

International Conference on Northeast Asia Maritime Safety and Cooperation

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**International Conference on Northeast Asia Maritime Safety and Cooperation To Take Place in Dalian, China, September 24-25**

Representatives from the United States, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea will meet at the Northeast Asia Maritime Safety and Cooperation Project Conference in Dalian, China, Sept. 24-25 to exchange views on maritime safety risks, review international conventions for maritime communications and develop new strategies to reduce the risk of maritime clashes in the seas of Northeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

The event will be hosted by the University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), located on the campus of the University of California, the San Diego, the China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), and Liaoning Provincial Government People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, China. The meeting is expected to have 50 attendees.

"This will be an informal 'track two' meeting that brings together naval and civilian maritime operators and experts from the four countries participating," said conference organizer Susan Shirk, Ho Miu Lam Professor of China and Pacific Relations at UC San Diego's School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS). "Participants will discuss additional mechanisms and training activities with the overarching goal being safety and peace in the Northeast Asia and the Western Pacific region."

The Northeast Asia Maritime Safety and Cooperation Project aims to reduce the risks of destabilizing maritime incidents by providing a forum to:

- Discuss the risks of the current maritime environment in Northeast Asia and the Western Pacific.
- Review existing protocols for maritime communication and safety conduct.
- Consider what additional mechanisms are needed to avoid accidents and prevent them from escalating into serious crises, if they were to occur.
- Share best practices of internal and external communication and coordination, including examining lessons learned from other regions of the world.
- Explore possibilities for cooperative maritime activities in the fields of scientific research, environmental protection, search and rescue, combating piracy and crime, and improving connectivity.

Media will be allowed to attend the beginning of the meeting and will have a group photo opportunity at 9 a.m., on Sept. 24. There are no plans for other press events related to this meeting.

For more information on IGCC and its programs, visit <http://igcc.ucsd.edu>.

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