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Conference on

**“Disaster Management: Experience Sharing from South and  
Southeast Asia”**

Organized by Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) in cooperation with Konrad  
Adenauer Stiftung (KAS)

Hotel Davis, Bangkok

**Aug. 19, 2015 (Wed.)**

Arrival of Delegates (All Day)

20:00 hrs. Welcome Dinner at Asoke room, Main Wing, Hotel Davis

**Aug. 20, 2015 (Thu.)**

First Session (Oval Room), Corner Wing

9:15 hrs. Registration/tea/coffee

9:30 hrs. Welcome Address by Dr. Nishchal N. Pandey, Director, CSAS

9:45 hrs. Presentation by Lt. Gen. (retd.) Nepal Bhusan Chand, Former Chief of  
Staff, Nepal Army, Kathmandu, Nepal.

- 10:00 hrs. Presentation by Lt. Gen (retd.) Arvinder Singh Lamba PVSM, AVSM, Ph.D., Former Vice-Chief of Army Staff, Indian Army and Member, Executive Committee, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi, India.
- 10:15 hrs. Presentation by Maj. Gen. AKM Abdur Rahman, Director General, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS), Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 10:30 hrs. Keynote Address by Mr. Mohamed Shareef, Former Minister of State for Housing and Environment, Male', The Maldives.
- 10:50 hrs. Vote of Thanks by Dr. Wilhelm Hofmeister, Head, Political Dialogue Asia Program, KAS, Singapore.
- 11:00 hrs. Floor Discussions
- 11:30 hrs. Group photo/Tea/Coffee

### Second Session

- 11:50 hrs. Presentation by Amb. (retd.) Arif Kamal, Director, Global Studies, Institute of Strategic Studies, National Defense University (NDU), Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 12:05 hrs. Presentation by Ms. Nguyen Anh Son, Head, Division of Disaster Management Partnership, Water Resources Directorate, Ha Noi, Vietnam.
- 12:20 hrs. Presentation by Dr. Wasbir Hussain, Executive Director, Centre for Development and Peace Studies, Guwahati, India.
- 12:35 hrs. Floor Discussions
- 13:00 hrs. Lunch** (Gallery Café, Main Wing)

### Third Session

- 14:00 hrs. Presentation by Prof. N.T.S. Wijesekera, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.

- 14:15 hrs. Presentation by Mr. Shafqat Munir, Associate Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute for Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 14:30 hrs. Presentation by Ms. Tashi Choden, Fmr. Senior Researcher, Centre for Bhutan Studies (CBS), Thimpu, Bhutan.
- 14:45 hrs. Presentation by Ms. Akanshya Shah, Visiting Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and SAARC Fellow, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, New Delhi, India.
- 15:00 hrs. Floor Discussions
- 15:30 hrs. Tea/Coffee/End of Day One**
- 19:30 hrs. Dinner (out of the hotel, venue to be notified later).

**Aug. 21, 2015 (Fri.)**

Fourth Session (Oval Room, Corner Wing).

- 9:30 hrs. Presentation by Dr. Boonsom Namsomboon, Chairperson and Founder, Forward Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 9:45 hrs. Presentation by Ms. Mariam Safi, Executive Director, DROPS, Kabul, Afghanistan.
- 10:00 hrs. Presentation by Ms. Emilia Yustiningrum, Researcher, Centre for Political Studies, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 10:15 hrs. Presentation by Mr. Kosh Raj Koirala, Special Correspondent, *Republica Daily*, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 10:30 hrs. Presentation by Mr. Mahesh Bhatta, Research Officer, Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS), Kathmandu, Nepal
- 10:45 hrs. Floor Discussions
- 11:15 hrs. Tea/Coffee

## **Concluding Session**

11:45 hrs.            The Way Forward (Discussion among Delegates)

**13:00 hrs.**            End of the Conference **Lunch (Gallery Café)**

(Afternoon Free)

**19:00 hrs.**            **Dinner**            (Venue to be notified later)

## **Aug. 22, 2015 (Sat.)**

Departures