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Crowne Plaza Beijing Chaoyang U-Town
Beijing, China
May 23-26, 2018

Wednesday, 23 May

Conference Venue: Crowne Plaza Beijing Chaoyang U-Town
5:00-6:00 Ice-breaker Conference Reception, introduction of local host and other sponsors

Thursday, 24 May

8:00-8:30 Conference Registration, materials pick-up
8:30-9:00 Conference Opening:
Myron Nordquist, Associate Director, Center for Oceans Law and Policy
Shicun Wu, President, National Institute for South China Sea Studies
Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, United Nations
Keynote Speech: **Chinese nominee**

9:00-9:15

**Panel 1: Spotlight on Regional Cooperation**  
*moderator: Shicun Wu, President and Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for South China Sea Studies*

1. Vice Admiral James W. Crawford III, U.S. Navy  
2. Song Yann-huei, Research Fellow, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei  
4. Rear Admiral Steven J. Andersen, U.S. Coast Guard

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30

**Panel 2: Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment**  
*moderator: Roy S. Lee, Representative of Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization*

1. Daniel Rittschof, Professor, Duke University Marine Lab  
2. Yee Sienho, Professor, Wuhan University  
3. “The Duty to Cooperate in the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment” Chie Kojima, Professor, Musashino University, Tokyo  
4. Qin Tianbao, Professor & Assistant Dean, School of Law, Wuhan University

12:30-2:00

**Luncheon with Keynote Address:**  
*Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority*

“Draft Exploitation Regulations under the ISA”

2:00-3:30

**Panel 3: Freedom of Navigation**  
*moderator: Sam Bateman, Professorial Research Fellow, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong, Australia*

1. Ma Xinmin, Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China  
2. James Kraska, Chairman and Howard S. Levie Professor in the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College  
3. Nong Hong, Research Fellow, Executive Director & Senior Fellow, Institute for China-America Studies  
4. Lan-Anh T. Nguyen, Center for Legal Studies, Institute for East Sea (South China Sea) Studies, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

3:30-4:00 Break
Panel 4: Straits Governance, including Malacca/Singapore  
*(moderator: Vladimir Golitsyn, former President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea)*

1. “Contemporary Issues on Passage through Archipelagic Straits and Sea Lanes” Jay Batongbacal, Professor, University of the Philippines
2. Ted McDorman, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria
3. Robert Beckman, Centre for International Law, Singapore National University
4. Zhang Xinjun, Associate Professor, School of Law, Tsinghua University

Adjourn, Day 1

Friday, 25 May

Panel 5: Shipping  
*(moderator: Jin-Hyun Paik, President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea)*

1. Zou Keyuan, Director, Institute for International & Comparative Law, University of Central Lancashire, UK
2. Alexandros Ntovas, Lecturer, Queen Mary University of London
3. Aldo Chircop, Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University
4. “Climate Change and Shipping: What Can Be Done to Reduce Carbon Emissions in This Sector?” Sangmin SHIM, Professor of International Law, Korea National Diplomatic Academy

11:00-11:15 Break

Panel 6: Search and Rescue  
*(moderator: Gao Jianjun, Professor, School of International Law, China University of Political Science and Law)*

1. “Towards the Establishment of a Search and Rescue Cooperation Mechanism in the South China Sea: Regulatory Framework, Challenges and Prospects” Yubing SHI, Associate Professor, Xiamen University
2. Richard Button, U.S. Coast Guard
3. Michael Gau Sheng-ti, Director, Research Institute of International Justice and Arbitration, Hainan University
4. Brian Wilson (JAGC, USN Ret.), Global Maritime Operational Threat Response Coordination Center

Luncheon with Keynote Address:  
*David Balton, U.S. Department of State, (Ret.)*
2:00-3:30 **Panel 7: Sustainable Fisheries**

*moderator: TBA*

1. “Time to End the Tragedy of the Commons: Establishing Regional Fisheries Management Mechanism in Northeast Asia” Wonhee KIM, Senior Researcher, Korea Maritime Institute
2. Julia Xue Guifang, Chair Professor & Director for Ocean Rule of Law Centre, Shanghai Jiaotong University
3. Wang Kuan-Hsiung, Professor, Graduate Institute of Political Science, Taiwan Normal University
4. Kathryn Youel Page, Assistant Legal Adviser, L/OES, U. S. Department of State

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-4:45 **Panel 8: Looking to Future Cooperation**

*moderator: Tore Henriksen, K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea, Tromsø*

**Topic 8a: BBNJ Negotiations**

1. (BBNJ) Ronán Long, Professor, World Maritime University, Malmö
2. (BBNJ) J. Ashley Roach, Visiting Senior Principal Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, Singapore

**Topic 8b: Multilateral Cooperation**

3. “Multilateral Cooperation in Resolving or Managing International Issues” Helmut Türk, Ambassador, former Judge and Vice-President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, former President of the Assembly and Chairman of the Review Committee of the International Seabed Authority
4. Christopher Whomersley, Former Deputy Legal Adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK

4:45-5.00 **Closing Remarks**

Shishi Li, Chinese Society of International Law
Myron Nordquist, COLP

7:00-9:00 **Gala Dinner**, Keynote Address

*Chinese nominee*
Saturday, 26 May

08:30-19:40  **Optional cultural tour**: Beijing day tour. Visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. Dine at a restaurant inside the Forbidden City (audio guide). After lunch visit Beijing’s traditional hutongs (English tour guide) and Qianmen Walking Street (shopping). Dinner at Laoshe Tea House.  **COST: 950 yuan per person, approximately USD 150.**

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