



2nd Study Group Meeting on Naval Enhancement in the Asia Pacific
Hyatt Regency Auckland, New Zealand
26-28 March 2010

DRAFT PROGRAMME

(as at 18 March 2010)

Friday, 26 March 2010

- 1400 Arrivals
- 1830 Welcoming reception in the Leander Lounge, Philomel Wardroom
Royal New Zealand Navy, Devonport Naval Base, Auckland.
*(Transport will be provided by VIP barge from Auckland city to Devonport and return.
Please see the general information paper for further information. **Participants are requested to assemble in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Hotel by 1810hrs and we will walk to the Wharf – exact pick up point to be confirmed.***
- 1930 **Welcoming Address on New Zealand Perspectives on Maritime Engagement in the Region**
by the Hon. Dr Wayne Mapp, Minister of Defence, New Zealand.

Saturday, 27 March 2010 – Regatta Room D, Hyatt Regency Auckland

- 0830-0900 Registration
- 0900-0910 Welcome address by Co-chairs
- 0910-0950 **SESSION ONE - Implications of regional naval enhancement: coping with new naval powers** – *His Excellency, Admiral (Retd.) Sureesh Mehta, The High Commissioner of India in Wellington.*
- 0950-1030 **Is there a maritime arms race in Asia Pacific** – *Richard Bitzinger, Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore.*

1030-1045 Morning tea

- 1045-1230 **SESSION TWO – Navies and Good order at sea**
The maintenance of good order at sea is inextricably linked to navies who are often tasked by their governments to ensure it is maintained. At one end of the spectrum they range from HADR operations to that of managing the rising threats from a range of maritime asymmetric challenges. Possible papers are:
- 1045-1105 Providing Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) – *Hasjim Djalal, CSCAP Indonesia*
 - 1105-1125 Managing growing asymmetric challenges – *Ms. Jane Chan, CSCAP Singapore*
 - 1125-1145 Small navies and good order at sea – *Cdre. Ross Smith, RNZN, CSCAP New Zealand*
 - 1145-1230 Discussion

1230-1330 Lunch

- 1330-1500 **SESSION THREE – Negative aspects associated with enhancing navies**
The generic tenor of our first meeting was aimed at finding common maritime interests to be able to promote the concept of maritime security as a public/common good for all littoral countries. Thus the

accentuation was on exploring the benefits of capacity enhancements in the navies of the Asia-Pacific region. However there are also negative impacts arising from such developments. Rising naval capacities/capabilities and navies operating in close quarters can lead to tensions, miscalculations and purported arms races etc. For a balanced perspective and to mitigate the associated risks it is important to explore these aspects as well. A range of views may be presented by different CSCAPs on the disadvantages (perceived or otherwise) on rising naval capacities in the region. Suggested lead papers with comments as necessary by other CSCAPs in each region are:

- 1330-1345 Northeast Asia – *Hideaki Kaneda, CSCAP Japan*
- 1345-1400 Southeast Asia – *Joshua Ho, CSCAP Singapore*
- 1400-1415 Oceania – *Joanna Mossop, CSCAP New Zealand*
- 1415-1430 South Asia – *Probal Ghosh, CSCAP India*
- 1430-1445 North America – *James Boutilier, CSCAP Canada*
- 1445-1500 Discussion

1500-1515 Afternoon tea

1515-1700 SESSION FOUR – Managing naval tensions at sea – some response strategies

There is a need to explore the response strategies to reduce tensions arising from possible competition due to rising naval capabilities. These include the potential for an unfortunate incident at sea especially where there are disputed claims to sovereignty or from operating in close proximity. The active usage of preventive diplomacy to achieve such ends could also be a viable option. Some lead papers are

- 1515-1535 Maritime Confidence and Security-building measures (MCSBMs) –
Seokwoo Lee, CSCAP Korea
- 1535-1555 INCSEA as a model for escalation control - *CSCAP Malaysia TBC*
- 1555-1615 Transparency in Defence policy development – *Andrew Forbes, Australia-CSCAP*
- 1615-1700 Discussion

1900-2100 Buffet dinner – Princes Ballroom A

Sunday, 28 March 2010 – Regatta Room D

0900-1030 SESSION FIVE –Information sharing and capacity building

The benefits of naval enhancement flow from the facilitation of information-sharing, interoperability and operational cooperation. The lacunae in the current systemic could be explored.

- 0900-0930 Information-sharing and the efficacy of MDA in Asia Pacific –
Stanley Weeks, US-CSCAP
- 0930-1000 Maritime capacity building in Asia Pacific – *Ms. Zhang Wei, CSCAP China*
- 1000-1030 Discussion

1030-1045 Morning tea

1045-1230 SESSION SIX – Way ahead

The last session of the meeting should seek to develop ideas that might be on the agenda for the third and final meeting of the group. A discussion on the proposed Memo will also be undertaken in this session.

1230-1330 Lunch

Afternoon free

Monday, 29 March 2010

Departures