pride and prestige. But it is also for the contingents the occasion to present their traditions and their culture through shows of dance or sports. And after the ceremony, it is time for sharing and fraternity between the nations constituting the big family of Peacekeepers.

- INDOENGCOY -
AUGUST 30, 2012
GONAÏVES
What does the ribbon of my medal represent?

The ribbon bears a band of four colors as follows: The Blue represents the United Nations. The Green symbolizes the lush green countryside and economic potential of Haiti; the Royal Blue symbolizes the ocean surrounding the island of Hispaniola; the White symbolizes the promise of peace for the Haitian people.
From Lucas, BRABAT 1: “On 5 and 6 Sep 12, my Battalion provided security for the International Organization for Migration (IOM). They were conducting a census operation in Haiti’s biggest IDP camp, called Jean Marie Vincent, Port-au-Prince. 168 peacekeepers were involved in the operation with no incident.”

From Nuwan, SRIBAT: “For my friends and me from XV Sri Lankan Battalion, it is time to go home after eight months in Haiti. 650 of us were deployed in Léogâne, Jacmel, Killick, Brache and Petit-Goâve. We wish all the best to our successors. For all Peacekeepers, take care and take pleasure in your mission! Isthuthi!”

From Matias, ARGBAT: “On Friday, 7 Sep 12, my battalion performed a visit to children of an orphanage. We gave them some water purification kits, and sweets and toys. The children were very happy and I felt satisfied and useful. I appreciate this mission that mixes security and support to the population.”

From Bruno, BRAENGCOY: “For two months, Engineers from Brazil have repaired pavement of important avenues in Port-au-Prince. We work during the night to not disrupt traffic. The job is hard but useful: six kilometers to repair! We expect to be finished at the end of September. Good luck to all Peacekeepers.”
Support your Peacekeepers!

✔ You have a message to send to your Peacekeeper for a special event?
✔ You just want to tell him/her that you miss him/her?
✔ You want to send a support message to all of Haiti’s Peacekeepers?

Here is the solution. You can send your message to the following address: support_haiti_peacekeepers@hotmail.com
Your message will be published in the newsletter.

A few rules:
✔ Mention your first name, your country and the name of your Peacekeeper.
✔ If your message is intended for all Haiti’s Peacekeepers, just write it.
✔ Your message has to be short: only one sentence.
If you respect these rules, you will be published...

« Peacekeeping is not a job for soldiers, but only soldiers can do it ».
Dag Hammarskjöld, UN Secretary General 1953-1961.

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