

## THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ASIA-PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE

2-4 June 2014  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*Draft Programme*

### DAY 1 2 June 2014

**19:30-22:00**      **KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND WELCOMING DINNER**  
**The Hon. Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak**  
Prime Minister of Malaysia

### DAY 2 3 June 2014

**09:00 – 10:15**      **PLENARY SESSION 1**  
**CALMING THE WATERS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC: PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES**

Amid growing anxiety over deepening strategic fault-lines and the emergence of new security challenges, it is often hard to pin down where the region's priorities should lie. This session is aimed at identifying, elaborating and prioritising the major security challenges of the Asia Pacific. How should key regional countries focus their diplomatic and military resources, in order to preserve the security, stability and prosperity of the Asia Pacific? What are the roles of regional organisations like ASEAN, the ADMM Plus and the East Asia Summit in addressing the region's key security challenges?

Moderator:      **Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa**  
Chief Executive, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

Speaker:        **The Hon. Dato' Sri Anifah Hj. Aman**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

**10:15 – 10:45**      **REFRESHMENTS**

**10:45 – 12:00**      **PLENARY SESSION 2**  
**UNDERSTANDING THE “NEW TYPE” OF MAJOR POWER RELATIONS: WHAT, HOW, WHY?**

Establishing a “new type of relationship between major countries in the 21st century” has become a key plank in China's foreign policy under President Xi Jinping. Yet the concept remains vague and thus subject to disparate interpretations. This session is aimed at exploring the core ideas, assumptions and expectations underlying this initiative. What might be the motivations and objectives behind the call for such a relationship? How would this new type of relationship manifest itself in the conduct of relations between China and the United States? How would this initiative impact relations between those major powers and ASEAN?

17 March 2014

Chair: **Prof. Dr. Paul Evans**  
Institute of Asian Research & Liu Institute for Global  
Issues, The University of British Columbia, Canada

Speakers: **Prof. Dr. Chen Dongxiao**  
President, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies,  
China

**Dr. Kurt Campbell**  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Asia Group &  
former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and  
Pacific Affairs (2009-13), USA

**Amb. Bilahari Kausikan**  
Ambassador-at-Large and Policy Adviser  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

**12:15 – 13:45**

**LUNCH**

**13:45 – 15:00**

**PLENARY SESSION 3  
RESETTING SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS**

This forward-looking session will explore the practical steps that China and Japan can take to manage tensions, prevent miscalculations, and promote greater stability in their relationship. What would it take to restore regular high-level contact between Beijing and Tokyo? What realistic measures can the two countries adopt to moderate the intensity of their action-reaction dynamics in the East China Sea? What are the possible roles for regional platforms such as the ARF, the ADMM Plus, the ASEAN Plus Three and the East Asia Summit in helping to reset Sino-Japanese relations? More importantly, is a “reset” possible?

Chair: **Prof. Dr. Chung-in Moon**  
Department of Political Science, Yonsei University &  
Editor-in-Chief, *Global Asia*, Republic of Korea

Speakers: **Prof. Dr. Yan Xuetong**  
Director, Institute of International Studies, Tsinghua  
University, China

**Prof. Tomohide Murai**  
Chairman, International Relations Programme, National  
Defence Academy, Japan

**Mr. Jusuf Wanandi**  
Co-Founder and Senior Fellow, Centre for Strategic and  
International Studies (CSIS) and Vice-Chairman, Board of  
Trustees, CSIS Foundation, Indonesia

**15:00 – 15:30**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**15:30 – 17:00**

**PLENARY SESSION 4**

**FOSTERING PEACE AND MANAGING SECURITY IN THE ASIA PACIFIC**

Asia Pacific is at a crossroads. Economic prosperity has markedly improved lives and livelihood across the region, but peace is under pressure. Territorial disputes, competition for energy resources, the incipient major power rivalry and the erosion of strategic trust are threatening to undermine the progress of the Asian century. This session will discuss modalities to dampen and mitigate insecurities and distrust in the region. How can regional countries improve their military deterrence responsibly without causing a significant intensification of the security dilemma in the Asia Pacific? What kinds of restraints should countries adopt in their force development programmes? How can regional countries best adapt to and accommodate the growing military strengths of rising powers? Can security be attained by means other than military might? How does one begin to build trust?

Chair:

**Dr. Rizal Sukma**

Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia

Speakers:

**Mr. Shivshankar Menon**

National Security Adviser, India

**Mr. Shotaro Yachi**

Director-General, National Security Council, Japan

**High Level Speaker from Germany**

**17:00 – 17:15**

**BREAK**

**17:15 – 18:30**

**PLENARY SESSION 5**

**MYANMAR'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS**

With few precedents for Myanmar's reforms and the context in which they are taking place, the trajectory of the country's political and economic developments remains hard to discern. This session will discuss the progress, challenges as well as the consequences – both intended and otherwise – of Myanmar's reform process. What are Myanmar's major foreign policy objectives? What significance and impact would Myanmar's chairmanship of ASEAN have on national politics? What have been the dividends from Myanmar's gradual liberalisation of its economy? How has the country sought to manage the relations between its many ethnic groups? What is needed to sustain the momentum behind the country's reforms? What role can ASEAN and its dialogue partners play to assist and support Myanmar's reform agenda?

**Chair:**           **Assoc. Prof. Simon Tay**  
Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)  
& Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

**Speakers:**   **Mr. Ko Ko Hlaing**  
Presidential Foreign Policy Adviser, Myanmar

**Dr. Zaw Oo**  
Presidential Economic Adviser, Myanmar

**Dr. Kyaw Yin Hlaing**  
Director, Myanmar Peace Center

**20:00 – 21:30           DINNER**

**21:30 – 23:00           TÊTE-À-TÊTE**  
**INDONESIA DECIDES: NEW POLITICAL LANDSCAPE, NEW DIRECTIONS?**

With elections taking place in 2014, profound changes are in store for Indonesia. The successor to President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono – who has been at the nation's helm for almost ten years – will assume the leadership of a country that has become increasingly influential and confident on the international stage. This tête-à-tête session will examine Indonesia's political landscape following its national and regional legislative polls in April and in the lead-up to presidential elections in July. What kinds of policies and approaches to governance will have the most traction under Indonesia's new and emerging political configurations? What might be the probable points of emphasis in Indonesia's foreign policy over the next five years?

**Moderator:**   **Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan**  
Chairman, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

**Speakers:**    **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Farish Ahmad Noor**  
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia & Head, Contemporary Religion in Southeast Asia Programme, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

**Dr. Rizal Sukma**  
Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia

**DAY 3**  
**4 June 2014**

**09:00 – 10:30**

**PLENARY SESSION 6**

**ASEAN'S POST-2015 AGENDA: STRENGTHENING AND DEEPENING  
COMMUNITY-BUILDING**

Even beyond the 31 December 2015 target for establishing an ASEAN community, significant scope will remain for the organisation and its member states to strengthen their community-building efforts. This session will tap into the insights of past ASEAN secretaries-general to identify the steps that ASEAN needs to take to add substance to its nascent community in the medium term after 2015. Do ASEAN member states truly have a common conception of what an ASEAN community should look like? What are the prerequisites for building a deeper and more mature form of community in ASEAN? What should ASEAN's priorities be in the five-year period beyond 2015?

Chair: **Mr. Hitoshi Tanaka**  
Chairman, The JRI Institute for International Strategy &  
Former Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

Speakers: **HE Mr. Ong Keng Yong**  
Singapore High Commissioner to Malaysia & former  
Secretary-General of ASEAN (2003-2007)

**HE Dr. Surin Pitsuwan**  
Tun Abdul Razak Fellow, Oxford Centre for Islamic  
Studies & former Secretary-General of ASEAN (2008-12)

**10:30 – 11:00**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**11:00 – 12:15**

**PLENARY SESSION 7**

**BEYOND TERRITORIALITY: MANAGING THE MARITIME COMMONS  
IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA**

Conflicting territorial and maritime claims are expected to remain a persistent and uncomfortable fact in the South China Sea. This session will therefore examine how the region – and particularly the claimant states – could address common security challenges in the absence of a resolution to those competing claims. How can a maritime regime be built to promote coordinated efforts in tackling transnational crimes such as piracy and the smuggling of people and goods, as well as threats to the maritime environment, such as overfishing and oil spills? What are the guidelines required to prevent maritime incidents involving civilian enforcement vessels, warships, military aircraft and research vessels in the South China Sea? Are there mechanisms to ensure navigational safety and to coordinate search and rescue (SAR) missions in the area? What are the potential consequences of insufficient cooperation in managing the maritime commons in the South China Sea?

Chair: **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mely Caballero-Anthony**  
Head, Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies,  
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS),  
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Speakers: **Prof. Dr. Geoffrey Till**  
Director, Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies, Joint  
Services Command and Staff College & Defence Studies  
Department, King's College London, UK

**Dr. Vijay Sakhuja**  
Director of Research, Indian Council of World Affairs  
(ICWA), India

**Ms. Youna Lyons**  
Senior Research Fellow, Center for International Law,  
National University of Singapore

**12:15 – 13:45**

**LUNCH**

**13:45 – 15:00**

**PLENARY SESSION 8  
IS JAPAN BACK?**

Apart from gradually breaking away from its two decades of lacklustre economic growth and political instability, Japan has clearly become more forthright in pursuing its national interests. This session is aimed at examining the profound shifts in Japan's domestic and foreign policies. What has been the progress in implementing Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's "three arrows" for Japan's economic revival? What are the implications of "proactive pacifism" and a stronger Japan Self-Defence Forces (JSDF), both for the region at large, and for Japan's relations with the United States and China? What are likely to be the main elements of Japan's strategy in Asia in the near term?

Chair: **Prof. Dr. David Welch**  
Director, Balsillie Institute of International Affairs,  
University of Waterloo, Canada

Speakers: **Amb. Yoshiji Nogami**  
President, Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) &  
former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan

**Prof. Dr. Richard J. Samuels**  
Ford International Professor of Political Science & Director,  
Centre for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of  
Technology (MIT), USA

**Prof. Dr. T. J. Pempel**  
Jack M. Forcey Professor of Political Science, Department  
of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley,  
USA.

**15:00 – 15:15**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**15:15 – 16:45**

**PLENARY SESSION 9**

**THE DYNAMICS OF INDIA'S RISE: NATIONAL IMPERATIVES AND INTERNATIONAL ASPIRATIONS**

India's rise as a major power is often treated as a forgone conclusion. Yet, the country continues to face a myriad of economic, social and developmental challenges, which have often been compounded by a byzantine bureaucracy and a complex political system. This session will examine the catalysts for, and obstacles to, India's rise as a major power. How will New Delhi seek to promote sustained, long-term growth for the Indian economy? How will it manage religious and communal relations in the country? What has been the role of India's states in the country's rise? How will India seek to assert its influence in the global arena over the next ten years? How will India utilise its growing military – and particularly naval – power in support of its foreign policy?

Chair: **Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Munir Abdul Majid**  
Chairman, Bank Muamalat Malaysia & Visiting Senior  
Fellow at LSE IDEAS

Speakers: **Dr. Manoj Joshi**  
Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation,  
India

**Mr. Pramit Pal Chaudhuri**  
Foreign Editor, The *Hindustan Times*, India

**Dr. Ian Hall**  
Senior Fellow and Director, Graduate Studies in  
International Affairs (GSIA), The Australian National  
University

**16:45 – 17:15**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**17:15 – 18:30**

**PLENARY SESSION 10**

**THE FUTURE OF THAI POLITICS**

Despite winning every election since 2001, the government in power has faced repeated challenges to its legitimacy from an influential section of the population. The same group is now apparently opposed to having a majority-elected government. This session will seek to develop a greater understanding of Thailand's political trajectory and its seemingly interminable cycles of political instability. What is the future of Thai democracy? What are the roots of Thailand's political divide? What is needed to bring greater stability to the country's political system? What role would the military play in the current political stalemate?

Chair: **Emeritus Prof. Dr. Carol Hernandez**  
Founding President and Chief Executive Officer, Institute  
for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS), The  
Philippines

Speakers: **M. R. Sukhumbhand Paribatra**  
The Governor of Bangkok, Thailand

**Prof. Dr. Andrew Walker**  
Associate Dean (Education) & Senior Fellow, Department  
of Political & Social Change, The Australian National  
University

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thitinan Pongsudhirak**  
Director, Institute of Security and International Studies  
(ISIS), Thailand

**18:30 CLOSING REMARKS**

**Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa**  
Chief Executive, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)  
Malaysia