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PROGRAMME

Sustaining Peace in Time of Uncertainties: Toward Greater Regional Resilience and Responsiveness

Wednesday, 4th December 2019

19.00-21.00 **Welcoming Dinner**
For participants from overseas

Thursday, 5th December 2019

08.00 – 08.45 **Registration**

08.45 – 09.00 **Welcome Remarks**

Prof. Anthony Milner
Co-chair, CSCAP Australia

Amb. Ong Keng Yong
Co-chair, CSCAP Singapore

Prof. Nguyen Vu Tung
Chair, CSCAP Vietnam

09.00 - 09.15 **Opening Remarks**

H.E. Liew Chin Tong
Deputy Minister of Defense of Malaysia

09.15 – 09.30 **Keynote Speech**

H.E. Nguyen Quoc Dzung
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam

09.30 – 09.45 **Group Photo**

09.45 – 11.15 **Session 1. Major Powers' Dynamics: A New Cold War or Hot Peace?**

The Asia-Pacific is ushering in a new era of major power strategic and comprehensive competition, featuring in areas ranging from political,

military to economic, technological and others. There have been claims of “the return of bipolarity” in Asia, and even Cold War of a new version. Meanwhile, globalization and economic interdependence continue to make confrontation increasingly unaffordable to countries, whether big or small. This session provides insights into the contemporary great power dynamics, specifically the debates on whether the current situation is a new cold war or hot peace. It inquires into the question of where the current great powers dynamics is heading to? What the implications for regional peace and security are? And what the likely consequent scenarios of the global and regional orders are?

Moderator: Mr. Ric Smith
Co-Chair, CSCAP Australia
Australia

Speaker 1: Dr. Li Li
Tsinghua University
China

Speaker 2: Dr. Alice Ekman
Senior Asia Analyst
European Union Institute for Security Studies
CSCAP EU Coordinator
EU

Speaker 3: Dr. Victor Sumsky
Director, ASEAN Centre in MGIMO University
Russia

Speaker 4: Mr. Ralph Cossa
President Emeritus, Pacific Forum, US CSCAP
USA

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.50 **Session 2. ASEAN’s Cohesiveness and Responsiveness in a Changing Regional Landscape**

ASEAN has been witnessing unprecedented developments in parts of the Indo-Pacific region that marked a turning point in current regional trajectory. Among other things, trade tensions, unresolved flashpoints and the rising political contestation in ASEAN’s domestic and regional landscapes continue to cast uncertainties over short-to-medium-term outlooks, and carry policy implications for the whole region as well as each of the individual member countries. Particularly, amid increasing major power competition, ASEAN is facing with more divisive challenges. What is optimistic is that against this backdrop, ASEAN remains steadfast and determined in promoting regional peace, security, and prosperity, and in collectively addressing common challenges. How can ASEAN adapt to a changing regional landscape? What are the challenges and opportunities to ASEAN’s unity and centrality? What can ASEAN members and external partners do to foster a cohesive, responsive and transformative ASEAN? This session will look for answers to these questions.

- Moderator: Dr. Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa
Chairman and Chief Executive
Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)
Malaysia
- Speaker 1: Amb. Delia Albert
Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines
Philippines
- Speaker 2: Prof. Simon Tay
Chairman
Singapore Institute of International Affairs
Singapore
- Speaker 3: Dr. Thitinan Pongsudhirak
Executive Director
Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS)
Chulalongkorn University
Thailand
- Speaker 4: Amb. Pham Quang Vinh
Senior Advisor, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam
Vietnam

12.50 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Session 3. Maritime Security in Indo-Pacific: Opportunities for Cooperation

Maritime security in the region is not only about states fighting for their own sovereignty, rights and interests. There are many areas requiring strong determination of regional governments for cooperation, such as maritime environment protection, maritime safety, and fishery resources management. More importantly, it is about question of peace, stability and security for the region. How can regional countries foster good order at sea against the context of existing complicated maritime disputes? What are challenges and opportunities for maritime security cooperation in Indo-Pacific? What areas should be given high priority and how would these prioritized cooperation areas be implemented? Why are non-state actors important in fostering cooperation in the region?

- Moderator: Dr. Philips J. Vermonte
Executive Director
Centre for Strategic and International Studies
Indonesia
- Speaker 1: Dr. Jagannath Panda
East Asia Centre
Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (IDSA)
India
- Speaker 2: Dr. Jeffrey Ordaniel
Institute of International Strategy
Tokyo International University (TIU)
Philippines

Speaker 3: Prof. Ken Jimbo
Professor, Keio University
Japan

Speaker 4: Mr. Robert P. Girrier
Rear Admiral (ret.)
President, Pacific Forum
USA

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.15 **Session 4. Technological Revolution: Regional Security Implications**

Technological revolution is proved to be one outstanding feature defining international relations in the coming decades. Advancement in communication technologies has facilitated globalization and regional integration, but at the same time caused states' concerns about their security vulnerabilities. How will tech-firms and governments assure that their infrastructures and devices are not designed to gather information? Will the world face with a deep technological division? Will states have to take side in this regard? How will state-citizen relations be in the context of technological revolution?

Moderator: Dr. Aileen San Pablo - Baviera
President, Asia Pacific Pathways to Progress
Philippines

Speaker 1: Dr. Gustav Lindstrom
Director, European Union Institute for Security Studies
CSCAP EU Chair
EU

Speaker 2: Amb. and Prof. Choi Sung-joo
Ban Ki-moon Foundation and Korea University
Republic of Korea

Speaker 3: Ms. Zoe Stanley-Lockman
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)
Singapore

18.30 – 20.00 Dinner

Friday, 6th December 2019

09.00 – 10.30 **Session 5. Whither Multilateralism?**

Multilateralism has long been of strategic importance to global, regional and national security and prosperity. However, views have recently been raised about a recess of multilateralism, mainly due to decreasing commitment of and competition among key players in existing multilateral mechanisms. The role of multilateral mechanisms and

international law is being questioned. Do these trends signal an end of multilateralism? Or was it just alarming of an urgent need to restructure and reform international mechanisms? What can be done to strengthen global governance and role of international law?

- Moderator: Dr. David Capie
Director, Centre for Strategic Studies
Victoria University of Wellington
New Zealand
- Speaker 1: Prof. Sven Biscop
Ghent Institute for International Studies (GIIS)
Ghent University
Belgium
- Speaker 2: Amb. Pou Sothirak
Executive Director, Institute for Cooperation and Peace
Cambodia
- Speaker 3: Prof. Wang Dong
Deputy Director
Office for Humanities and Social Sciences
Peking University
China
- Speaker 4: Dr. Pradumna B. Rana
Visiting Associate Professor
Centre for Multilateralism Studies
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)
Singapore

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.15 **Session 6. Reflection on the Future: Rules-Based vs Power-Based Order**

Rules-based order has been one of the most popular terms in international relations in recent years. Ironically, there has been no agreement so far on what it is meant by rules-based order. International relations of the Indo-Pacific are in many ways still influenced by power politics. The 2019 ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific is an example attempt to create a regional understanding of rules-based order. How is this Outlook perceived by the US, China, and other extra-regional powers? Will international relations and regional order be a rules-based or power-based one? What rules and whose order would define regional affairs in the future?

- Moderator: Dr. Suchit Bunbongkarn
Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Political Science
Chulalongkorn University
Thailand
- Speaker 1: Dr. Donald Greenlees
Senior Advisor, Asialink
Australia

- Speaker 2: Prof. Brahma Chellaney
Centre for Policy Research
India
- Speaker 3: Mr. John J. Brandon
Senior Director, International Relations Programs
Associate Director, Washington D.C. Office
USA
- Speaker 4: Dr. Nguyen Hung Son
Director General
East Sea (South China Sea) Institute
Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam
Vietnam

12.15 – 12.30 **Wrap-up**

Prof. Anthony Milner
Co-chair, CSCAP Australia

Amb. Ong Keng Yong
Co-chair, CSCAP Singapore

Prof. Nguyen Vu Tung
Chair, CSCAP Vietnam

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

Saturday, 7th December 2019

Departure of Participants