



Agenda

8 June 2018

09.00 – 10.00

Registration

10.00 – 11.00

Inaugural Session

- Welcome by Dr Prabir De, Professor and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
- Opening Address by Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
- Special Address by Mr. Anurag Bhushan, Joint Secretary (ASEAN-ML) Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)
- Inaugural Address by Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

11.00 – 11.30

Group Photo and Tea/Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00

Session I: Maritime Security

[This session will examine the issues relating to security threats, challenges and opportunities relating to the maritime domain, and collaborative security. On one hand, the countries still lack adequate capacities for maritime policing and law-enforcement, including for ensuring coastal and offshore security, and achieving a satisfactory level of Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), while, on the other, the continued prevalence of traditional security threats, leading to a reticence to cooperate to the quell common threats posed by malevolent non-state actors ranging from pirates to traffickers of narcotics, arms and people. Furthermore, the security challenges are becoming more complex with the new threats posed by international terrorism and those relating to the use of the cyber-space, which could spill over into the maritime realm. This session would address all such challenges and collaborative responses, including in terms of cooperation among naval forces, coast guards and other law-enforcement agencies, capacity-building and capability-enhancement, and confidence-building at sea.]

Moderator: Mr. Mohd Noor Zaky Bin Mohd Nasir, Director, Department of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

Panelists

- Vice-Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India
- Mr. Daisuke Namioka, Director, Maritime Security Policy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Japan
- Dr. Sinderpal Singh, Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore
- Mr. Michael Rosenthal, Political-External and Political-Military Affairs Unit Chief, First Secretary, U.S. Embassy in India

Open Discussion

13.15 – 14.00

Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30

Session II: Maritime Safety

[This Session will discuss issues broadly relating to safety of human life at sea and in the littoral areas of the Asia-Pacific region and explore means of cooperation to enhance maritime safety. It would address the safety of all those who are increasingly taking to the sea or air transportation over the sea, either to earn a livelihood, or for transportation or leisure; of all those living in coastal areas who bear the brunt of nature's fury at sea; and of all 'irregular migrants' who are forced to undertake perilous journeys across the oceans due to various reasons. Hence, the session aims to span the spectrum involving maritime and aeronautical Search and Rescue (SAR), Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) and irregular sea-borne migration. It would encompass related aspects like global and national organizational structures; international and domestic laws; regional cooperation, including for situational awareness and information-sharing; coordination among maritime forces, including for capacity-building; technology-enabled responses; and the participation of non-government organizations (NGOs) and the civil society.]

Moderator: Amb. Yogendra Kumar, Former Indian Ambassador to the Philippines

Panelists

- DIG Verghese, Indian Coast Guard, India
- Commodore Anil Jai Singh, Vice-President, Indian Maritime Foundation (IMF), India
- Captain Tun Lu, Myanmar Navy, Myanmar
- Mr. Nguyen Van Thang, Navy Officer, Vietnam People's Navy

Open Discussion

15.30 – 16.00

Tea/ Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30

Session III: Good Order at Sea

[The Session 3 will explore the challenges to the established rules-based maritime order in the Asia-Pacific, which flows from the growing rivalry among major powers to seek a favourable balance of power (or balance of influence) and the emerging considerations of 'territoriality', which are leading to a regional arms race, and impinging on established rules of international law and norms of conduct with regard

to freedom of navigation and over-flight. On the one hand, there are differences among countries on the interpretation of UNCLOS on the military freedom in the maritime zones of other countries. On the other hand, the building of artificial islands through reclamation meant to enhance maritime-territorial claims impinges on freedom of navigation, besides posing a risk to safe navigation. Although the implementation of the Code of Unplanned Encounters at Sea (CUES) under the aegis of the WPNS is an encouraging development, it is restricted to naval vessels (and aircraft), and do not address the actions of other government-mandated maritime forces. This session would also address the opportunities for EAS countries for reaching a commonly accepted interpretation of international law on freedom of navigation, de-confliction of unintended encounters amongst maritime-security forces and confidence-building at sea.]

Moderator: Mr. Daisuke Namioka, Director, Maritime Security Policy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Japan

Panelists

- Capt. (Dr.) Gurpreet Khurana, Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India
- Mr. Dougal McInnes, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
- Mr. Zhang Yefei, Second Secretary, Deputy Director, Department of Boundary and Ocean Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, P. R. China
- Col Weng Foo Lee, Ministry of Defence, Singapore

Open Discussion

18.30

Reception

19.30

Cultural Programme

20.00

Dinner

9 June 2018

09.15 – 10.45

Session IV: Blue Economy

[This Session will deliberate upon the various country perspectives on sustainable development of all facets of ocean-based economy centered on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which recognizes the need to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development. It will examine national approaches to the responsible development of marine resources – including the utilization of marine-based renewable energy and the long-term conservation and management of fish stocks. It will address measures to curb harmful activities such as land-based and sea-based marine pollution; IUU fishing and other destructive methods of fishing and trawling; and the destruction of corals and associated underwater life, with the aim of preserving the marine and coastal environment and the associated eco-systems. The session would also explore avenues of inter-state cooperation in these areas.]

Moderator: Vice Admiral HCS Bisht, Former Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, India

Panelists

- Dr. S. K. Mohanty, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India
- Capt. S S Parmar, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India
- Mr. Chun Sovannarith, Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Cambodia

Open Discussion

10.45 – 11.00

Tea/Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.45

Session V: Panel Discussion on Taking Stock and Way Forward

[This Session will be a panel discussion on the ‘Way Forward’. It will review the Report of the past EAS Conferences on Maritime Security and Cooperation, summarize the discussions during the current Conference, and help prepare a roadmap for enhancing maritime safety, security and good order in the Asia-Pacific region through proactive cooperation among the EAS member countries.]

Moderator: Commodore Uday Bhaskar, Director, Society for Policy Studies (SPS), India

Panelists

- Mr. Mohd Noor Zaky Bin Mohd Nasir, Director, Department of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
- Amb. Yogendra Kumar, Former Indian Ambassador to the Philippines
- Mr. Aung Myint, Deputy Director General, Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar
- Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India

Open Discussion

12.45 – 13.00

Closing Session

- Closing Remarks by Mr. Anurag Bhushan, Joint Secretary (ASEAN-ML), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)
- Vote of Thanks by Dr Prabir De

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.30 – 19.00

Field Trip to Dhauli and Konark

20.30

Dinner