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About RUSI Queensland

We believe that defence and security are important national interests. If Australia is not secure it is not sovereign.

RUSI Queensland contributes to public awareness on these issues. It advocates for stronger national security, including a credible defence presence in Queensland and the ability to operate effectively in the Indo-Pacific region, or domestically as necessary. RUSI Queensland supports deeper integration with the community, with defence industry as well as strong international relationships. We provide an open source of government and community reference for these matters.

RUSI Queensland conducts independent research, public seminars and lectures focused on Australia's strategic challenges and opportunities. We provide public comment where appropriate.

INDONESIA SECURITY RELATIONSHIP UNDER SCRUTINY

CHARTING THE EMERGING HAZARDS OF AUSTRALIA'S FRAUGHT ENGAGEMENT WITH THIS LARGE, FAST-GROWING AND INFLUENTIAL MUSLIM NATION

For immediate release

RUSI Queensland will conduct a one-day seminar to examine the problems and opportunities in the Australia-Indonesia bilateral relationship.

Where: Tattersalls Club, 215 Queen Street, Brisbane

When: 5 July 2019, 8.00 am to 4.30 pm

Speakers: Mr. Peter Jennings (Executive Director ASPI), Ibu Shafiah Muhibat (CSIS Jakarta), Prof Peter Leahy (National Security Institute), Prof Cordia Chu (Centre for Environment and Population Health), Prof Tim Lindsey (Director of the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society) and Dr. Greta Nabbs-Keller (Centre for Policy Futures)

Constant examination of the Australia-Indonesia relationship is required to understand the dynamic shifts in the political, diplomatic and social foundations of these two close neighbours. These shifts are accelerating, perhaps in ways that diminish Australia's security, due to Indonesia's rapid development and the equally rapid adjustments to the regional security architecture resulting from China's inexorable rise and influence.

This year provides a special opportunity to recalibrate the strengths and weaknesses in the Australia-Indonesia relationship. Both countries will have completed national elections with respective political leaders embarking on their next terms of office in an increasingly uncertain Indo-Pacific domain. How will the relationship evolve? What are these key regional players thinking about each other? What are the emergent regional threats that might forge a deeper association between Canberra and Jakarta, or see a split develop along nationalistic, religious or security lines?

Following a Vice-Regal opening, join leading national security commentators and academics for an in-depth and interactive examination of our relationship with this large, fast-growing and influential Muslim nation – a relationship described by the Australian government as a 'vital national interest'.

For more information and to register your attendance go to:
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