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Keeping the Risk of National Security in Proportion

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Jointly organised by the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) and the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), the Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) brings together 44 high-level operational and policy experts from 14 countries around the region and beyond, to share with each other their experiences in dealing with the national security challenges that have arisen since 9/11.

2009 also marks the third year of the Programme, which was launched in 2007 as a platform for senior national security officers from around the region to share their "best practices" as well as learn from other experts in the field. Echoing this aim at APPSNO 09's Official Opening, Ambassador Barry Desker, Dean of RSIS, remarked that APPSNO 09 had brought together "the key players dealing with national security issues from across the region and beyond", allowing them "to work collectively to develop a better understanding of each other's perspectives."

Addressing the theme of "Thinking Intelligently about Risk", this year's Programme seeks to subject the risk management measures that players in the national security field have undertaken to closer scrutiny. Guiding the discussions will be a few concerns. In the eight years that have passed since 9/11, have governments and national security agencies reacted disproportionately to perceived threats? How can the national security community respond proportionately to current and future threats? Has the public been effectively engaged on these measures?

To address these concerns, APPSNO 09 has gathered an exciting mix of guest speakers with a range of experiences and expertise. Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones, UK's National Security Advisor and Shadow Security Minister, will be speaking on the subject of Risk and Security. Mr. Richard Flax, Head of the Bali Response Team; Mr. Bruce Schneier, British Telecom's Chief Security Officer and a specialist in

cryptography and computer security; Ms. Munira Mirza, Director of Arts and Culture to the Mayor of London; and Professor Frank Furedi, Professor of Sociology at the University of Kent and recognised as UK's most cited sociologist would also be sharing their expertise.

In addition, at the official opening, Senior Minister Jayakumar will unveil the National Resilience Proficiency Badge Programme for Scouts, which will be rolled out to all secondary schools this year. NSCS, together with the Ministry of Information and the Arts' National Resilience Division and the Singapore Scout Association (SSA), have jointly developed a "National Resilience" Proficiency Badge Programme for Scouts in secondary schools. This new programme aims to encourage students to understand the concept and importance of resilience, as well as to appreciate challenges and threats facing our national security. Such efforts contribute, at the strategic level, to forging social cohesion as well as enhancing public awareness against the terrorist threat, both of which form key components of Singapore's fight against terrorism. The programme takes the form of short lectures, group projects, site visits and camps, and will be rolled out to all secondary school Scout Units in 2009.

*Please refer to the **Annex** for more information on the guest speakers.*

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Background Information

About the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS)

To ensure effective policy coordination and in line with a whole-of-government approach to tackle transnational terrorism, the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) was formed under the Prime Minister's Office in Jul 2004 and tasked with national security planning and the coordination of policy and intelligence issues.

The Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) is one of the focal programmes endorsed under the National Security Strategic Framework to support the inter-agency and network-centric character of Singapore's national security architecture. APPNSO aims to equip participants with a better understanding of transnational terrorism and enhance their awareness of the specific organisations, linkages and processes that have been strengthened to deal with national security issues. In addition, it increases awareness of the various national security policies, capability development and contingency plans. The first APPNSO was organised together with RSIS in Jan 07.

About the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was inaugurated on 1 January 2007 as an autonomous School within the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), upgraded from its previous incarnation as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established in 1996.

The School exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its three core functions are research, graduate teaching and networking activities in the Asia-Pacific region. It produces cutting-edge security related research in Asia-Pacific Security, Conflict and Non-Traditional Security, International Political Economy, and Country and Area Studies.

The School's activities are aimed at assisting policymakers to develop comprehensive approaches to strategic thinking on issues related to security and stability in the Asia-Pacific and their implications for Singapore.

For more information about RSIS, please visit <http://www.rsis.edu.sg/>

About the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS)

The Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) is a research unit of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Established on 1 April 2006, CENS is devoted to rigorous policy-relevant analysis of a range of national security issues. The CENS team is multinational in composition, comprising both Singaporean and foreign analysts who are specialists in various aspects of national and homeland security affairs.

For more information about CENS, please visit <http://www.rsis.edu.sg/cens/>

Biographies of Guest Speakers, APPSNO 09

Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones – Shadow Minister for Security

Lillian Pauline Neville-Jones was born in November 1939 and educated at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, where she read modern history. Pauline served as a career member of the UK Diplomatic Service for over 30 years, holding appointments in Rhodesia, Singapore, Washington and Bonn.

In the late 70s and early 80s Baroness Pauline was seconded to the European Commission where she rose to be Chef de Cabinet to the Budget and Financial Institutions Commissioner. In the early 90s she was Deputy Secretary to the UK Cabinet and Head of the Defence and Overseas Secretariat in the Cabinet Office. For a short time, in 1993 and 1994, she became Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, prior to taking up the post of Political Director in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which she held until her retirement in 1996. In her capacity there, she led the British delegation to the Dayton negotiations on the Bosnia peace settlement.

From 1996 to 2000, Baroness Pauline held a number of senior positions, including those of Managing Director and Chairman, for various elements of NatWest Bank plc. She was Chairman of the Audit Commission and served as a BBC Governor from 1998 to 2004, as well as being non-executive Chairman of Qinetiq Group plc, the security technology firm created through the partition of the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency, from 2002 to 2005.

In January 2006, David Cameron, Leader of the UK opposition Conservative Party, appointed Baroness Pauline to head his National and International Security Policy Group and she then became his National Security Advisor and Shadow Security Minister in July 2007.

Frank Furedi – Professor of Sociology at the University of Kent

Born in Hungary in 1947, Frank Furedi's family emigrated to Canada during the period of Soviet repression following the 1956 revolution. He obtained his degree from McGill University in Montreal and then moved to Britain in 1969, where he has lived ever since. He conducted research for his PhD, on the Mau Mau uprising in Kenya, at the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London, and

thereafter took up a post at the University of Kent, where he eventually became a full Professor.

Frank Furedi is the author of numerous significant books, including; *Culture of Fear: Risk-Taking and the Morality of Low Expectations*, *Therapy Culture: Cultivating Vulnerability in an Uncertain Age*, *Where have all the Intellectuals Gone? Confronting 21st Century Philistinism*, *Politics of Fear: Beyond Left and Right*, and *Invitation to Terror: Expanding the Empire of the Unknown*. He is now recognized as the most cited UK sociologist.

His recent work has been a critique of the rise of precaution and risk aversion in Western societies, and he has explored controversies about health, child safety, new technology and terrorism. His books and articles offer insight into the role of competing groups – politicians, business, the media and advocacy organizations – in inadvertently developing a sense of social vulnerability. His work has been translated into numerous languages and he is regularly asked to comment in newspapers, as well as on radio and television, in the UK and overseas.

Munira Mirza – Director of Arts and Culture to the Mayor of London

Munira Mirza was born in the former mill-town of Oldham, outside Manchester in northern England, to Pakistani parents in 1978. She graduated from the University of Oxford in 1999 and obtained her Masters and Doctoral qualifications, examining diversity policies in the arts, from the University of Kent. Despite her own Muslim background she has been a vocal critic of multicultural policies and became the youngest advisor to the new Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, upon his election in 2008.

Munira has worked for, and with, a large number of arts institutions and think tanks, including the Royal Society for the Arts, the Tate and Policy Exchange, where she co-authored the important report *Living Apart Together: British Muslims and the Paradox of Multiculturalism*. She has also edited a collection of essays there entitled *Culture Vultures: Is UK Arts Policy Damaging the Arts?*, and presented the BBC Radio 4 series *The Business of Race*, which examined the rise of the race-relations industry.

She is a Board member of MLA London, a member of the Arts Council, a Council Member of the UK Committee of the European Cultural Foundation and was a founding member of the Manifesto Club.

Bruce Schneier – Chief Security Technology Officer for British Telecom

Bruce Schneier was born in January 1963. Originally from New York City, he now lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has a Bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Rochester and a Master's degree in computer science from American University in Washington DC. He worked for the US Department of Defense and AT&T Bell Laboratories prior to founding his own company, Counterpane Internet Security in August 1999, which was then acquired by BT in October 2006, and is now known as BT Managed Security Solutions.

He is a specialist in cryptography and computer security and has been described as a 'security guru' by The Economist. His books; Applied Cryptography, Secrets and Lies, Beyond Fear and Schneier on Security are all best sellers and he edits and publishes a free monthly newsletter Crypto-Gram with a circulation of over 150,000.

Bruce is regularly quoted in the media and has testified before the US Congress on several occasions. He also writes opinion pieces for a wide range of national and international publications.

Richard Flax – Head of Bali Emergency Response Team

Richard Flax was born in England in December 1948. He emigrated to Australia in his 20s and has lived in Bali since 1975. Richard trained in antiquities at Christies of London and later worked in the healthcare and insurance industries, becoming CEO of PT Astro Pertama Indonesia, the Bali partner of Expacare, part of the Jardine Lloyd Thompson group of the UK. He also co-founded the remote eco-adventure sports resort Nihiwatu on the Indonesian Island of Sumba. Both these elements led him to having significant useful experience in organizing medical evacuations.

In 2002 Richard facilitated the response to the Bali bombings utilizing his home which became the unofficial headquarters for coordinating the response. Much of this was a volunteer effort as the existing facilities were insufficient and emergency responders from Australia were not on scene for the critical initial phase. He was subsequently asked to head up the Bali Emergency Response Team, which then provided significant logistical support and assistance during the first twelve hours after the second Bali bombing.

Richard is the founder of a number of NGOs in Bali including GUS Bali, an environmental organization dedicated to engaging the community, particularly young people, to be involved in resolving the problems of pollution, as well as MUM Bali, a foundation operating health and education programs targeted at the most

disadvantaged communities. Richard also co-produced the award-winning documentary *Wave of Change* about surfing in Bali, which documented the effects of tourism on the island.