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MANEKSHAW CENTRE, NEW DELHI

03rd, 04th, and 05th October 2024

“RESOURCE GEOPOLITICS AND SECURITY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC”

PROGRAMME

| DAY ONE (Thursday, 03 October 2024) | | |
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| 0900-0940 (40 min) | Tea and Registration | |
| PROFESSIONAL SESSION ONE | | |
| 0940-0945 (05 min) | Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE | Ms Priyasha Dixit, Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation |
| 0945-0950 (05 min) | Welcome Remarks | Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF |
| 0950-1005 (15 min) | Inaugural Address | Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) Chairman NMF and <i>Former Chief of the Naval Staff</i> |
| 1005-1020 (15 min) | Special Address | Ambassador Kanwal Sibal |
| 1020-1025 (05 min) | Book Release: <i>“Eastern Segment of the Indo-Pacific: Maritime Power-play”</i> | Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi <i>Former Foreign Secretary of India</i> |
| 1025-1035 (10 min) | Moderator's Remarks | Dr Vishwpati Trivedi, IAS (Retd) <i>Former Chairman, National Shipping Board</i> <i>Former Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India</i> <i>Former Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, and the Ministry of Mines</i> Member, NMF Governing Council |
| 1035-1055 (20 min) | “Contemporary and Assessed Future Contours of Sino-Malaysian Resource-Geopolitics” | Dr (Ms) Sumathy Permal Head, Centre for Maritime Security and Diplomacy & Coastal and Marine Environment (MSD), Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia |
| 1055-1115 (20 min) | “Philippine Imperatives amidst the Resource Scramble in the Indo-Pacific” | Professor (Dr) Renato Cruz De Castro Distinguished Professor, International Studies Department, De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines |
| 1115-1135 (20 min) | “Singapore: Navigating the Currents and Eddies of Resource-Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific” | Ms Jane Git Yin CHAN Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSiS), Singapore |
| 1135-1155 (20 min) | “Resource-Geopolitics as a Current and Future Driver of Indonesia’s Maritime Security” | Dr (Ms) Shafiah F Muhibat Deputy Executive Director for Research, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta, Indonesia |
| 1155-1215 (20 min) | “Maritime Resource-Geopolitics in East Asia: Opportunities for India and South Korea” | Dr Wongi Choe Professor and Head, Centre for ASEAN-India Studies, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of Korea |
| 1215-1245 (30 min) | Audience Interaction | Dr Vishwpati Trivedi, IAS (Retd) <i>Former Chairman, National Shipping Board</i> |
| 1245-1300 (15 min) | Moderator's Summation | <i>Former Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India</i> <i>Former Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, and the Ministry of Mines</i> Member, NMF Governing Council |
| 1300-1400 (60 min) | LUNCH | |

| SPECIAL SESSION | | |
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| 1400-1405 (05 min) | Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE | Ms Priyasha Dixit, Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation |
| 1405-1505 (60 min) | " <i>Chaupal ki Charcha</i> " | <p>Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF <i>in conversation with</i></p> <p>His Excellency Mr Philip Green, OAM High Commissioner of Australia to India</p> <p>His Excellency Mr Hervé Delphin Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan</p> <p>Her Excellency Ms Ina Hagniningtyas Krisnamurthi Ambassador of Indonesia to India and Bhutan</p> <p>Mr Damien Syed Deputy Chief of Mission <i>and</i> Officiating Ambassador of France to India</p> |
| 1505-1530 (25 min) | Audience Interaction | Moderated by Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd), Director-General, NMF |
| 1530-1600 (30 min) | End-of-Day Tea | |
| 1600-1730 (90 min) | <p>Meeting of the Maritime Research Working Group (MRWG) [By Invitation] [chaired by Captain Sean Andrews, RAN] Venue: TALWAR Hall, Manekshaw Centre</p> | |

| DAY TWO (04 October 2024) | | |
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| 0830-0905 (35 min) | Tea and Registration | |
| PROFESSIONAL SESSION TWO | | |
| 0905-0910 (05 min) | Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE | Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation |
| 0910-0925 (15 min) | Special Address | Prof (Dr) Christian Bueger , Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark |
| 0925-0930 (05 min) | Book Release: "India's Blue Economy Transition" | |
| 0930-0940 (10 min) | Moderator's Introductory Remarks | Admiral Sunil Lanba , PVSM, AVSM (Retd) <i>Former Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee</i> <i>Former Chief of the Naval Staff</i> |
| 0940-1000 (20 min) | "Security of the Maritime Transportation of Energy: Meaningful Japanese-India Maritime Cooperative Options" | Prof Hideshi Tokuchi President, Research Institute for Peace and Security (RIPS) |
| 1000-1020 (20 min) | "US Perspective on the "State-of-Play" of Resource-Geopolitics in South- and West Asia" | Mr Jeffrey Payne Manager of Academic Affairs, Near East and South Asia (NESA) Centre, Washington, DC, USA |
| 1020-1040 (20 min) | "Managing Competitive Resource-Geopolitics — India-UK Collaborative Options" | Professor Alessio Patalano Professor of War & Strategy in East Asia, Co-director, Centre for Grand Strategy (CGS), KCL Director, Indo-Pacific Programme, Department of War Studies, King's College London |
| 1040-1100 (20 min) | "Germany's Approach to Resource-Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific" | Dr Gudrun Wacker Senior Fellow, Asia Division, <i>Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)</i> , [German Institute for International and Security Affairs], Berlin, Germany |
| 1100-1120 (20 min) | "French Geopolitics in the Search for New-Age Resources of the Seabed" | Ms Marianne Peron-Doise Research Associate and Director, Indo-Pacific Observatory The French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS) Paris, France |
| 1120-1150 (30 min) | Audience Interaction | Admiral Sunil Lanba , PVSM, AVSM (Retd) <i>Former Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee</i> <i>Former Chief of the Naval Staff</i> |
| 1150-1200 (10 min) | Moderator's Summation | |
| 1200-1250 (50 min) | LUNCH | |

| PROFESSIONAL SESSION THREE | | |
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| 1250-1255 (05 min) | Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE | Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation |
| 1255-1310 (15 min) | Special Address | Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar , PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) National Maritime Security Coordinator, Government of India |
| 1310-1315 (05 min) | Book Release "Negotiating the Western segment of the Indo-Pacific: Maritime Power-play" | |
| 1315-1325 (10 min) | Moderator's Introductory Remarks | Vice Admiral K Swaminathan , AVSM, VSM Vice Chief of the Naval Staff |
| 1325-1345 (20 min) | "Contemporary Maritime Impacts of the 2024 "Critical Minerals bubble-burst": Identifying New Maritime Opportunities" | Mr Mahadevan Shankar Core Committee Member, Current and Strategic Affairs Forum |
| 1345-1405 (20 min) | "Geopolitical Impact of Great and Middle Powers upon Sri Lanka's transition to Blue Economy" | Admiral Jayantha Perera (Retd), RWP, VSV, USP, ndu, psc <i>Former Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy</i> |
| 1405-1425 (20 min) | "Derisking Maritime Supply Chains within the Indo-Pacific" | Dr (Ms) Eva Pejsova Japan Chair at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) of the Brussels School of Governance (BSoG-VUB) |
| 1425-1445 (20 min) | Resource Exploration Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Geopolitical Milieu: Artificial Intelligence, Generative Intelligence, and Quantum Based Solutions | Mr Atul Tripathi Consultant Big Data and Artificial Intelligence <i>Former adviser in the PMO and NSCS</i> |

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| 1445-1505 (20 min) | "Extra-regional Resource-driven Geopolitics in the South Pacific" | Ambassador Peter Ilau, Commodore (Retd) MQM, DMS, CBE Former CDF, Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) Former Ambassador of PNG to Indonesia |
| 1505-1535 (30 min) | Audience Interaction | Vice Admiral K Swaminathan, AVSM, VSM Vice Chief of the Naval Staff |
| 1535-1550 (15 min) | Moderator's Summation | Naval Headquarters, New Delhi |

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| 1550-1600 (10 min) | Preparation for the COMMEMORATIVE SESSION | |
| 1600 | <i>Hon'ble Raksha Mantri arrives at the Manekshaw Centre</i> | |
| COMMEMORATIVE SESSION | | |
| 1600-1605 (05 min) | Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE | Ms Priyasha Dixit, Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation |
| 1605 | <i>Hon'ble Raksha Mantri</i> arrives on stage | Accompanied by CNS, and Chairman, NMF, |
| 1605-1610 (05 min) | Special Address | Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, PVSM, AVSM, NM Chief of the Naval Staff |
| 1610-1615 (05 min) | Book Release by Hon'ble RM: "Maritime India: Temporal and Spatial Continuum" | Shri Rajnath Singh Hon'ble Raksha Mantri (Union Defence Minister) Government of India |
| 1615-1635 (20 min) | Commemorative Address | |
| 1635-1640 (05 min) | Special Address | Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) Chairman NMF and Former Chief of the Naval Staff |
| 1640-1645 (05 min) | Group Photograph | General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM Chief of the Army Staff and Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, PVSM, AVSM Chief of the Air Staff |
| 1650 | <i>Hon'ble Raksha Mantri departs Manekshaw Centre</i> | |
| 1650-1700 (10 min) | Group photograph | CNS with all Speakers and Moderators [on Stage] |

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| 1700-1730 (30 min) | End-of-Day Tea |
| 1930-2130 | Conference Dinner, hosted by the Chief of the Naval Staff: By Invitation Venue: Lawns of Varuna Naval Officers' Mess |

| DAY THREE (Saturday, 05 October 2024) | | |
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| 0915-1000 (45 min) | Tea and Registration | |
| PROFESSIONAL SESSION FOUR | | |
| 1000-1005 (05 min) | Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE | Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation |
| 1005-1020 (15 min) | Special Address | General Anil Chauhan , PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM Chief of Defence Staff and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, Government of India |
| 1020-1025 (05 min) | Book Release: “ <i>Bangladesh: Voyage of the Nation State</i> ” and “ <i>Maritime Affairs Journal</i> ” | |
| 1025-1035 (10 min) | Moderator’s Introductory Remarks | Mr Deepak Shetty , IRS (Retd) <i>Former Secretary to the Government of India & Director General of Shipping</i> , Senior Adviser (India), Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) |
| 1035-1055 (20 min) | “ <i>Maritime Resource-Geopolitics and Security off Southern and Eastern Africa: Opportunities for South Africa</i> ” | Mr Timothy Walker , Senior Researcher and Maritime Project Leader, Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa |
| 1055-1115 (20 min) | “ <i>Resource-Geopolitics in West Asia as a Driver of the Yemen Crisis</i> ” | Captain Sean Andrews , RAN National Security College (NSC), Australian National University (ANU) |
| 1115-1135 (20 min) | “ <i>Resource Geopolitics and Security of the Eastern Mediterranean</i> ” | Rear Admiral (Prof) Shaul Chorev , IsrNavy (Retd) Head, Institute for Maritime Policy & Strategy (MPS), Israeli National Centre of Blue Economy and Innovation, Haifa, Israel |
| 1135-1155 (20 min) | “ <i>Offshore Natural Gas as a Driver for Tanzania’s Geopolitics</i> ” | Dr (Ms) Tumaini S Gurumo Senior Lecturer, Dept of Maritime Transport, Dar-es-Salaam Maritime Institute, Tanzania |
| 1155-1215 (20 min) | “ <i>Maritime Resource-Geopolitics off the Coast of Eastern Africa — The Case for Kenyan Leadership</i> ” | Dr Hassan Khannenje Director, The HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, Nairobi, Kenya |
| 1215-1245 (30 min) | Audience Interaction | Mr Deepak Shetty , IRS (Retd) [TBC] <i>Former Secretary to the Government of India & Director General of Shipping</i> |
| 1245-1300 (15 min) | Moderator’s Summation | Senior Adviser (India), Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) |
| 1300-1400 (60 min) | LUNCH | |
| PROFESSIONAL SESSION FIVE | | |
| 1400-1405 (05 min) | Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE | Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation |
| 1405-1420 (15 min) | Special Address | Ambassador PS Raghavan Chairman, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) |
| 1420-1425 (05 min) | Book Release: “ <i>Viewing Maritime Activities through a Legal Lens</i> ” | National Security Council Secretariat, New Delhi |
| 1425-1435 (10 min) | Moderator’s Introductory Remarks | Ms Jane Git Yin CHAN Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSiS), Singapore |
| 1435-1455 (20 min) | “ <i>Impact of Maritime Resource-Geopolitics upon the Security of Member-States of the IOC</i> ” | Mr Raj Mohabeer Officer in Charge, General Secretariat, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Mauritius |
| 1455-1515 (20 min) | “ <i>Russia and Resource-Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific</i> ” | Ambassador D Bala Venkatesh Varma <i>Former Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation</i> Distinguished Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation |
| 1515-1535 (20 min) | “ <i>Viet Nam’s Oil and Natural Gas Exploitation: Geopolitical Challenges and Opportunities</i> ” | Dr NGUYEN Hung Son Vice President, The Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV) |
| 1535-1555 (20 min) | “ <i>Fisheries-driven Geopolitics within the Bay of Bengal and BIMSTEC</i> ” | Dr P Krishnan Director, Bay of Bengal Programme- Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO), Chennai |
| 1555-1615 (20 min) | “ <i>UNCLOS and the Rule of Law in the Indian Ocean</i> ” | Rear Admiral Kunal Singh Rajkumar , VSM, IN Flag Officer Doctrines and Concepts |

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| 1615-1645 (30 min) | Audience Interaction | Ms Jane Git Yin CHAN Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSiS), Singapore |
| 1645-1700 (15 min) | Moderator's Summation | |

| NHCC Breakout Session: (Parallel with Session 5) | | |
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| 1400-1410 (10 min) | Moderator's Introductory Remarks | Rear Admiral Arjun Dev Nair, VSM, IN Commandant, Naval War College |
| 1410-1435 (25 min) | <i>"Cooperative Naval Options in respect of Taiwan"</i> | Captain Wade Turvold, USN (Ret) Dean, Admissions and Business Operations Daniel K Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI-APCSS), Hawaii |
| 1435-1500 (25 min) | <i>"Regionally rooted, globally committed - The German Navy's Approach and Perspective on Contributing to Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific"</i> | Rear Admiral Jens Nemeyer, Commander of the Mürwik Naval Academy, Germany |
| 1500-1525 (25 min) | <i>"Global Supply Chains and Future Maritime Conflict"</i> | Commander Allan F Rodrigues, IN (Retd) Independent Analyst, New Zealand |
| 1525-1550 (25 min) | <i>"Strategic Relevance of the Indian Ocean to Italy: Concept of the Wider Mediterranean"</i> | Rear Admiral (LH) Giuseppe Schivardi, ITN Director, Centre for Studies Venice Institute of Maritime Military Studies |
| 1550-1635 (45 min) | Audience Interaction | |
| 1635-1650 (15 min) | Moderator's Summative Remarks | Rear Admiral Arjun Dev Nair, IN Commandant, Naval War College |
| 1650-1700 (10 min) | <i>Transition to Zorawar</i> | Conjoin with the Closing Session of IPRD-2024 |

| CLOSING SESSION | | |
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| 1700-1705 (05 min) | Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE | Ms Priyasha Dixit, Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation |
| 1705-1715 (10 min) | Signing of MOUs between NMF and: (1) The HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, Nairobi, Kenya (2) Institute for Maritime Policy & Strategy (MPS), Haifa, Israel (3) National Maritime Safety Authority (NMSA), Port Moresby, PNG | (1) Dr Hassan Khannenje Director, The HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, <i>and</i> Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , Director General, NMF (2) Rear Admiral (Prof) Shaul Chorev , IsrNavy (Retd) Head, Institute for Maritime Policy & Strategy (MPS), <i>and</i> Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , Director General, NMF (3) Ambassador Peter Ilau, Commodore (Retd) Former CDF, Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) Former Ambassador of PNG to Indonesia <i>and</i> Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , Director General, NMF |
| 1715-1735 (20 min) | Closing (Valedictory) Address | Mr Jaideep Mazumdar, IFS Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India |
| 1735-1745 (10 min) | Vote of Thanks and Session Closure | Commodore Manish Sinha Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation |