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## **Media Release**

### **The 32<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable**

**Kuala Lumpur, 14 March 2018** – The Institute of Strategic and International (ISIS) Malaysia, on behalf of ASEAN-ISIS, a network of leading think-tanks in Southeast Asia, is pleased to announce that it will host the 32<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) from 7 – 9 May 2018, at the Hilton Kuala Lumpur.

Over the last three decades, the APR has brought together great minds from around the world to ponder, reflect, debate and explore solutions on the region's strategic challenges. The APR has in recent years attracted the participation of over 300 policymakers, scholars, journalists and opinion leaders. We look forward to welcoming them once again to engage in robust and constructive discussions on a wide range of issues impacting the security, stability and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region. This year, the conference focuses on the theme of **“DISRUPTION: PEOPLE. TECHNOLOGY. POWER. SECURITY”**

The Prime Minister of Malaysia, The Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, has been invited to deliver the Keynote Address and officiate the opening of the conference on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 9.00 am.

Additionally, the 32<sup>nd</sup> APR will also see the Luncheon Address being delivered by The Honourable Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Singapore's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Among the role players (both speakers and moderators) who have confirmed their attendance at the 32<sup>nd</sup> APR include:

- Dr Tobias Feakin – Australia's Ambassador for Cyber Affairs
- Mr Siddharth Vadarajan – Founding Editor of the Wire in India
- Ms Moe Thuzar – ASEAN Studies Lead Researcher at the National University of Singapore
- Dr Dino Patti Djalal - Founder of Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia and former Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Professor Ken Jimbo – Faculty of Policy Management, Graduate School of Media and Governance at Keio University, Japan
- Dr Yuan Chong – Deputy Director of the Institute of Japanese Studies at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations
- Dr James Dorsey - Senior Fellow at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore
- Dr Michael Vatikiotis – Asia Regional Director of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
- Professor Dr Dewi Fortuna Anwar – Chairman of the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights in Indonesia
- Dr Maria Sultan – Director-General of Pakistan's South Asian Strategic Stability Institute
- Mr Timofei Bordachev – Programme Director with Valdai Discussion Club in Russia
- Ms Elsa B Kania – Adjunct Fellow, with the Center for a New American Security

- Mr Thomas Koruth Samuel – Director of the Digital Strategic Communication Division at the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism
- Dr Rommel Banlaoi – Chairman of the Board and Executive Director at the Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research
- Professor Natasha Hamilton-Hart – Director of the New Zealand Asia Institute at the University of Auckland

We are also pleased to bring back the regional Strategic Updates for concurrent sessions during the Roundtable. This year the focus will be on the regions of Northeast Asia, South Asia, West Asia and Central Asia.

Please find the full list of role-players and other latest updates on the 32<sup>nd</sup> APR programme on our website at: <http://isis.org.my/index.php/thirty2-apr>

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