AGENDA

2nd Annual CNA-RSIS Workshop on East Asian Maritime Issues

March 3-5, 2013

Hilton Hawaiian Village (Kalia Tower)

Honolulu, Hawaii

Southeast Asian Maritime Security: Connected Waters, Distinct Challenges

This workshop will focus on prospects for cooperation to improve maritime security in Southeast Asian waters as America "rebalances" to Asia. Maritime security cooperation among most of the region's maritime states, and particularly with the United States, has continued to grow over the past decade – with stepped up strategic dialogues, port visits, exercises, training, and assistance.

Cooperation between the U.S. Navy and its Indonesian, Malaysia, Philippine, and Vietnamese counterparts has expanded. Tasks such as anti-piracy and HA/DR have received greater resources and prominence. Singapore has agreed to host U.S. Littoral Combat Ships, supplementing an already extensive and close relationship, including through the Commander of Logistics in the Western Pacific which is located in Singapore.

At the same time, many Southeast Asian navies are rapidly modernizing and assuming new responsibilities, including out-of-area missions. Renewed and increased competition in the South China Sea is again influencing the regional security environment. How do Southeast Asian naval developments, plus an increased U.S. Navy focus on the waters from the Bay of Bengal to the South China Sea, complement each other? How do other external maritime forces -- India's, Australia's, Japan's -- interact with regional naval and coastal security forces? What political sensitivities and operational constraints impede deeper cooperation? And what is the best way forward for further maritime security cooperation between the U.S. and Southeast Asian states?

SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2013

Arrivals

1830—2000 Opening Reception/Dinner – Rainbow Suite & Patio

MONDAY, 4 MARCH

0830-0900: Continental Breakfast – Kahili Suite – Kalia Tower (conference venue)

Session 1: The Strategic Environment: Connected Waters, Distinct Challenges

- *RSIS: Strategic Straits: Secure trade routes, Non-traditional Challenges, Piracy, Smuggling, Environment* Ms. Jane CHAN, Research Fellow & Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, RSIS
- *CNA: South China Sea: Why is the South China Sea a Unique Security Issue*: RADM (ret) Michael McDevitt, Senior Fellow, CNA

1045-1100: Coffee Break

Session 2: The Setting: Cooperative and competitive trends in regional maritime security

- *RSIS:* Southeast Asian States Maritime Cooperation (ADMM, FPDA, side meetings at the Shangri-la Dialogue, bilateral interoperation, multilateral collaboration in the Strait of Malacca, naval officer exchanges, etc.) Prof. Geoffrey Till, Visiting Professor, RSIS.
- *CNA: Implications of Southeast Asian Naval modernization* : RADM (ret) Michael McDevitt, Senior Fellow, CNA (Presenting Capt Bud Cole's paper)

1230-1330: Lunch – Lehua Suite: Keynote Speaker: Admiral Cecil Haney, Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet

Session 3: A U.S. 'Pivot' or "rebalancing" to Asia? Implications for maritime security in Southeast Asian Waters

- *CNA: U.S. Goals and Instruments* : Mr. Bronson Percival, Senior Advisor for Southeast Asia, CNA
- *RSIS: Southeast Asian Perspectives on the American "pivot;" Benefits/Constraints/Limitations* – Dr. Euan GRAHAM, Senior Fellow, Maritime Security Programme, RSIS

1500-1515: Break

Session 4: Views on Maritime Security Issues in Southeast Asia from Around Asia

- *CNA: India and Japan*: Dr. Satu Limaye, Director Washington Office, East-West Center and Senior Advisor, CNA
- *RSIS: China*, Associate Professor Zhang Hongzhou, Research Fellow, China Programme, RSIS

1630-1645: End of day wrap-up: CNA and RSIS delegation chairs

1830—2000 Reception/Dinner – Rainbow Suite & Patio

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH

0830-0900: Continental Breakfast – Kahili Suite

Session 5: Prospects for Rivalry in the Bay of Bengal

- RSIS: Sino-Indian Competition in the Bay of Bengal? If so, when and where? Mr. KWA Chong Guan, Senior Fellow, RSIS
- CNA: Indo-US cooperation in the Bay of Bengal? Implications for Southeast Asia: Nilanthi Samaranayake
- CNA: Offshore sovereign demarcation in the Bay of Bengal: Implications for Claims in the South China Sea? Capt, USN JAG Corps, (ret) Mark Rosen, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, CNA

1045-1100: Coffee Break

Session 6: Prospects for the Future

- *RSIS: Predicting Southeast Asian Responses Should Sino-US Tensions Rise as the U.S. Pivots to Asia – Associate Professor TAN See Seng, Deputy Director, IDSS, RSIS*
- *CNA: Southeast Asian Waters: Priority Theater for the USN?* Col William Wesley, USMC (ret) Executive Director, Plans and Policy, N-5, U.S. Pacific Fleet

1230-1330: Lunch – Lehua Suite

Workshop Adjourns

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH

Departures