



**The Ambassador of Finland accredited to Poland, His Excellency Jari Vilén, paid a visit to Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) on 7 February 2013 to learn about the Headquarters and explore possible areas of cooperation.**

*"We wanted to come here to learn more about the Headquarters' tasks functions and especially future plans,"* His Excellency Jari Vilén said about the purpose of the visit and explained that the information gathered would help to consider the possible cooperation in the future. HE Vilén, assisted by the Defence Attaché Commander (Navy) Veli-Pettari Valkamo and Minister Counsellor Mr Vesa Häkkinen, were briefed about HQ MNC NE role, missions and organization. A big part of the presentation was devoted the concept of the Corps' future development, described in the "Vision 2018", and a training & exercise calendar.

*"I have been very impressed about the activities that you are having in here; I have a feeling that the atmosphere here is excellent,"*

said HE Vilén and admitted to be admiring the Corps' member states to be

*"able to find the common mission tasks and the harmony to unify the different cultures or even different kind of attitudes."*

## Finnish interest in MNC NE

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