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## **PROGRAMME**

*(As of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019)*

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

#### **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**19.00-21.00 Welcoming Dinner**  
For all participants

#### **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**08.30 – 09.00 Registration**

**09.00 – 09.20 Welcome Remarks**

Prof. Anthony Milner  
Co-chair, CSCAP Australia

Amb. Ong Keng Yong  
Co-chair, CSCAP Singapore

Prof. Nguyen Vu Tung  
Chair, CSCAP Vietnam

**09.20 – 09.35 Keynote Speech**

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam (TBC)

**09.35 – 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. Richard Campbell Smith  
Co-Chair, CSCAP Australia  
Australia
- Speaker 1: Dr. Li Li  
Tsinghua University  
China
- Speaker 2: CSCAP Japan
- 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?

- Moderater:      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:      Dr. Mira Rapp-Hooper  
Center for New American Security (CNAS)  
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 division between technologies created and managed by Western companies on the one hand and those by Chinese ones on the other hand? 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: Mr. Hosuk Lee-Makiyama  
European Centre for International Political Economy  
Belgium

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

Speaker 4: Microsoft Vietnam

**18.00 – 20.00** Dinner

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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:	Dr. Pou Sothirak Executive Director, Institute for Cooperation and Peace Cambodia
Speaker 3:	Speaker nominated by Dr. Fu Ying China
Speaker 4:	Dr. Pradumna B. Rana Visiting Associate Professor Centre for Multilateralism Studies RSIS, Singapore
<b>10.30 – 10.45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>10.45 – 12.15</b>	<p><b>Session 6. Reflection on the Future: Rules-Based vs Power-Based Order</b></p> <p>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 is in many ways still influenced by power politics. The 2019 ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific is an exemple 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?</p>
	<p>Moderator: Dr. Suchit Bunbongkarn Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Political Science Chulalongkorn University Thailand</p> <p>Speaker 1: TBC</p> <p>Speaker 2: Dr. Zha Daojiong Professor, School of International Studies Peking University China</p> <p>Speaker 3: Dr. Kurt Campbell Chairman and Chief Executive Officer The Asia Group USA</p> <p>Speaker 4: Dr. Nguyen Hung Son Director General, Institute of East Sea Studies Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam Vietnam</p>
<b>12.15 – 12.30</b>	<b>Wrap-up</b>

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, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Departure of Participants