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Major General (ret.) Włodzimierz Szaśiadek, the new Director of the Doctrine and Training Centre of the Polish Armed Forces (DTC PAF), paid a visit to the Joint Force Training Centre on 13 September. It was his first visit to the Bydgoszcz NATO training centre after he had assumed his new position. General Szaśiadek met with the JFTC authorities to refresh the ties between both entities, to discuss current and future relations as well as to define further plans for mutual cooperation.

The new DTC PAF Director was welcomed by Major General Pavel Macko, the JFTC Commander, who introduced the guest to the Centre's role, activities and its place within the NATO's training program. The visit to the JFTC facilities allowed General Szaśiadek to learn more about the Centre's capabilities and gave him an overview of how the Centre executes its mission.

As the DTC PAF's mission focuses on doctrines' standardization process, Lessons Learned and training development, cooperation between both Centres can be profitable for both parties. General Szaśiadek's visit created a great opportunity to examine possible ways of the mutual support, to debate on how the DTC PAF can contribute to the JFTC's training activities as well as to discuss further steps regarding a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions.

## **New Director of Polish Doctrine and Training Centre at the JFTC - Joint Force Training Centre**

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Major General (ret.) Włodzimierz Szaśiadek assumed the position of the Director of the Doctrine and Training Centre of the Polish Armed Forces on 6 August 2012. He replaced Brigadier General Franciszek Kochanowski.