



COUNCIL FOR SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC

Second Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Preventive Diplomacy: Promoting Prospects for Mediation and Peaceful Settlement of Disputes in the Asia-Pacific Region

Singapore, January 21-22 2016

Agenda

The second meeting of the Study Group aims to examine the applicability of Preventive Diplomacy (PD) on on-going security hotspots in the region, notably in the South China Sea, the East China Sea and the Korean Peninsula. What tools have been put forward so far and how effective they have been? All three cases are examples of protracted crises that have evolved over time, following the complex regional political and security dynamics. When the tensions were highest, parties involved tried to put in place some crisis prevention mechanisms to avoid further escalation. What have been the preferred negotiation channels and settings in the various cases? Are there any PD tools identified by the Study that have not been applied yet and could be successful? Ongoing crises highlight the greatest obstacles in the region, urging for open mindedness and creativity in PD.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

19:00 **Welcome Dinner**

Thursday, January 21, 2016

8:30 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome Remarks & Keynote Address**

- Co-Chairs introduction
- Keynote address on *The Regional Environment and the Relevance of Preventive Diplomacy*.

10:00 **Coffee Break**

10:15 **Session 1: Presentation of the PD study findings**

Speakers: Guy Banim, Jim Rolfe

11:00 **Session 2: The South China Sea**

Chair: Kwa Chong Guan

12:30 **Lunch**

14:00 **Session 3: The East China Sea**

Chair: Eva Pejsova

15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:45 **Session 4: The Korean Peninsula**

Chair: Carl Baker (TBC)

17:30 **Session adjourns**

19:00 **Dinner**

Friday, January 22, 2016

9:00 Session 5: Approaches & Venue for Preventive Diplomacy

Based on the analysis of PD in on-going disputes, what are the advantages and disadvantages of ad hoc or more institutionalised forms of PD? What regional organisations, institutions or actors would be most suitable to address issues of crisis prevention, management and resolution within the ARF context? What could be the role of the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR)?

Chair: Ralph Emmers

10:15 Coffee Break

10:30 Session 6: Policy Recommendations to the ASEAN Regional Forum

The Study Group members will propose tangible policy options regarding the use of Preventive Diplomacy in the region and the way forward. These recommendations will serve as the foundation of the CSCAP Memorandum.

Chair: Jim Rolfe

12:30 Meeting Adjourns and Lunch