Saturday, April 6, 2019

18:30 Welcome Reception
19:00 Opening Dinner

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:30 Registration
9:00 Welcome Remarks

9:05 Session 1: Recent developments in nonproliferation and disarmament
This session will focus on recent developments in nonproliferation and disarmament. In late 2018, the United States indicated that it would withdraw from the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. What is the meaning and significance of the US withdrawal? Can the INF be saved? What is the impact on other arms control treaties? How is the review process of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) proceeding? What should we expect at the third (and last) Preparatory Committee for the 2020 NPT Review Conference (RevCon)? What are the key challenges? Can they be overcome by the time the NPT RevCon convenes? What are the key issues to be addressed in the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material Review Conference?

Presenters: Victor MIZIN
           Sitakanta MISHRA

10:30 Coffee Break
Session 2: The Korean Peninsula and denuclearization
This session will examine the current situation on the Korean Peninsula. What are the respective parties’ assessments of recent developments, notably since the second summit between US President Donald Trump and North Korean Chairman Kim Jong Un? What is the way forward? What are the consequences and implications for the broader region?

Presenters: Jina KIM
Georgy TOLORAYA

Session 3: Nuclear safety and security governance
This session will focus on nuclear safety and security. What progress has been made to enhance nuclear safety and security governance in the Indo-Pacific in recent years? What areas need improvement? What role can SEANWFZ and ASEANTOM in promoting enhanced coordination on nuclear governance among the ASEAN states? Can these mechanisms be used as a model for nuclear governance in the broader region? What are the opportunities and challenges to do so? Is there a role for the various centers of excellence that have been established in the region?

Presenters: Mely CABALLERO-ANTHONY/Julius TRAJANO
Denise CHEONG

Session 4: Nuclear disarmament
This session will look at nuclear disarmament. The opening for signature of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (or “Ban Treaty”) has led to some disagreement between nuclear-weapon and nonnuclear-weapon states regarding the path to disarmament. What can be done to reduce the tension? What technical work has been done to advance nuclear disarmament verification? Specifically, what work has the UN Nuclear Disarmament Verification Group of Governmental Experts accomplished? What are the lessons from existing disarmament verification initiatives, notably the International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification? What can Asian states do to advance this work?

Presenters: Alex BEDNAREK

Wrap-up

Meeting Adjourns

Closing Dinner