

LTG Mixon
Closing Ceremony Remarks
Yudh Abhyas 09, India
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It has been an honor to visit India once again. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this ceremony.

Transnational challenges call for greater cooperation between all nations. Our goal is to further fortify security in the Pacific Rim through strengthened partnerships. With India's cooperation and support, we will continue to make substantial progress in helping secure peace and stability.

Military exercises between India and the US continue to increase in scope and sophistication and are aimed at improving collaboration between our two militaries. Yudh Abhyas 09 was an excellent opportunity for professional and cultural exchanges, teamwork, and increasing friendship. It is indicative of on-going programs to share tactics, techniques and procedures related to peace operations, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief at various levels. Our goal is not just to maintain our good relationship, but to broaden and deepen it.

A historic and exciting addition to Yudh Abhyas 09 was the inclusion of Strykers, the US Army's newest armored vehicle designed to replace the

Bradley Fighting Vehicle. The movement and transport of the vehicles is the largest employment of Strykers outside the Central Command area of responsibility. Their use and inclusion the exercise supported the training of US Soldiers and provided the opportunity to demonstrate US capabilities to the Indian Army.

I would be remiss if I did not personally thank all the participants in this important exercise. Each and every one of the professionals of our armed forces present today has contributed to the planning and execution of this impressive event. To those of you traveling home, I wish you a safe journey and look forward to our next meeting.

Thank You.

One Team!

Army Strong!