



Australian High Commission
Kuala Lumpur

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Indo-Pacific: The New Maritime Geopolitical Theater
24 October 2019
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

PROGRAMME

24 October 2019

8.00 – 9.00 AM	Registration & Morning Coffee
9.00 – 9.15 AM	Welcoming Remarks Dr. Rizal bin Abdul Kadir Acting Director General Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA)
9.15 – 9.30 AM	Opening Remarks H.E. Makio Miyagawa Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia

SESSION 1

9.30 AM – 11.00 AM

Strategic Trends in the Indo-Pacific: Shifting Strategies in a Critical Theater

The Indo-Pacific region is emerging as a critical geopolitical space and is of high geo-strategic interest to many countries. In June 2019, ASEAN published an Indo-Pacific Outlook that expressed how ASEAN should remain central as the IP region evolves. ASEAN acknowledges that the Indian and Pacific Ocean should be closely integrated and interconnected, and that the Indo-Pacific Outlook should serve as a guide for cooperation and promotion of a peaceful environment. This session analyzes the concept of the IP in terms of its framework and aims as interpreted by different countries, and addresses challenges and opportunities it provides to achieve common benefits.

Chair: Dr. Adina binti Kamarudin
Director General
Department of Maritime Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

Paper 1

H.E. Shri Mridul Kumar
Indian High Commissioner to Malaysia

Paper 2

Professor Noboru Yamaguchi
Graduate School of International Relations
International University of Japan

Paper 3

Dr. Yohanes Sulaiman
School of Government
Universitas Jenderal Achmad Yani
Cimahi, Indonesia

Question and Answer Session

11.00 – 11.15 AM

Coffee Break
Venue: Foyer of Ballroom A

SESSION 2

11.15 – 12.45 PM

Indo-Pacific: Towards Dialogue and Cooperation and Reducing Rivalry

This session assesses strategic collaborations, military and economic alignments among countries straddling the IP region. It provides views on recent strategic developments, actions, and how countries are moving the IP framework and advancing domain awareness.

Chair: Capt. (M) Mohamad Soharto b. Mat Said
Commandant
Cluster of Maritime Studies and Development
Maritime Academy Sultan Ahmad Shah
Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency

Paper 1

Mr. Greg Poling
Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
Washington, DC

Paper 2

Emeritus Prof. Carlyle A. Thayer
The University of New South Wales (UNSW)
Canberra, Australia

Paper 3

Dr. Collin Koh Swee Lean
Research Fellow
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)
Singapore

12.45 – 1.15 PM

Keynote Address

YB Senator Liew Chin Tong
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Defence, Malaysia

1.15 – 2.30 PM

Luncheon Talk
Mr. Michael Growder
Australian Deputy High Commissioner to Malaysia
Venue: Ballroom B

SESSION 3

2.30 – 4.45 PM

Integration of Asia Pacific and Indo-Pacific: A Rules-based Community of Shared Values and Norms for a Stable Region

This session discusses the need to abide by the Rule of Law within the context of the IP. It will address concerns on a rules-based order against others, such as power-based ones, finding a middle ground that is adaptable and consistent with international legal systems, as well as capable of resolving maritime disputes in the region.

Chair: Puan Norhasliza Mat Salleh (TBC)
Deputy Director
Maritime Security and Sovereignty Division
National Security Council
Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia

Paper 1

Prof. Dr. Jay Batongbacal
Director
Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea
University of the Philippines

Paper 2

Dr. To Anh Tuan
Institute for South China Sea/East Sea Studies
Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Paper 3

Dr. Hu Bo
Director
Center for Maritime Strategy Research
Peking University, China

Paper 4

Assoc. Prof. Kyoko Hatakeyama
Kansai Gaidai University
Osaka, Japan

Question and Answer Session

4.45 – 5.00 PM

Closing Remarks

Dr. Rizal bin Abdul Kadir
Acting Director General
Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA)