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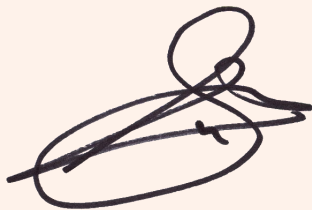
POINTER originated as an instructional journal under the School of Methods and Instruction in 1975. Over the years, POINTER has published a total of 209 issues, monographs and supplements. As we enter the age of social media and digital publication, we are pleased to present POINTER in a brand new format.

POINTER is now fully digital and will be available on the MINDEF Intranet and Internet. POINTER will be accessible anytime and anywhere from your personal mobile devices. In addition, POINTER is also found on the Magzter App available via Google Playstore and App Store.

Under the new POINTER, we will feature outstanding essays by students attending SAFTI MI courses — notice our new cover which portrays a sketch of the SAFTI MI parade square with the SAFTI Tower in the background, a fitting reflection of a new beginning for POINTER with SAFTI MI as its mainstay.

Besides our regular quarterly publications, we will publish standalone articles on a monthly basis. We will also cross carry interesting articles from our partner institutions such as PRISM from the US National Defence University and RSIS, NTU. It is my sincere hope that you will like the new POINTER.

To our prolific writers, do continue to submit your essays to us. To our readers, we welcome your feedback to make POINTER even better.



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