

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Belt and Road Initiative: Expanding Cooperation and Addressing Gaps

25th – 26th May 2017
Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Programme

Day One 25th May 2017

8.30 – 9.00 AM	Registration
9.00 – 9.10 AM	Opening Remarks Vice Admiral Tan Sri Dato' Seri (Dr) Ahmad Ramli b Hj. Mohd Nor (Retired) Chairman, Maritime Institute of Malaysia
9.10 - 9.20 AM	Welcoming Note Major General (Retd) Gong Xianfu Vice Chairman China Institute for International Strategic Studies
9. 20 – 9.30 AM	Introductory Speech Madam Ma Jia Deputy Head of Mission and Minister Counsellor Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Malaysia
9. 30- 10.00 AM	Keynote Address TBC
10.00 – 10.30 AM	Coffee Break / Press Conference

Session 1

10.30 AM – 12.45 PM

Belt and Road Initiatives (OBOR): A Strategic Vision

Addressing key points of the OBOR policy and its vision, this session will outline its strategic goals and the key transformation issues anticipated from it. It will also discuss the implications of OBOR from three different perspectives.

**Chair: Datuk Isham Ishak
Deputy Secretary General (Trade)
Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia**

Paper 1

BRI: Chinese Perspective

Dr Chen Wei, Senior Research Fellow
China Institute for International Strategic Studies, China

Paper 2

OBOR and South East Asia

Sumathy Permal, Senior Researcher
Maritime Institute of Malaysia

Paper 3

European Perspective on OBOR

Dr John Seaman, Research Fellow
French Institute of International Relations

Question and Answer Session

12.45 – 2.00 PM

Lunch

Session 2

2.00 – 3.30 PM

Challenges Posed by BRI

This session addresses major concerns regarding BRI and Maritime Silk Route (MSR) in particular how they are interpreted by different stakeholders. It also addresses key challenges in achieving the desired outcomes from OBOR and geo-political implications.

**Chair: Datin Sharina Shaukat
Senior Fellow
Maritime Institute of Malaysia**

- Paper 1 **Scope and Interpretation of the OBOR and MSR**
 Dr. M Ihsan Qadir, PhD
 Director, National Centre for Maritime Policy Research
 Bahria University, Karachi
- Paper 2 **OBOR: Expanding Foreign and Economic Relations**
 Maria Anna Rowena Luz G. Layador
 Head, Center for International Relations and Strategic Studies
 Foreign Service Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs
 Philippines
- Paper 3 **OBOR and MSR Geo-Strategic and Geo-Economic Challenges**
 Professor Leszek Buszynski
 ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Question and Answer Session

3.30 – 3.45 PM Tea Break

Session 3

**3.45 – 5.00 PM Co-operation under BRI: Expanding Economic Ties,
 Enhancing Mutual Benefits**

This session will address economic ties between China and OBOR partners. It will cover the goals, opportunities, and converging interests of different stakeholders for common benefit.

Chair: Major General (Retd) Gong Xianfu
 Vice Chairman
 Chinese Institute for International and Strategic Studies

- Paper 1 **Maritime Silk Road and 21st Century Port Developments**
 YM Raja Datuk Captain Malik Saripulazan B Raja Kamaruzaman
 Advisor, T.A.G. Marine Sdn Bhd
 Malaysia
- Paper 2 **BRI and MSR: Comprehensive National Development and Reforms**
 Siswanto Rusdi
 Founder, Director, National Maritime Institute-Namarin
 Indonesia

**Financing Development and Infrastructure in Asia: AIIB -
Closing the Gap?**

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, TBC

Question and Answer Session

5.00 PM

Closing Remarks

**First Admiral Dato' Chin Yoon Chin (R)
Director General
Maritime Institute of Malaysia**

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Day Two 26th May 2017

9.00 AM – 12.00 NOON

**Field Visit
Port Klang Authority (By Special Invitation)**

12.00 NOON -1.00 PM

Lunch