SPEAKER PROFILES

MR. MASAHIRO AKIYAMA

Masahiro Akiyama currently serves as the Chairman of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF) in Tokyo, Japan and is also a Professor at the Graduate School of Social Design at Rikkyo University. Prior to his appointment at the OPRF, Mr. Akiyama served in various senior positions with the Government of Japan. Most notably, he served as the Deputy Director General of the Banking Bureau at the Ministry of Finance (1990-1991), Director-General, Bureau of Defense Policy, Defense Agency (1995-1997) and Administrative Vice Minister, Defense Agency (1997-1998). Mr. Akiyama earned his Bachelor of Law from Tokyo University in 1964.

LIEUTENANT JOHN BRADFORD, USN

Lieutenant John F. Bradford currently serves as the Chief Engineer in USS STETHEM, a ballistic missile defense-capable destroyer forward deployed to Japan. His naval service has included assignments aboard two other ships forward-deployed to Asia, as Assistant Plans Officer, Commander Naval Forces Japan, and as the Southeast Asia politico-military affairs officer on the Navy Staff in Washington. As an Olmsted Scholar, he studied at Gadjah Mada University and the National University of Singapore before earning a MSc (Strategic Studies) from the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. IDSS also awarded him the United Overseas Bank Gold Medal as the top Strategic Studies graduate. Interested in maritime security, international cooperation in Asia, and civil-military affairs, his writings have appeared in journals such as Contemporary Southeast Asia and Naval War College Review.

COLONEL DEXTER CHIA

Colonel Dexter Chia enlisted in the Singapore Armed Forces in December 1981. In 1984 he received a SAF Local Training Award to read Economics and Mathematics at the National University of Singapore, graduating in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Colonel Chia assumed his first command of a Patrol Vessel in 1995 and moved on to be the Directing Staff for the Tactical Training Center in 1997. Colonel Chia returned to the Fleet in 1998, acting as CO of RS Ships Sea Wolf and Sea Hawk. In 2000, Colonel Chia was appointed Executive Officer cum Chief Instructor of Midshipman Wing, Officer Cadet School. He held the appointment for two years before he was posted to Navy Headquarters. After completing his tour of duty at Navy Headquarters, Colonel Chia assumed his present appointment as Deputy Commander of Coastal Command in February 2005.

REAR-ADMIRAL RAKESH CHOPRA, IN
A graduate of the National Defence Academy, Rear Admiral Rakesh Chopra was commissioned on 1 July, 1968. Rear-Admiral Chopra has commanded IN Ships PANAJI, KADMATT and GANGA. He has also been the Fleet Operations Officer of the Western Fleet and the Chief Staff Officer (Operations) of the Eastern Naval Command. He participated in the 1971 Indo Pak war in the Eastern Theatre and was a member of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka in 1988. In Flag Rank, he has been the Addl Director General of National Cadet Corps, Flag Officer Offshore Defence and Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) prior to taking up his present appointment as the Assistant Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, in charge of Weapon Systems initially and now of Joint Operations. He earned an MBA and MPhil from Mumbai University and is currently working on a thesis on “Energy Security’ for his PhD.

AMBASSADOR HASJIM DJALAL

Ambassador Hašim Djalal is a Senior Advisor to the Indonesian Minister for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, and to the Indonesian Naval Chief of Staff, and lectures at universities and other higher learning institutions in Indonesia. Previously, Ambassador Djalal was Director General for Policy Planning (1985-1990). He has served at the Indonesian Embassies in Belgrade, Guinea (Africa), Singapore, Washington DC and as Ambassador at-large for the Law of the Sea and Maritime Affairs (1994-2000). He participated fully in the Third UN Law of the Sea Conference (1973-1982). He has written extensively on the Law of the Sea and Regional issues. His books include Indonesian Foreign Policy in the 1990s (1997), and Preventive Diplomacy in South East Asia: Lessons Learned (2003). Prof Djalal obtained a PhD (1961), from the University of Virginia.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER MARK EVERSON, USN

LCdr Everson is the Strategic Plans Officer at Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) West, a U.S. Pacific Command task force that supports US and partner nation law enforcement efforts against drug-related transnational crime in Asia and the Pacific. He develops and maintains the JIATF West strategy for supporting organizational attack against trafficking networks in the region. LCdr Everson has held a variety of posts in the Pacific dealing with transnational and asymmetric threats at sea, including liaison to US Pacific Command's Joint Interagency Coordination Group for Combating Terrorism (JIACG/CT), and coordinator of JIATF West's counter-drug detection and monitoring activities in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. LCdr Everson was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program at the University of California at Berkeley, where he earned a degree in Economics in 1993.

MR. GARY GILBERT

Gary D. Gilbert is a Senior Vice President of Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH). Mr. Gilbert is also the chairman of the HPH Security Committee. HPH is the world’s leading container port owner, operator and developer, managing 42 terminals/ports globally. HPH global throughput in 2005 was 51.8 million containers. Prior to working with
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REAR-ADMIRAL ROGER GIROUARD, CF

RAdm Girouard began his Naval service as a reserve boatswain at HMCS CARLETON in Ottawa, before joining the Regular Force as a MARS Officer Cadet in 1974. In the proceeding decades, RAdm Girouard served as the Commanding Officer of HMC Ships CHALEUR, MIRAMACHI, and IROQUOIS and the Executive Officer of HMCS ATHABASKAN. By 1996, he was assigned as the Deputy Commander Naval Reserve at the Naval Reserve Headquarters at Pointe-à-Carly in Québec City as a Captain (Navy). That year, he was appointed the Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, Maritime Forces Atlantic, Halifax. He was posted to Canada’s west coast in 1999. Since that time, he was deployed to the Arabian Sea as part of the war on terror (2003) and has served in a variety of senior posts, including Commander, Maritime Operations Group Four, Director-General Maritime Personnel and Readiness (2001), Special Advisor to the Chief of Maritime Staff (2002), Commander, Canadian Fleet Pacific (2003) and finally, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific (2005) and Commander, Joint Task Force Pacific (2006). RAdm Girouard earned an MA at Royal Roads University in 2001.

REAR-ADMIRAL JAMES GOLDRICK, RAN

RAdm James Goldrick joined the RAN in 1974. A graduate of the RAN College, he holds degrees from the University of New South Wales and the University of New England. He is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program (AMP 168). He has seen extensive sea service with the RAN, RN and USN, including command of HMA Ships CESSNOCK and SYDNEY (twice) and the RAN Surface Task Group. He commanded the RAN task group and the multinational maritime interception force in the Persian Gulf in the first half of 2002. His last post was as Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy and he assumed the role of Commander of the Joint Offshore Protection Command and Director-General Coastwatch in May 2006. He has written and lectured extensively in naval history and contemporary naval affairs.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOSHUA HO, RSN

Joshua Ho is a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Singapore. He has an MA from Cambridge University, UK and also holds a MSc (Management) (Distinction) from the Naval Postgraduate School, California, where he was awarded the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Faculty awards for Excellence in Management. Joshua is a serving Naval Officer with 19 years of service and currently
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DR. MICHAEL D. INTRILIGATOR

Michael D. Intriligator, Ph.D., is a Professor of Economics at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where he is also Professor of Political Science and Professor of Public Policy in the School of Public Affairs. He is also a Senior Fellow of the Milken Institute in Santa Monica. Dr. Intriligator has been working recently on terrorism. He is co-editor of the forthcoming book, Countering Terrorism and WMD: Creating a Global Counter-Terrorism Network (with Peter Katona and John Sullivan), which includes his chapter (with Abdullah Toukan), “Terrorists Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction.”

MR. HARUN BIN HAJI JOHARI

Mr. Johari is the Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Tanjung Pelapas in Johor, Malaysia.

MR. DON KRUSEL

Mr. Krusel was appointed to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Prince Rupert Port in February of 1992. He began his career with the Port Authority as Manager of Finance and Administration in 1987. Mr. Krusel holds an MBA from the University of Western Ontario and is a Certified Management Accountant. He is a past Director of the British Columbia Trade Development Corporation in Vancouver, the Western Transportation Advisory Council, the former Chairman of the Canadian Delegation of Ports for the American Association of Port Authorities and served as Chairman and Director of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities from 1999 to 2001. In 1996, he was appointed by the then-Federal Minister of Transport, David Anderson to Chair a Task Force to study the Northwest Transportation Corridor and is currently a Director of the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation.

COMMODORE PETER D. LESCHEN, RAN

Cmdre Peter Leschen joined the RAN in 1974 as a 15-year-old entry. After graduating from the Naval College and University, he received training in several RAN and RN ships. Following time as an officer of the watch, he specialized as a Navigator and Principal Warfare Officer, serving in HMA Ships TORRENS, WOLLONGONG, VAMPIRE, SYDNEY, BRISBANE and STALWART. A number of staff jobs followed, including two years at the USN Naval Doctrine Command, broken up by service at sea as the Executive and later Commanding Officer of HMAS BRISBANE. He has also been involved in capability development and military strategy, and has served as Chief Staff
Officer to Chief of Navy and the Commander Australian Surface Task Group, during which time he was the Maritime Component Commander for the ADF response to the December 2004 Tsunami. On promotion to Commodore he served as Deputy Maritime Commander before taking up his present position as Director General Command and Control Implementation Team.

MR. ARJUNA MAHENDRAN

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MR. TONY PARMAR

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VICE-ADMIRAL DREW ROBERTSON

VAdm Drew Robertson joined the Canadian Forces in 1973. On promotion to Commander in 1993 he served as the Executive Officer of the replenishment ship HMCS PROVIDER before assuming command of the destroyer HMCS ANNASOLIS in January 1995. In 1996 - 1997 he worked in the office of the Minister. He was promoted Captain (Navy) in 1997 and became the Director of NATO Policy. In 1999 he assumed command of the destroyer HMCS ATHABASKAN, which deployed in 2000 as flagship of NATO’s Standing Naval Force Atlantic. Following attendance at the National Security Studies Course in 2001 he was promoted Commodore and took command of the Canadian Atlantic Fleet. In that post, VAdm Robertson sailed as the first commander of the Canadian Task Group deployed to Southwest Asia for six months as part of Operation APOLLO - Canada's contribution to the international campaign against terrorism. That deployment included command of a multi-national task group of ships from seven nations. He was promoted Rear-Admiral in 2003, returning to NDHQ as Director General International Security Policy. He was promoted Vice-Admiral and assumed his current duties as Chief of the Maritime Staff in January 2006.

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