

Regional Workshop on the Protection of Civilians (POC)

PROGRAMME

14 July (Wednesday)

- Arrival of overseas participants –

19:00 – 21:00 **Welcome Dinner**
Si Chuan Dou Hua restaurant, Lobby Level, ParkRoyal Hotel
(Dress code: Casual)

15 July (Thursday)

Stamford Room, level four, ParkRoyal Hotel

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08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**
Please be seated by 08:55hrs

09:00 – 09:45 **Opening Session**

09:00 – 09:20 **Opening Remarks**
Associate Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony
Head, Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies,
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS),
Nanyang Technological University,
Singapore

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Mr Tobias Epprecht
Head, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC),
Regional Delegation in Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia

09:20 – 09:45 **Keynote Speaker**
Mr Rafendi Djamin
Commissioner of Indonesia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental
Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)
Indonesia

09:45 – 10:15 *Photo Opportunity and Coffee Break*

10:15 – 12:15

Session 1: Protection of Civilians: What does it mean?
Overview and Discussion of Frameworks, Norms and Actors

This session aims to create a better understanding on what protection means, be it from a legal, political, security or humanitarian perspective. Questions to be raised include:

- 1) What is the legal, political, security and humanitarian framework on the protection of civilians?
- 2) What is the current conducive humanitarian operating environment in Asia? What are the roles different actors and stakeholders have?
- 2) What are the gaps and challenges in protecting civilians? What kinds of processes have been implemented to overcome these gaps and challenges?

Chair: Lt Gen Satish Nambiar (Retd), Member of CSCAP India and the Advisory Board of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Peacekeeping Training Programme (PTP), **India**

Professor Raul Pangalangan
Professor of Law, University of the Philippines,
The Philippines

Dr Medelina Hendytio
Head of Department of Politics and International Relations,
Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS),
Indonesia

Mr Michael Smith,
Executive Director, Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence,
Australia

Mr Alain Aeschlimann
Head of Operations for East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific,
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC),
Switzerland

12:15 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 15:30

Session 2: Recent Trends in the Protection of Civilians

This session aims to discuss recent trends in the protection of civilians, including the 'Responsibility to Protect', the 'Whole of Government Approach' and the 'Human Security' framework. Questions to be raised include:

What has been the development and impact of the above-mentioned trends in Asia?

Chair: Mr Mushahid Ali, Senior Research Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, **Singapore**

Ms Rebecca Shrimpton
Peace and Stability Operations Programme Manager,
Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence,
Australia

Professor Toshiki Mogami
Director, Peace Research Institute,
Japan

Associate Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony
Head, Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies,
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Nanyang Technological University,
Singapore

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee Break*

15:45 – 17:30 **Session 3: Concurrent Thematic Sessions**

Participants will be divided into three groups. Each group will be assigned a different thematic discussion. On day two of the workshop, groups will rotate to focus on another thematic area.

Thematic Discussion A – Protection of Women in Asia

This discussion aims to deal with protection mechanisms for women in the region. Key questions include:

- 1) What are the protection concerns of women? What are the humanitarian concerns of women caught in armed violence?
- 2) How are international mechanisms such as UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 and regional mechanisms such as the ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) contributing to protection?
- 3) Does the institutional and decision-making ‘architecture’ for gender equality have positioning, authority and resources to support better implementation and accountability for gender equality programmes, especially for the most excluded and marginalised women?
- 4) What examples are there in the region to illustrate the ways in which advocates within and outside the regional ‘architecture’ are building alliances to strengthen calls for greater accountability to advance women’s rights?

Thematic Discussion B – Protection of Children in Asia

This discussion aims to deal with protection mechanisms for children in the region. Key questions include:

- 1) What are the protection concerns for children? What are the humanitarian concerns for children caught in armed violence?
- 2) What practical experiences can best illustrate how international, national and regional mechanisms and processes can be applied to improve the protection of children?
- 3) Have these processes produced day-to-day results in the lives of children?

Thematic Discussion C – Protection of IDPs, Refugees and Migrants

This session aims to deal with the protection concerns of persons who have left their place of origin. Some key questions include:

- 1) How has the increasing engagement between states, international organisations and civil society developed, particularly in regard to protection of internally displaced persons (IDPs)?
- 2) What are the emerging lessons from stakeholder engagement in international protection and mixed migration in Asia?
- 3) How is an effective balance achieved between the protection needs of people who have left their place of origin and those of host communities? What protection implications do such situations pose?

18:30

Workshop Dinner for Overseas Participants and Invited Guests

(Dress code: Casual)
Bumbu Restaurant
44 Kandahar Street

The dinner venue is a 10-minute walk from the hotel. Kindly gather at the hotel lobby at 18:20hrs.

16 July (Friday)

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08:45 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:45 Session 4: Continuation of Thematic Discussions

10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 12:45 Session 5: Continuation of Thematic Discussions

12:45 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 16:00 Session 6: Developing a Culture of Protection: Asia's Perspectives on Protection of Civilians

This final group discussion aims to focus on finding a common understanding on the protections of civilians and processes to address its gaps and challenges.

16:00 – 16:10 **Closing Remarks**

- *End of Workshop* -