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Roundtable Discussion

Aligning the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP): Establishing Operational Frameworks

Saturday, 14 March 2026 | 10.00 am

Tamarind Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), New Delhi (Hybrid)

AGENDA

10.00 – 10.30 hrs.	Registration
10.30 – 11.10 hrs.	Inaugural Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks: Dr. Pankaj Vashisht, Associate Professor and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), RIS, New Delhi • Opening Remarks: Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma, Director General, RIS, New Delhi • Special Remarks: H.E. Josel F. Ignacio, Ambassador of Philippines to India • Keynote Address: Ambassador Periasamy Kumaran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (tbc)
11.10 – 11.30 hrs.	Group photo, Tea/Coffee
11.30 – 13.00 hrs.	Session I: From Vision to Action: Operationalizing IPOI–AOIP Synergy Chair: Ambassador Riva Ganguly Das , Former Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Don McLain Gill, Lecturer, Department of International Studies, De La Salle University, Philippines and Indo-Pacific Research Fellow, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (Online) • Dr. Sanjay Pulipaka, Chairperson, Politeia Research Foundation, Hyderabad • Mr. Surat Horachaikul, Associate Professor, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, (Online) (tbc) • Dr. Monish Tourangbam, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Geopolitics and Strategic Studies, Chintan Research Foundation (CRF),

	New Delhi Q&A
13.00 – 14.00 hrs.	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30 hrs.	<p>Session II: Maritime Cooperation for a Secure and Sustainable Indo-Pacific</p> <p>Chair: Capt. Sarabjeet S Parmar (Retd.), Visiting Fellow, RIS, New Delhi</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Lahpai Zau Goone, Senior Advisor, Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS), Yangon • Cmdr. Anil Jai Singh (Retd.), Vice President, Indian Maritime Foundation (IMR), New Delhi • Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vo Xuan Vin, Director General, Institute of History, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), Hanoi • Dr. Stuti Banerjee, Senior Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi <p>Q&A</p>
15.30 - 15.45 hrs.	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valedictory Address: Ambassador Srinivas Gotru, Indian Ambassador to ASEAN • Vote of Thanks: Capt. Sarabjeet S Parmar (Retd.), Visiting Fellow, RIS, New Delhi