

IGCC to Host 23rd Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue

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23rd Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue to Take Place in Dalian, China Sept. 27-28

Representatives from the United States, China, Japan, Russia, Republic of Korea and Democratic People's Republic of Korea will meet at the 23rd Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue (NEACD) in Dalian, China, Sept. 27-28 to exchange views on the current state of the regional security and how to promote strategic trust and engagement with the goal to reduce the risk of conflict in Northeast Asia.

The conference is hosted by the University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), located on the campus of the University of California, San Diego, and the China Institute of International Studies (CIIS). An estimated 50 participants are expected to attend.

According to Susan Shirk, director emeritus of IGCC and Ho Miu Lam Professor of China and Pacific Relations at UC San Diego's School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS), the event brings government officials, military officers, and experts together in an informal setting and provides a forum to discuss contentious security issues even when official diplomatic relations are strained.

Shirk, who is the convener of the dialogue, added, "This informal atmosphere enhances the candor of the discussion and helps improve mutual understanding and trust. By providing a flexible and frank channel of communications, NEACD helps to improve the prospects for successful agreements and cooperation at the official level."

The NEACD meeting is designed to encourage participants to express their concerns and brainstorm new approaches to enhance cooperation in Northeast Asia.

Immediately preceding the NEACD meeting, defense officials from the U.S., China, Republic of Korea, Russia and Japan will take part in multilateral military-to-military talks. The key objectives of the Defense Information Sharing (DIS) workshop is to enhance regional defense transparency and find ways to engage in multilateral defense cooperation.

No press events are planned for the NEACD or DIS meetings in Dalian.

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About NEACD

NEACD was established in 1993 by Prof. Susan Shirk of the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC). When Prof. Shirk set out to create NEACD, the region lacked any multilateral forum in which the major powers in Northeast Asia could meet to discuss regional security issues. NEACD's strategic goal has been to create an institutional mechanism for dialogue and communication in order to minimize tension and build cooperation in the region. This year was the 23gathering of NEACD, which is principally supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Since 1983, the University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) has facilitated innovative research into the causes of international conflict and cooperation. IGCC is committed to educating the next generation of international problem-solvers and peacemakers through its research and teaching activities.

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