

**CSCAP Study Group on the Implications of Naval Enhancement in the Asia-Pacific -**  
**First Meeting Agenda**  
**Singapore 25-26<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

The first meeting of the new CSCAP Study Group on the Implications of Naval Enhancements in the Asia-Pacific is planned to be held in Singapore on 25-26 May 2009. The agenda for the meeting follows:

24 May 2009

**Welcome Reception at 1900 hrs**

25 May 2009

Day One

(0830- 0900) Registration

SESSION ONE (0900 – 1000)

**Welcome Address by Co-chairs (10 mins each) and Address by Keynote Speaker (20 Mins)**

- “Implications of Regional Naval Enhancements – Emerging Naval powers -A regional perspective from SE Asia”

Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, former Secretary-General of ASEAN (2003-2007) currently Director of the Institute of Policy Studies in Singapore.

(TBC)<http://www.ips.org.sg/staff/OngKengYong/index.htm> (30 mins)

30 mins discussions

Tea Break (1000 – 1030)

SESSION TWO (1030 – 1200) – **Current Initiatives in Naval/ Maritime Cooperation**

The benefits of naval enhancement flow from the facilitation of information-sharing, interoperability and operational cooperation for ensuring good order at sea and for countering the growing threats from asymmetric challenges in the oceanic. Currently there are some initiatives that either are in operation or hold the promise of being a rough template / model that can be used for promoting naval cooperation and maritime security cooperation in the region. They might include:

- The Western Pacific Naval Symposium (CSCAP Korea – ROK hosted the last WPNS meeting) 20 mins
- The Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) (CSCAP India) 20 mins
- The US Global Maritime Partnership initiative (USCSCAP) 20 mins

Discussions

Lunch (1200 – 1300)

SESSION THREE (1300 – 1430)- **Identifying Possible Risk/Costs of Naval Enhancement**

The risks of naval enhancement arise from possible competition with naval capabilities, including the potential for an unfortunate incident perhaps in waters where there are disputed claims to sovereignty or from operating in close proximity. A range of views might be presented on the above issues. The moot questions that arise out of the current geo political situation are “what are the risks associated with Naval enhancement given the current capacities?” additionally “Is there a naval arms race in the Asia- Pacific?” Suggested lead papers (10 mins each) with comments on the above situation in each region are:

- Northeast Asia (CSCAP China)
- Southeast Asia (CSCAP Singapore)
- Oceania (CSCAP Australia)
- South Asia (CSCAP India)
- North America (CSCAP Canada)

Discussions

(1430 – 1500) Break for Tea

#### **SESSION FOUR (1500 – 1630) – Identifying Common Maritime Interests**

The benefits of naval enhancement in the region will be promoted and the risks reduced through the identification of common maritime interests that might assist in further cooperation between the maritime security forces. These could include (but would not be restricted to:- rising asymmetric threats, SLOC security, SAR, disaster relief, environmental disasters etc. The basic idea should be to promote the concept of maritime security and maintenance of sea order, as a public/common good for all regional countries and mitigate the risks of threat perceptions that could lead to a “security dilemma” for regional countries.

Possible lead papers could be by

CSCAP New Zealand

CSCAP Malaysia

CSCAP Indonesia

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Day Two

#### **SESSION FIVE (0900 – 1030) Methodologies for Enhancing Naval Cooperation**

This session will include papers that might provide some preliminary ideas for development at the next meeting of the Study Group. Possible papers are:

- Arrangements for information-sharing – as a particular example of where cooperation would be useful (USCSCAP)
- Implementing the SUA Convention – importance of a lead agency (CSCAP Singapore)

- Maritime Confidence and Security-building measures (MCSBMs), including possible cooperation in disputed areas or where there are no maritime boundaries (CSCAP China)
- Newer Initiatives in MCSBMs in regions of dispute (CSCAP Japan)

Discussions

Tea Break (1030 – 1100)

**SESSION FIVE** (1100- 1230) – The Way Ahead

The last session of the meeting should seek to develop ideas that might be on the agenda for the next meeting/ meetings of this group.

Lunch (1230 -1330)

Disperse