

**MIMA - CIISS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE AND PROMOTING REGIONAL SECURITY:  
TURNING RISKS OF CONFLICT INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION**

**Le Meridien Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia  
26 – 27 April 2018**

**PROGRAMME**

**Day One: 26 April 2018 (Thursday)**

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| 8.00 – 8.30 AM | Registration & Networking Coffee   |
| 8.30 – 8.40 AM | <b>Opening Remarks I</b><br>Vice Admiral Tan Sri Dato' Seri Ahmad Ramli b. Hj. Mohd Nor (Ret.)<br>Chairman<br>Maritime Institute of Malaysia |
| 8.40 – 8.50 AM | <b>Opening Remarks II</b><br>Major General (Retd) Gong Xianfu<br>Vice Chairman<br>China Institute for International Strategic Studies        |
| 8.50 – 9.00 AM | <b>Introductory Speech</b><br>H. E. Mr. Liang Caide<br>Consul General<br>People's Republic of China in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia        |
| 9.00 – 9.20 AM | Photo Session & Coffee Break   |

**SESSION 1**

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| 9.20 AM – 10.50 AM | <b>Belt and Road Initiative: Progress and Outlook in Southeast Asia</b><br><br>This session analyses the progress made by the Belt and Road Initiative in ASEAN countries. It also assesses how BRI has contributed to broaden economic interrelationships between China and ASEAN member states.<br><br>Chair: Datin Sharina Shaukat<br>Senior Fellow<br>Maritime Institute of Malaysia |
| <b>Paper 1</b>     | <b>The New International Normal Needs a New Global Economic Architecture for Continued Shared Progress</b><br>Professor Woo Wing Thye<br>President,<br>Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia (JCI), Malaysia   |

<b>Paper 2</b>	<b>China Maritime Infrastructure Projects in Indian Ocean: Lend and Lease Agreements</b> Dr. Vijay Sakhuja Former Director, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, India
<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development in Asia and Competition for Influence: Perspective from Southeast Asia</b> Associate Professor Dr. Kuik Cheng-Chwee Strategic Studies and International Relations Program National University of Malaysia (UKM)
	Question and Answer Session
10.50 – 11.00 AM	Break
<b>SESSION 2</b>	
11.00 AM – 12.30 PM	<b>Enhancing Cooperation under the BRI: Inclusiveness &amp; Win – Win</b>  The session focuses on ways to broaden opportunities through the BRI to promote economic growth, trade, social development, and political relations among BRI countries. It also focuses on the need for incorporating the sustainability agenda in the BRI programme.  Chair: Rear Admiral (Retd.) Li Ji Senior Advisor China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS)
<b>Paper 1</b>	<b>Embracing Multilateral Cooperation under the BRI</b> Dr. Zhang Jiadong Dean of BRI Institute of Strategy and International Security Fudan University, China
<b>Paper 2</b>	<b>Sustainable Development and Prospects for Connectivity</b> Dr. Pham Sy Thanh, PhD. Director VEPR's Chinese Economic Studies Program (VCES) Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research (VEPR)
<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development in Southeast Asia: Issues and Challenges</b> Dr. Fajar Bambang Hirawan Researcher Department of Economics Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia
	Question and Answer Session
12.30 – 2.00 PM	Lunch @ Latest Recipe, Lobby Level

2.30 – 6.00 PM Field Visit to Sepanggar Naval Base, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

7.30 PM Conference Dinner @ Gaya Room 1 & 2, Level 3

**Day Two: 27 April 2018 (Friday)**

**SESSION 3**

9.00 – 10.30 AM

**BRI's Role in Abating Maritime Tensions and Disputes**

This session explores the impact of the BRI in reducing tensions arising from maritime disputes in Southeast Asia. It also analyses whether this initiative can be a remedy or a silent strategy for addressing sensitive maritime dispute issues

Chair: Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar  
Director General, Department of Maritime Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

**Paper 1**

**The Concern of “Sino-Centrism” over ASEAN Centrality in SEA**

Ms. Darlene Villaruz Estrada  
Foreign Affairs Research Specialist  
Foreign Service Institute (FSI), the Philippines

**Paper 2**

**Converting Risks of Conflict into Avenues for Cooperation**

Ms. Sumathy Permal  
Fellow  
Maritime Institute of Malaysia

**Paper 3**

**ASEAN – China Cooperation on Belt and Road Connectivity**

Mr. Andrew Fan Chiah Howe  
Senior Analyst  
Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia (JCI), Malaysia

Question and Answer Session

10.30 – 10.45 AM

Coffee Break

**SESSION 4**

10.45 AM – 12.15 PM

**BRI and Maritime Security Cooperation**

As a follow up to the previous session, this session explores the specific measures needed to ensure a better maritime security environment in promoting BRI cooperation between China and relevant ASEAN countries.

Chair: Dr. Zhang Haiwen  
Director General and Senior Research Fellow  
China Institute for Marine Affairs,

State Oceanic Administration

- Paper 1**                    **Maritime Security under the BRI: Lessons from Regional Cooperation**  
Dr. Hoo Chiew-Ping (PhD)  
Senior Lecturer in Strategic Studies and International Relations  
National University of Malaysia (UKM)
- Paper 2**                    **BRI: ASEAN-China Cooperation on Freedom of Navigation in the South China Sea**  
Dr. Li Mingjiang  
Associate Professor  
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore
- Paper 3**                    **BRI and Approaches to Promoting Security Cooperation in the South China Sea**  
Dr. Chen Wei  
Senior Research Fellow  
China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CIISS)
- Question and Answer Session
- 12.15 – 12.30 PM        **Closing Remarks I**  
First Admiral Dato' Chin Yoon Chin (Ret.)  
Director General  
Maritime Institute of Malaysia
- Closing Remarks II**  
Major General (Retd) Gong Xianfu  
Vice Chairman  
China Institute for International Strategic Studies
- 12.30 – 2.00 PM        Lunch @ Latest Recipe, Lobby Level

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