

## Major Events

### Third EAS Conference on Maritime Security and Cooperation, 8-9 June 2018, Bhubaneswar, Odisha



*Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Anurag Bhushan, Joint Secretary (ASEAN-ML), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Vice-Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director, NMF and Dr. Prabir De, Professor, RIS and Coordinator, AIC at RIS in the Inaugural Session of the Third EAS Conference.*

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India in partnership with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MP&NG), Government of India; National Maritime Foundation (NMF); and ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at Research and Information System for Development Countries (RIS) organized the Third EAS Conference on Maritime Security and Cooperation on 8 - 9 June 2018 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Welcome Address was given by Dr Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC, RIS; Opening Address made by Vice-Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director, NMF; Special Address was

given by Mr. Anurag Bhushan, Joint Secretary (ASEAN-ML); MEA; and Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, India, delivered the Inaugural Address.

The Conference was divided into five sessions to facilitate an in-depth discussion on various aspects of maritime and it's related issues. EAS member countries nominated the officials and experts, and about 55 participants attended the two-day Conference. The Session I was on "Maritime Security", which was chaired by Mr.

Mohd Noor Zaky Bin Mohd Nasir, Director, Department of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia. The panelists of the session were Vice-Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF) India; Mr. Daisuke Namioka, Director, Maritime Security Policy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Japan; Dr. Sinderpal Singh, Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore; and Mr. Michael Rosenthal, Political-External and Political-Military Affairs

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*Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Mr. Anurag Bhushan, Joint Secretary (ASEAN-ML), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Vice-Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director, NMF with Delegates of the 3<sup>rd</sup> EAS Conference on Maritime Security and Cooperation.*

Unit Chief, First Secretary, U.S. Embassy in India. The session has discussed the issues on maritime security covering security threats, challenges and opportunities relating to the maritime domain and collaborative security. Participants have argued that security is more than military security. This session has broadly suggested the need to prioritize between traditional and non-traditional threats, reduce the sub-regional variance in types of security threats and capacity building to combat threats and piracy.

Amb. Yogendra Kumar, Former Indian Ambassador to the Philippines chaired the second session on "Maritime Safety". DIG Verghese, Indian Coast Guard, India; Commodore Anil Jai Singh, Vice-President, Indian Maritime Foundation (IMF), India; Captain Tun Lu, Myanmar Navy, Myanmar; and Mr. Nguyen Van Thang, Navy Officer, Vietnam People's Navy were the panelists of the ses-

sion. The session has discussed issues broadly relating to safety of human life at sea in the Indo-Pacific region and explored the means of cooperation to enhance maritime safety.

"Good Order at Sea" was discussed at the third session. Mr. Daisuke Namioka, Director, Maritime Security Policy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Japan was the chair for the session. In this session panelists were Capt. (Dr.) Gurpreet Khurana, Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India; Mr. Dougal McInnes, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia; Mr. Zhang Yefei, Second Secretary, Deputy Director, Department of Boundary and Ocean Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, P. R. China; and Col Weng Foo Lee, Ministry of Defence, Singapore. The session has explored the challenges to the established rule-based maritime order in the Asia-Pacific, which

flows from the growing rivalry among major powers to seek a favourable balance of power and impinging on established rules of international law and norms of conduct with regard to the freedom of navigation.

The fourth session was on "Blue Economy", which was moderated by Vice Admiral HCS Bisht, Former Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, India. Dr. S. K. Mohanty, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India; Capt. S S Parmar, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India; Mr. Chun Sovannarith, Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Cambodia were the speakers in this session. The participants have emphasised that essence of Blue Economy is picking up the minds without a framework in many countries. It has been recom-

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mended that EAS Participating countries should take a lead in evolving 'Blue Economy Accounting Framework' for the region. They have also emphasised on the need for sectoral cooperation in Blue Economy by undertaking regional projects.

The last session was a panel discussion on the "Way Forward", which was chaired by Commodore Uday Bhaskar, Director, Society for Policy Studies (SPS), India. The speaker in this Session were Mr. Mohd Noor Zaky Bin

Mohd Nasir, Director, Department of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia; Amb. Yogendra Kumar, Former Indian Ambassador to the Philippines; Mr. Aung Myint, Deputy Director General, Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar; and Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India. The last session summarized the broad discussions of the conference and highlighted the key takeaways from the deliberations for en-

hancing maritime safety, security and good order in the EAS through proactive cooperation.

Finally, Mr. Anurag Bhusan Joint Secretary (ASEAN-ML), MEA delivered the Closing Remarks and Dr. Prabir De extended the Vote of Thanks. Along with the technical discussion, the delegates enjoyed the cultural programme on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and also went on field trips to Dhauli and Konnark on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in order to gain an exposure to the rich cultural heritage of the state of Odisha.

## 5th Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINTT), 6-7 January 2018, Jakarta

ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS in collaboration with the Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI), Indian Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta, ASEAN Secretariat, Ministry of External Affairs of India, Indonesian Foreign Affairs Ministry organized the 5th Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) on 6-7 January 2018 at Jakarta, Indonesia. The title of the

Roundtable was "ASEAN and India: Partners of Integration in Asia". Several experts and scholars from ASEAN countries and India attended this roundtable to exchange views on strengthening the already established linkages in political, economic and socio-cultural areas among them.

Welcome Address was delivered by Amb. Suresh Reddy, Indian Ambassador to ASEAN.

Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India delivered the Inaugural Address. Keynote Address was given by Mrs. Retno Marsudi, Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Indonesia. Special Remarks were delivered by H.E. Mr Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary General of ASEAN. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, New Delhi. The 4th



Group photo of External Affairs Minister of India and Foreign Minister of Indonesia and AINTT Participants.

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AINTT Proceedings on “ASEAN-India: Strengthening the Ties That Bind” was released at this roundtable. All the ASEAN countries nominated their officials and experts over 100 participants including senior officials attended the 5th AINTT roundtable.

The Roundtable had five major sessions to identify maritime challenges between ASEAN and India that need to be addressed through greater cooperation; to review the barriers to services trade between ASEAN and India for making a series of recommendations to strengthen the economic relations; to deal with cultural heritage of ASEAN and India and identify the scope and opportunities in promoting shared cultural relations; to identify the barriers to educational cooperation and design a way forward to strengthen the partnership and finally, to discuss the potential and challenges of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and implication for India and other dialogue partners. The Roundtable analysed and placed together the various components that would help strengthening the partnership between ASEAN and India.

The first session was on “Maritime Security and Cooperation”, chaired by Dr. Adriana Elizabeth, Professor, Centre for Political Studies, LIPI, Jakarta. The panelists were Vice-Admiral Pradip Chauhan, Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), Delhi; Dr. Charithie B. Joaquin, Chief, Research and Special Studies Division, National Defence College

of the Philippines (NDCP), Manila; Prof. Tri Nuke Pudjiastuti, Deputy Chairman of Social Sciences and Humanities - Indonesian Institute of Sciences (IPSK-LIPI), Jakarta; Prof. Sankari Sundaraman, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi; and Mr. Shahrman Lockman, Senior Analyst, Foreign Policy and Security Studies Programme, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Kuala Lumpur. This session delved into maritime challenges faced by ASEAN and India that need to be addressed through greater cooperation.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS chaired the “Services trade and investment” session. Dr. Florian A. Albuero, President, Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation (CATIF), Manila; Dr. Rupa Chanda, Professor, Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Bangalore, Bangalore; Dr. Dipinder S Randhawa, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore; Dr. Agus Eko Nugroho, Professor and Head of Economics, Department of Economics, LIPI, Jakarta; Dr. Nguyen Xuan Trung, Associate Professor and Director General, Institute for Indian and Southwest Asian Studies, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), Hanoi; and Dr. Koh Wee Chian, Associate Researcher, Centre for Strategic & Policy Studies (CSPS) were the speakers of the session. The session explored the possibilities of wider and deeper integration between India and ASEAN with lower costs of business across the borders to enhance services trade in the region. The

session also reviewed the barriers to trade between ASEAN and India and made further recommendations to strengthen the economic relations.

Third session was on “Cultural Heritage”. The session was chaired by Prof. Sankari Sundaraman, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. The panelists of the session were Mr. Chhem Rethy, Executive Director, Cambodia Development Research Institute (CDRI), Phnom Penh; Dr. Parul Pandya Dhar, Professor, University of Delhi, Delhi; Dr. Norhabibah Kamis, Head of International Affairs and Resources, Centre for Strategic and Policy Studies (CSPS), Bandar Seri Begawan; Dr. Sophana Srichampa, Associate Professor and Chair for Bharat Studies, Research Institute for Language and Culture of Asia, Mahidol University, Bangkok; and Dr. Desmond L Khar-mawphlang, Professor, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong. This session dealt with cultural heritage of ASEAN and India and identified the scope and opportunities in promoting shared cultural relations that exists between them.

“Educational Cooperation” was the fourth session and moderated by Mr. Cheem Rethy, Executive Director, Cambodia Development Research Institute (CDRI), Phnom Penh. Prof. Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University, Gauhati; Mr. Thuta



*Release of AINTT Report by External Affairs Minister of India and Foreign Minister of Indonesia*

Aung, Senior Adviser, Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS), Yangon; and Dr. Prabir De, Professor and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), RIS, New Delhi. The session highlighted that ASEAN and India have been trying to set up a network of universities, which would facilitate exchange of curricula, faculty and dissemination of research works.

Dr Dipinder S Randhawa, Senior Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore chaired the "ASEAN Economic Community 2025 and India" session. The panelists were Amb. Thieng Boupcha, Director

General, Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA), The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Vientiane; Dr Shankaran Nambiar, Senior Fellow, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER), Kuala Lumpur; Dr. C. Veeramani, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGDR), Mumbai; Dr. Nguyen Huy Hoang, Director General, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), Hanoi; and Dr. Adriana Elizabeth, Professor, Centre for Political Studies, LIPI, Jakarta. This penultimate session discussed the potential and challenges of AEC and implication for India and other dialogue partners.

In the Closing session, remarks were delivered by Amb. Suresh Reddy, Indian Ambassador to ASEAN, Jakarta. Prof. Dr. Bambang Subiyanto, Chairman, Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI), Jakarta gave the Special Address. Mr. Benny YP Siahaan, Director/Deputy Director General of ASEAN External Cooperation, Directorate General of ASEAN Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia also delivered Special Address. Dr Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC presented the summary of the roundtable and extended the Vote of Thanks. ■

## **International Conference on "ASEAN-India @ 25: Retrospection and the Way Ahead", 12 January 2018, New Delhi**

To commemorate 25 Years of ASEAN-India Partnership, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS organised an International Conference on "ASEAN-India @25: Retrospection and the Way Ahead" at New Delhi on 12 January, 2018. Welcome Address was given by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General,

RIS; Opening Address was delivered by Amb. Mohan Kumar, Vice-Chairman, RIS. H.E. Mr Sidharto Reza Suryodipuro, Ambassador of Indonesia in India gave the Special Address. Special Remarks were given by Amb. Sudhir Devare, Chairperson of RIS Research Advisory Council and Former Secretary, Ministry of

External Affairs (MEA). Dr Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC made a presentation on e-compendium.

The event also marked the release of e-compendium of RIS' contributions to ASEAN-India Relations. This contains details of the publications that

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(L-R) Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS; Amb. Sudhir Devare, Chairperson, RIS Research Advisory Council; Amb. Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS; H.E. Mr Sidharto Reza Suryodipuro, Indonesian Ambassador to India; Dr Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS

have been prepared by RIS and AIC since 1993 on various aspects of the ASEAN-India relationship. It covers all publications such as occasional papers, discussion papers, books, reports and journal articles that are focused on ASEAN-India relation. The Conference was divided into three sessions: Look East to Act East: India's Journey from Dialogue Partnership to Strategic Partnership; achievement and way forward on ASEAN-India Economic Partnership; and ASEAN and India in an integrated Asia: The way ahead. Senior scholars from Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia attended the event as panelists. ASEAN HOMs in Delhi also attended and nominated their senior representatives. The panelists and participants of the Conference were government officials, practitioners, academicians, researchers and media personnel.

Amb. Sudhir Devare, Chairman, RIS Research Advisory Council and Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) chaired the first session. The speakers of the session were Admiral R K Dhowan, Chairman, National Maritime Founda-

tion (NMF), New Delhi; Amb. Pou Sothirak, Executive Director, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP); Phnom Penh, Amb. Amar Sinha, Distinguished Fellow, RIS and Former Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA); Prof. Baladas Ghosal, Secretary, Society of Indian Ocean Studies (SIOS), New Delhi; and Prof. Do Duc Dinh, Senior Research Fellow, and Former Director General, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), Hanoi. The session discussed different issues of ASEAN-India relation consisting of maritime security to political security, trade and investment to present socio-cultural perspective of the two regions.

The second session was moderated by Amb. Mohan Kumar, Vice-Chairman, RIS. Mr Rajeev Kher, Distinguished Fellow, RIS, and Former Commerce Secretary of India; Amb. Biren Nanda, Distinguished Fellow, Delhi Policy Group (DPG), New Delhi; Dr. Carlos Tabunda, Director, ASEAN Studies Centre (ASC), New Era University, Manila; Dr. Amita

Batra, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi; and Mr. Pranav Kumar, Head - International Policy & Trade, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), New Delhi were the panelists of the session. The session focused on ASEAN-India Economic Partnership and its achievements and next course of action.

Session three was chaired by Amb. Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Gateway House, Mumbai Panellists. In this session, panelists were H.E. Mr. Ton Sinh Thanh, Ambassador, Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, New Delhi; Mr. Rajat M. Nag, Distinguished Fellow, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi; Dr. Philips J. Vermonte, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta; Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Former Secretary (East), MEA; and Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Chairman, Chula Global Network and Executive Director, ASEAN Studies Centre (ASC), Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. The session dealt with ASEAN-India integ-

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## Understanding the Digital Economy: What Is It and How Can It Transform Asia?, 21-22 February 2018, New Delhi



*Group Photo of Workshop Participants*

ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS jointly organised with the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) a workshop on “Understanding the Digital Economy: What is it and How Can it Transform Asia?” the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) on 21-22 February 2018 at New Delhi. Welcome Address was given by Dr Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS. Opening Remarks were made by Dr Chul Ju Kim, Deputy Dean, ADBI and Introduction to the Workshop was delivered by Dr Aladdin D. Rillo, Senior Economist, ADBI. Special Address was given by Mr Prasanto Roy, Vice President, National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) New Delhi. Keynote Address was delivered by Mr Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, New Delhi. About 60 participants from Asian and African countries attended this workshop.

The two day long workshop was conducted in eight sessions. The first session on “Understand digital economy such as big data, mobile technology, and the internet” was moderated by Dr. Chul Ju Kim, Deputy Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). The speakers of the session were Mr. Malavika Jayaram, Executive Director, Digital Asia Hub, Hong Kong; Mr. Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre, Paris; and Dr. O.P. Wali, Professor & Head, Centre for International Trade in Technology (CITT), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) Delhi. The discussion in the first session provides a comprehensive overview of the evolution of the digital economy, trends in digital flows, digital platforms and tools. The speakers discussed how the use of big data and internet has facilitated growing inter-

connectedness of people, organizations and machines across countries. Data flows have created huge opportunities for business operations, business productivity and movement of goods and services. However, there are vulnerabilities associated with big data usage due to security and privacy problems. “Role of digital economy in facilitating inclusive trade” was discussed on the second session. This session was chaired by Mr. Abhijit Das, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi. Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi, Dr. Syed Munir Khasru, Chairman, The Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance (IPAG), Dhaka were the speakers of the session. The session argued that how digitalization has transformed the way commerce is

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managed, optimized, shared and deployed. The session also highlighted the trends in e-commerce globally, the role of e-commerce in trade and business and the impact of e-commerce to countries in terms of benefits and risks.

Mr. Pranav Kumar, Head, International Trade Policy Division, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), New Delhi chaired the third session on "Impact of financial technology on payment and lending in Asia". The session panelists were Mr. Claude Eguieta, Chief Operating Officer, Telcoin, Tokyo; and Dr. Saon Ray, Senior Fellow, ICRIER, New Delhi. The session emphasised on financial services and how its using technology referred as "fintech" have transformed Asia's financial system by improving efficiency of payment system as well as increased financial access. The speakers discussed how fintech has impacted the financial markets, risks associated with new technologies and regulatory responses to these developments.

The fourth session on "Country panel discussion on how to promote the digital economy and what critical issues to address" was moderated by Mr. K.S. Seetharam, Senior Capacity Building Specialist, ADBI. The speakers of the session were Mr. Md Taufiqul Islam, Deputy Secretary Planning Division, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh; Mr. Hanafi Firdaus, Section Chief of Planning and System Analysis Application,

Ministry of Finance, Indonesia; Mr. Nazgul Bazhayeva, Deputy Director, Ministry of Information and Communications, Kazakhstan; Mr. Fary Akmal Binti Osman, Head, Fiscal and Economics Division, Ministry of Finance, Malaysia; and Mr. Saman Diyagaha Waduge, Additional Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, Sri Lanka. This session explored the experience of Asian countries like as Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia and Sri Lanka in dealing with the key challenges and constraints associated with technological transformation as well as key measures that are being implemented by the government to tackle the issues in digital economy.

The second day started with "Role of technology, innovation and education in a digital world" which was discussed in the fifth session. The session was chaired by Dr. Abu Bakar Munir, Professor, School Law, University of Malaya. Dr. Pinaki Dasgupta, Professor, International Management Institute (IMI) Delhi; and Dr. Shinichiro Terada, Senior Analyst, KDDI Research Inc. and Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley were the panelists of the session. The session focused on technologies and innovation, which can drive Asian countries future as well as ideas and skills that will be needed as demand for digitalization increases.

The sixth session was on "Securing the digital economy on trust, privacy and transparency" and was moderated by Dr. Syed Munir Khasru, Chairman, The Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance (IPAG), Bangladesh. The panelists were Dr. Abu Bakar Munir, Professor, School Law, University of Malaya; Dr. T A Khan, UN/CEFACT Vice Chair and Former Controller of Certifying Authorities, Ministry of Electronics and Communication Technology, India; and Mr. Ajai Kumar Garg, Director/Scientist F, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, India. The speakers of the session discussed how important it is to secure the digital economy as it can only flourish when people, process and data are connected in an ethical, meaningful and safe way. The discussion revolved around addressing the collective challenges and risks that are associated with digital economy.

Seventh session was also a "Country panel discussion" chaired by Dr. Prabir De, Professor, RIS and Coordinator of AIC at RIS. The panelist consist with Mr. Nurbek Tashbekov, Expert of Economy and Investment Division, Government's Office of Kyrgyz Republic; Mr. Adesh Khadka, Information and Technology Director, Administration Department, Ministry of Finance, Nepal; Mr. Arriel Napalit Nengasca,



STIDS, Business Development Division Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines; Mr. Thanomsin Chakreeves, Plan and Policy Analyst, Strategic and Planning Division Office of the National, Digital Economy and Society Commission (ONDE) Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES) were the panellists of the session. This session explored the experience of Asian countries such as India, Kyrgyz Republic, Nepal, Philippines and Thailand and enlightened their respective

country status on digital economy.

Final session was a Roundtable discussion on "Policies to promote and manage the digital economy". The session moderator was Dr. Syed Munir Khasru, Chairman, The Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance (IPAG), Bangladesh. The speakers of the session were Mr. Claude Eguienta, Chief Operating Officer, Telcoin, Japan; and Dr. Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre, Paris. The speakers in

the roundtable discussion wrapped-up the workshop by presenting a set of policy options, regulations and strategies that need to be continuously revised so that countries can strike between rapid technological change, economic development and economic welfare. The concluding remarks were made by Dr. Chul Ju Kim, Deputy Dean, ADBI and Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS. Finally, the Vote of Thanks was extended by Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy, Consultant, AIC at RIS. ■

### Meeting with Indonesian Delegates, 19 April 2018, New Delhi



Group Photo with Indonesian Delegates

Delegation from Indonesia visited AIC at RIS on April 19, 2018 for an interactive session with Amb. Amar Sinha, Distinguished Fellow, RIS and Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC and his team about the opportunities and potential for cooperation to promote trade and maritime connectivity between India, Indonesia and Myanmar and the role of regional cooperation in Bay of Bengal.

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and had critically evaluate the successes, bottlenecks and future prospects of ASEAN-India partnership. The session raised issues on Cyber security and connectivity and proposed to focus

more on action to make an integrated Asia.

The last session was valedictory session, where Dr. Prabir De Professor, RIS and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS made the Valedictory Address by extending the

Vote of Thanks. The conference marked RIS' contribution in the field of ASAN-India relation and strengthen the present and future relation between the regions in every field of cooperation for deeper and stronger partnership. ■

## Seminar on ASEAN-India Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs), 20 April 2018, New Delhi

ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS organized a seminar on ASEAN-India Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) on 20 April 2018 at New Delhi, India. The Seminar was the outcome of the research study conducted by AIC on NTMs between ASEAN and India. Welcome Address was given by Dr. Prabir De, Professor, RIS and Coordinator, AIC at RIS. Opening Remarks was given by Mr. Anurag Bhushan, Joint Secretary (ASEAN-ML), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India. Presentation on the study was made by both Dr. Prabir De and Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy. Comments for the presentations

were received from Mr. Pranav Kumar, Head, International Trade and Policy Division, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Dr. Anil Jauhri, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), New Delhi. Finally, Dr. Prabir De summarized the study and delivered the Vote of Thanks. Seminar was attended by government officials, representatives of private sector, industry experts, research scholars, etc. ■



*Participants of the seminar on ASEAN-India Non-Tariff Measures*

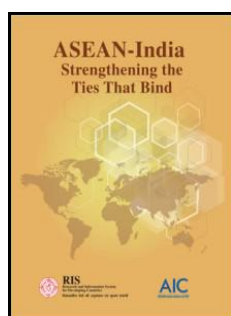
## Consultation Meeting on Delhi Dialogue X with ASEAN HoMs, 14 May 2018, New Delhi



*Mr. Anurag Bhushan, (ASEAN-ML), MEA, Amb. Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS and ASEAN delegates attended the consultation meeting.*

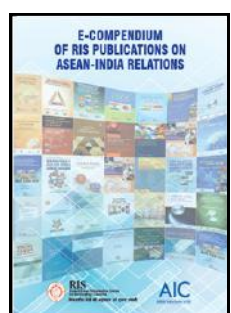
RIS organised a Consultation Meeting on Delhi Dialogue X with ASEAN HoMs on 14 May, 2018. Amb. Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS chaired the Consultation Meeting. Welcome Address given by Mr. Anurag Bhushan, Joint Secretary (ASEAN ML), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Presentation on Delhi Dialogue X, followed by comments and observations of ASEAN HoMs. Finally, summing up and closing remarks were given by Amb. Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS. ■

## Publications



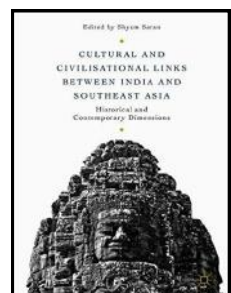
### ASEAN-India Strengthening the Ties That Bind

This is the proceedings of the Fourth Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINTT), which was held on 7-8 August 2015 at Royale Chulan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It is part of the process of strengthening the ASEAN-India relationship that RIS had initiated to generate new ideas and suggestions for strengthening ASEAN-India Partnership. This report presents several ideas and suggestions that were emerged from the deliberations at the AINTT on following themes: non-traditional security threats, regional security architecture, and new dimensions of ASEAN-India economic partnership, ASEAN-India cultural links and post-2015 agenda of ASEAN.



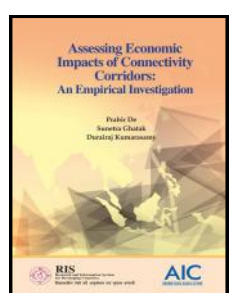
### E-Compendium of RIS Publications of ASEAN-India Relations

E-Compendium was released on the occasion of 25 Years of ASEAN India Partnership to mark contribution of RIS to ASEAN-India relationship. This contains details about the publications that were published by RIS since 1993 on various aspects of the ASEAN-India relationship. It covers all publication such as occasional papers, discussion papers, books, reports and journal articles that are focused on ASEAN-India. This E-Compendium contains reference for all those interested in analytical studies for promoting and deepening ASEAN-India partnership.



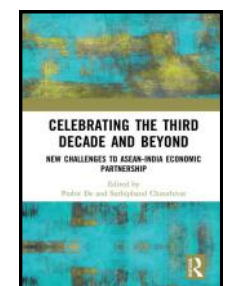
### Cultural and Civilisational Links between India and Southeast Asia

This book presents research papers on India's cultural links with Southeast Asia, with particular reference to historical and contemporary dimensions. It traces ancient trade and maritime links, Chola Empire and Southeast Asia, religious exchanges (the Hindu, Buddhist and Islamic heritage), language, scripts and folklore, performing arts, painting and sculpture, architecture, role of the Indian Diaspora, contemporary cultural interaction, etc.



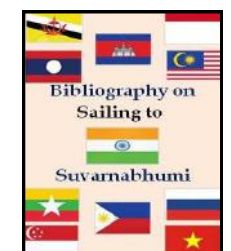
### Assessing Economic Impacts of Connectivity Corridor: (An Empirical Investigation)

The study, authored by Prabir De, Sunetra Ghatak and Durairaj Kumarasamy, examines, the developmental impact of existing East- West Corridor (EWC) and the proposed cross-border corridors such as Trilateral Highway (TH), Kaladan multi-modal transit transport corridor, and Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor (BCIM-EC) on the Indian states with particular focus on the NER states.



### Celebrating the Third Decade and Beyond: New Challenges to ASEAN-India Economic Partnership

This book, a reprint by Routledge, is a timely initiative to review the past and suggest ways to further strengthen economic partnership. It primarily deals with the economic integration issues between ASEAN and India, assesses policy priorities, effectiveness, implementation imperatives and challenges. Each chapter in this book intends to capture essential features of the crosscutting issues and attempts to draw some policy implications.



### Bibliography on Sailing to Suvarnabhumi

It presents ASEAN country-wise bibliographies on culture and civilisation. Country-wise bibliographies are available at <http://ris.org.in/aic/bibliography>

## Forthcoming Major Events (July to December 2018) - Dates for Your Diary

- ◆ Second ASEAN-India Workshop on Blue Economy, 18 July 2018, New Delhi
- ◆ Tenth Delhi Dialogue, 19-20 July 2018, New Delhi
- ◆ Third International Conference on ASEAN-India Civilisational and Cultural Links, Cambodia
- ◆ Sixth Roundtable of ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINTT)

## Research Projects: Ongoing

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<b>Emerging Production Networks between India and ASEAN</b>	This study explores the possibilities to build cross-border networks within those industries on which India has manufacturing capacities and complementarities that match with the demand or supply capacity of ASEAN and vice versa. Besides, this study also makes an attempt to identify the challenges in building the production networks. In particular, the study identifies the gaps in connectivity and trade facilitation in promoting the production networks between ASEAN and India, and provides the possible remedies.

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