

International Workshop
“The Future of US Alliances in Asia: A US-Thailand-Philippines Trilateral Conference”
October 27 - 29, 2010
at the Imperial Queen’s Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand
Co-organized by
Pacific Forum CSIS and National Defence Studies Institute

Wednesday 27 October 2010

- P.M. Overseas participants check in at the Imperial Queen’s Park Hotel
(199 Sukhumvit Soi 22, Bangkok 10110, Thailand Tel: +66 2 261-9000
Fax: +66 2 261-9499 <http://www.imperialhotels.com>)
- 18:30 – 21:00 Welcome Reception (*Attire: Smart Casual Venue: Uncle Ho, 4th Floor*)
Welcome Remarks by General Puchong Rattanawan, Commanding General
of National Defence Studies Institute, Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters

Thursday 28 October 2010 (*Attire: Business Casual*)

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration (*Venue: Terrace Room, 9th Floor, Imperial Club Tower*)
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome Statement by Major General Surasit Thanadtang, Director of
Strategic Studies Center, National Defence Studies Institute
- Introductory Remarks by Mr. Ralph Cossa, President of Pacific Forum
CSIS
- 9:15 – 10:45 **Session 1: Threat Perceptions and the Security Environment**
This session focuses on threat perceptions. What are each country’s
primary security concerns, domestically, regionally, and beyond? How do
those threat perceptions influence security policy? Is there a domestic
consensus regarding national security? How have the “rise” of China and
India and the perceived decline of Japan influenced regional relations?
What are the significant trends in the regional security environment? What
are the key threats? How do “Asian security concerns” fit into national
thinking about threats?
- Presenters: 1. Dr. Suchit Bunbongkarn
Former Director of ISIS Thailand
Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Political Science,
Chulalongkorn University

2. Brigadier General (ret.) Jose Almonte
Former Philippine National Security Advisor and
Director-General of the National Security Council
Republic of the Philippines

3. Mr. Brad Glosserman
Executive Director
Pacific Forum CSIS

10:45 – 11:00 Group Photo/ Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 **Session 2: The US Alliance and Domestic Politics**

This session explores the role that their respective alliances with the US play in Thai and Philippine domestic politics. What are the perceptions of the US in each country? How important is the alliance to the relationship? Do elites and the public see the alliance in the same way? How does the alliance fit into domestic politics in each country? Are their similarities in how Thailand and the Philippines view the alliance? Are there lessons to be learned in how each government has handled the alliance relationship?

Presenters:

1. Ms. Kathline Talosa
Senior Researcher, Office of Strategic and Special
Studies
Armed Forces of the Philippines
2. Major General Surasit Thanadtang
Director of Strategic Studies Center
National Defence Studies Institute

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch (*Venue: Parkview Restaurant, Ground floor*)

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 3: Future of the US-Thai Alliance**

This session explores Thailand's vision for the alliance and ways to make it more effective. How does Thailand perceive its alliance with the US evolving? Will the alliance get stronger? Weaker? Why? What role should this alliance play in internal security? Does it have a role in non-traditional security issues? Can and should the US-Thai alliance be networked? How? Who are the best non-alliance partners? How can they best be brought into working relationships with the allies?

Presenters:

1. Dr. Sarasin Veerapol
Executive Vice President of Charoen Phokaphan
Former Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

2. Mr. John Brandon
Director of International Programs
The Asia Foundation

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:00 **Session 4: Future of the US-Philippines Alliance**

This session explores the Philippines vision for the alliance and ways to make it more effective. How does the Philippines see its alliance with the US evolving? Will the alliance get stronger? Weaker? Why? What role should this alliance play in internal security? Does it have a role in nontraditional security issues? Can and should the US-Philippines alliance be networked? How? Who are the best non-alliance partners? How can they best be brought into working relationships with the allies?

Presenter: Mr. Raymund Quilop
Assistant Secretary for Strategic Assessment
Department of National Defense

18:30 – 21:00 Dinner (*Attire: Casual; Venue: Bangkok Panorama Room 2, 3rd Floor*)

Friday 29 October 2010 (*Attire: Business Casual*)

09:00 – 10:30 **Session 5: ASEAN, East Asian Regionalism and Beyond**

This session will assess each country's views of regionalism in Asia. What is the significance of East Asian regionalism? What are the most important regional organizations? What is the appropriate membership in each? What is the role of ASEAN and East Asian regionalism? What role does the US have in East Asia regionalism? Other ASEAN dialogue partners? [This discussion should explore the meaning of regionalism broadly and the potential role of extra-regional actors; we will focus on multilateral security initiatives in the next session.]

Presenters :

1. Dr. Ellen Frost
Visiting Fellow
Peterson Institute for International Economics
2. Dr. Noel Morada
Executive Director
Asia-Pacific Centre for Responsibility to Protect
3. Dr. Chulacheeb Chinwanno
Associate Professor, Faculty of Political Science
Thammasat University

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:30

Session 6: Security Mechanisms in Asia and the US Alliances

This session focuses on Asian security structures by examining such initiatives as the ASEAN Regional Forum, the ADMM +, and ad hoc efforts. How does each country view those security structures? What is the appropriate role of these mechanisms? Who should be included in them? What is their effectiveness? What are their limits? How can they be made more effective? How do the US alliances influence these mechanisms? How do these organizations influence the alliances?

- Presenters:
1. Dr. Renato Cruz DeCastro
Associate Professor, De La Salle University
 2. Professor Catharin Dalpino
Visiting Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and Professor at Simmons College
 3. General (Ret.) Vaipot Srinual
Former Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence
Former Director of National Intelligence Agency

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch (*Venue: Parkview Restaurant, Ground floor*)

14:00 – 15:30

Session 7: Asian Security 2.0

This session focuses on the future of security relations in East Asia. What are the key influences in the evolution of an East Asian security mechanism? What should the relationship be between the Philippines and Thailand and other US alliance partners? Who are the important security partners for each country beyond the alliances? Should they be brought into working relationships with the alliances? How? What is most effective way to address nontraditional security issues?

- Presenters:
1. Dr. Prapat Thepchatree
Associate Professor, Faculty of Political Science and
Director of Thammasat University Research and
Consultancy Institute
 2. Professor Herman Kraft
Associate Professor
University of the Philippines
 3. Mr. Ralph Cossa
President
Pacific Forum CSIS

17:30

Dinner (*Attire: Casual; Venue: Bangkok Panorama Room 2, 3rd Floor*)