

**OPENING REMARK  
CHIEF OF TNI CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES  
AT  
TRACK II NADI WORKSHOP ON MARITIME SECURITY  
BALI, 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES,  
COLLEAGUES,  
GUEST SPEAKERS,  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

GOOD MORNING,

FIRST OF ALL, ON BEHALF OF TNI CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE AND WARMLY WELCOME ALL DELEGATES TO NUSA DUA, BALI ON THE OCCASION OF NADI WORKSHOP ON MARITIME SECURITY. WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE ALL OF YOU HERE TODAY AND I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE MEMORABLE AND PLEASANT EXPERIENCE DURING YOUR STAY HERE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

SINCE POST-COLD WAR, WE HAVE WITNESSED THE SHIFT OF THE SECURITY PARADIGM FROM TERRITORIAL SECURITY TO HUMAN SECURITY. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN HOW THE GLOBAL CONCEPT OF SECURITY EVOLVED FROM COOPERATION SECURITY TO OUR CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY. AND NOW WE ARE WITNESSING ANOTHER SHIFT IN THE GLOBAL CENTER OF GRAVITY; FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST, ESPECIALLY EAST ASIA.

AFTER 9/11, THE U.S. HAVE ISSUED A NUMBER OF SECURITY INITIATIVES RELATED TO MARITIME SECURITY, SUCH AS REGIONAL MARITIME SECURITY INITIATIVE (RMSI) AND PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE (PSI) IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY TERRORIST ATTACKS ON ITS NATIONAL INTEREST AROUND THE WORLD. AT THE SAME TIME, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEVELOPED THE AUSTRALIA'S MARITIME IDENTIFICATION ZONE OR AMIZ WITH THE SAME AIM.

WHILE CHINA WITH ITS AMAZING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN ITS MILITARY FORCES, ESPECIALLY ITS NAVAL POSTURE TO FULFILL ITS MARITIME STRATEGY IN ORDER TO PROTECT NATIONAL INTEREST.

THE RISE OF CHINA AND THE GROWING U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN THE REGION HAS CREATED NEW DYNAMIC ISSUES, INCLUDING THE COMPETITION BY TWO MAJOR POWERS TO EXERT THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE REGION .

COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA REGION ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS FIERCE COMPETITION. THE GROWING TENSION IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN THE PAST YEARS IS ONE GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW THIS COMPETITION IS AFFECTING ASEAN. ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE CLAIMANTS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DISPUTE, THIS DISPUTE IS NOT BETWEEN ASEAN AND CHINA.

BOTH CHINA AND THE U.S. HAVE BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AS WELL AS ASEANS' STRATEGIC PARTNERS. BOTH HAVE ALSO PROPOSED A NUMBER OF COOPERATION INITIATIVES; HOWEVER NOT ALL ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES COULD ACCEPT THESE INITIATIVES.

THEREFORE A NUMBER OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES HAVE DEVELOPED THEIR OWN MARITIME SECURITY COOPERATION INITIATIVES, SUCH AS MALACCA STRAIT PATROL AND EYES IN THE SKY BY INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT MARITIME SECURITY ISSUE IS THE PIRACY IN THE SOMALI BASIN. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF PIRATE ATTACKS HAVE DECREASED IN 2011; NEVERTHELESS IT IS STILL A MAJOR THREAT TOWARDS GLOBAL ECONOMY, ENERGY SECURITY AND TRADE. I BELIEVE NONE OF US WOULD WANT SUCH CONDITION TO HAPPEN IN OUR REGIONAL WATERS.

UNDER THE FRAMEWORK ASEAN POLITICAL SECURITY COMMUNITY, ASEAN HAS ALSO FORMED THE MARITIME SECURITY WORKING GROUP THROUGH THE ASEAN DEFENCE MINISTERS

MEETING (ADMM). THIS WOULD BE ASEAN'S OFFICIAL FORUM TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT MARITIME SECURITY, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS AND DELEGATES,

IN THIS WORKSHOP WE WILL DISCUSS THREE SUB-TOPICS WE HAVE AGREED UPON EARLIER LAST MONTH IN THE FIFTH NADI MEETING IN SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA. THEY ARE, AS FOLLOWS:

- MARITIME SECURITY OUTLOOK IN EAST ASIA.
- EMERGING MARITIME SECURITY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES.
- RESPONSES TO EMERGING MARITIME SECURITY ISSUES AND THE ROLE OF THE ASEAN MILITARIES AND RELATED SECURITY AGENCIES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I WISH WE WILL HAVE A SUCCESSFUL AND FRUITFUL DISCUSSION.

THANK YOU!

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