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## “Socio-cultural aspects of communicating with foreigners from selected countries of East and South-East Asia”

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A specialised training course “Socio-cultural aspects of communicating with foreigners from selected countries of East and South-East Asia” was conducted by the lecturers of the Foreigners’ Affairs Department from 10 to 14 October, 2016.

The main aim of the course is to obtain knowledge and hone skills of participants in terms of social communication competences necessary to conduct official duties carried out towards foreigners coming from Asia.

The participants familiarised with current political, social and economic situations of the countries in the region, as well as cultural conditioning of human rights in that part of the world. The topics covered in the frames of the training dealt also with such issues as religions, non-verbal communication, international migration trends from the region and socio-demographic characterisation of Asian societies in Poland.

A perfect complement to the course were lectures delivered by Mr Włodzimierz Olesik and BG master corporal Bartosz Olesik from Nadwiślański Regional Border Guard Unit who shared with the participants, their experiences related with long-term stays in East and South-East Asia. One of the things the experts stressed in their performance was the source for possible misunderstandings occurring in contact with foreigners from Asia, the background and essence for the differences that may lead to mutual misunderstanding. The lecture delivered by experts met with high level of attentiveness and praise from the participants, which was clearly visible during an intensive discussion and numerous questions that arose at the end of the lecture.

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