



China-ASEAN Think Tank Dialogue on the South China Sea

26-27 August 2021, virtual

Background

National Institute for South China Sea Studies, together with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, and the China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea are thinking of various ways to establish a platform between various Chinese and Southeast Asian think tanks to discuss upon issues that are pertinent to the South China Sea, and its disputes. For many years, South China Sea claimant states have been vying for control over their claims within the region, limiting any possible and practical cooperation to take place between each other. As such, distrust runs between claimant states, illegal activities such as IUU Fishing are prevalent, and the overall ecosystem is anything but pristine.

At the same time, the South China Sea is recognized as being one of the most important Sea Lane of Communications (SLOCs), providing a maritime trade access from East and Southeast Asian Countries to the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean, and the rest of the world. Trade goods worth billions of dollars pass through the sea on an annual basis, propelling the need to keep the region stable, and to avoid unnecessary conflicts. Aside from the flowing trade, the South China Sea is also postulated to hold a significant amount of natural resources deep within its seabed. This further necessitates claimant states to make great efforts for provisional arrangements in a spirit of understanding and cooperation before the resolution of South China Sea disputes.

Despite the ongoing dispute, NISCSS, CSIS, and CSARC acknowledge that practical cooperation in promoting good faith must continue to be achieved without prejudice. Therefore, as have been done in the past, NISCSS, CSIS, and CSARC propose to conduct the “**China-ASEAN Think Tank Dialogue on the South China Sea,**” with the goal to promote cooperation, discussion, and solutions in bridging out differences between the various stakeholders in the South China Sea.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the organisers will be organizing the event through an online format, inviting experts from various think tanks and academic organisations across ASEAN and China. The event will run for two days, in which participants are expected to play an active role in the discussion.

Agenda (as of 19 August 2021)

English-Chinese simultaneous interpretation will be provided

Day 1 26 August 2021, Thursday (All times in GMT+8)

10:00-10:15 **Opening Remarks**

- **Dr. Wu Shicun**, Founding President, NISCSS & Chairman of the Board, CSARC
- **Mr. Jusuf Wanandi**, Senior Fellow and Co-founder, CSIS Indonesia & Vice Chairman of the Board, CSARC

10:15-11:45 **Session 1 Latest Developments in the South China Sea**

Moderator • **Amb. Xu Bu**, President, China Institute of International Studies

Speakers • **Ms. Jane Chan**, Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, IDSS, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Speakers • **Prof. Zhu Feng**, Executive Director, School of International Relations, Nanjing University, China

Speakers • **Dr. Nguyen Hung Son**, Vice President, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Speakers • **Dr. Hong Nong**, Executive Director & Senior Fellow, the Institute for China-America Studies

Discussion

11:45-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-15:00 **Session 2 Maritime Law Enforcement and Regional Order in the Post-pandemic Era**

Moderator • **Dr. Rommel C. Banlaoi**, President, Philippine Association for Chinese Studies (PACS); member of

the Board of Directors, CSARC; Adjunct Research
Professor, NISCSS

Speakers

- **Prof. Hu Bo**, Director, Center for Maritime Strategy Studies, Peking University, China
- **Dr. Evan Laksmana**, Senior Researcher, Department of International Relations, CSIS Indonesia
- **Dr. Ding Duo**, Deputy Director, Research Center for Oceans Law and Policy, NISCSS
- **Dr. Jay T. Tarriela**, Commander, Philippine Coast Guard

Discussion

Day 2

27 August 2021, Friday (all times in GMT+8)

10:00-11:30	Session 3 Prospects of Maritime Commercial Activities in a Post-pandemic Environment
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Moderator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, Board of Directors & Council of Trustees, Thailand Development Research Institute
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Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Xue Guifang, Chair Professor, KoGuan Law School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China• Cdr. (Retired) Ang Chin Hup, Senior Researcher, Centre for Maritime Economies & Industries, Maritime Institute of Malaysia• Prof. Fan Zhongzhou, Professor, Navigation College of Dalian Maritime University, China• Dr. Vu Hai Dang, Senior Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore
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Discussion

11:30-13:30	Lunch break
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13:30-15:00	Session 4: Pragmatic Cooperation under the DOC framework
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Moderator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Chi Fulin, President, China Institute for Reform and Development
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Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Luky Adrianto, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences, IPB University, Indonesia• Prof. Li Mingjiang, Associate Professor, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore• Ms. Charadine Pich, Senior Research Fellow, Global
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Center for Mekong Studies, Cambodian Institute for
Cooperation & Peace

- **Dr. Lei Xiaolu**, Associate Professor, China Institute of Boundary and Ocean Studies, Wuhan University, China

Discussion

15:00-15:10

Closing Remarks

- **Mr. Jusuf Wanandi**, Senior Fellow and Co-founder, CSIS Indonesia & Vice Chairman of the Board, CSARC
 - **Dr. Wu Shicun**, Founding President, NISCSS & Chairman of the Board, CSARC
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List of Participants

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