

**Report of the Second CSCAP General Meeting on
"Asia-Pacific Security in the New Millennium and the Role of CSCAP"
Seoul, Korea.**

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Meeting Report

The 2nd CSCAP General Meeting consisted of four sessions. Representatives from all CSCAP members, except Canada and the DPRK, attended. Also at the meeting were guests from diplomatic missions and observers from the Middle East, Europe and the US.

Session 1: "Multilateral Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region : Milestones Since 1994"

Co-chairs: Amb. Hasnan Habib; Mr. John McFarlane.

Presentations: Dato' Mohamed Jawhar Hassan; Mr. Mikhail A. Konarovsky; Mr. Ralph Cossa.

The presentations for this session and the following discussion reviewed both the progress of regional multilateralism and the CSCAP contribution to that process. Meeting participants were reminded of some of the unique features of the Asia-Pacific region and that the launching of the ARF multilateral dialogue process was an important milestone in itself. The achievement of consensus on a broad definition of comprehensive security was also singled out.

Concerns were expressed with regard to future issues: the narrow view of regional issues adopted by some states, security on the Korean Peninsular, Theatre Missile Defence, trans-national crime, and the environment.

It was noted that CSCAP had made important contributions in its own transparency and confidence building measures and in 'feeding into' the Track I level at the ARF. There was discussion as to the benefits and limitations of CSCAP. Some contributors emphasised what the current rules of CSCAP were with regard to outstanding issues and membership. Others noted that, even at Track II, patience, diplomacy, and creative agenda building were important for the continuing progress of CSCAP. Two guests from Jordan and Lebanon expressed an interest in the record of CSCAP and how it might be adopted by other regions.

Session 2: "Emerging Security Challenges in the New Millenium"

Co-chairs: Mr. James Kelly; Mr. Ngyuen Phung Binh.

Presentations: Mr. Job A. Mayo, Jr.; Prof. Francois Godement; Dr. Tumurchuluun Guudai.

This session was opened with a special address from the Hon. Kato Ryoza, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan.

Presentations and the discussion identified a variety of new threats facing the Asia-Pacific region, including trans-national crime (helped by advances in communication technology and the availability of drug money for funding), ethnic tensions, environmental degradation, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and the adverse effects of globalisation. The current state of 'armed peace' (based on inequality of power and bilateralism) was singled out as a source of unease among many, but the situation has been largely stable. A more active role for the UN and the need for small states to adapt was discussed.

This session was followed by a luncheon and keynote speech from H.E. Ambassador Hwang Won Tak, Senior Secretary to the President for Foreign Policy and National Security Affairs, Republic of Korea.

Session 3: "Searching for a New Regional Security Cooperation Roadmap: East Timor and Beyond"

Co-chairs: Dr. Carolina Hernandez; Dr. Chookiat Panaspornprasit.

Presentations: Amb. Nobuo Matsunaga; Dr. Jusuf Wanandi; Mr. Kwa Chong Guan; Dr. David Dickens; Dr. Masashi Nishihara; Dr. Seo-Hang Lee.

This session was opened by a special address from Dr. Kent Calder, Special Assistant, Office of the Ambassador, Embassy of the United States in Japan.

This session ranged over a variety of topics, addressing East Timor specifically, but also looking at broader developments where the implications of East Timor were minimal. It was suggested that economics was the basis of relations in the region and that this had implications for multilateralism. The role of the US and Southeast Asia were discussed as well as the future for Preventive Diplomacy in addressing pre-conflict and post-conflict security issues.

Regional groupings were also discussed, particularly their composition, outlook, and the issue of institutions. There were several views put forward as to which forums were the most appropriate and how they might be linked. There was some concern that Australia had not been mentioned in the discussions and its omission was perhaps characteristic of the differences in opinion of where countries should fit in and the role they should play.

Wrap-up Session: "CSCAP Going into the 21st Century: Realities, Concepts and Architectures"

Concluding remarks: CSCAP Co-chairs: Prof. Han Sung-Joo; Dr. Carolina Hernandez.

Many of the topics suggested by the title of this session had already been covered so the Co-chairs elected to summarise their views of the proceedings and facilitate further discussion of the future of CSCAP.

The 2nd CSCAP General Meeting was formally closed at 6pm with thanks given to CSCAP Korea for their superb organisation, and gifts presented by CSCAP Korea to Jawhar Hassan and Mely Anthony (CSCAP Malaysia) for their support and assistance.

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