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Since its inception in 2009 as a Track II initiative, the Delhi Dialogue has catalysed a qualitative transformation of India-ASEAN relations. It has evolved into a major platform for an annual interface among policy-makers, opinion leaders, academics, and business executives drawn from India and ASEAN countries. Delhi Dialogue V, to be flagged off on February 19-20, 2013, at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi, will build upon past achievements to explore new avenues of cooperation in multiple areas, such as security, peace and stability, food and energy security, poverty alleviation, and enhancement of land, sea and air connectivity between India and the ASEAN region. A significant feature of the Delhi Dialogue V is the focus on co-operation between CLMV countries and North East-India.

The two-day event will be hosted by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and supported by the SAEA Group Research, Singapore and Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta.

The Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session will be delivered by Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Salman Khurshid, preceded by Welcome Remarks from Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, Director General of ICWA. Prominent speakers from ASEAN include four Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs, namely Senator A. Kohilan Pillai, Malaysia; Mr. Zin

Yaw, Myanmar; Mr. Pham Quang Vinh, Vietnam; Mr. Nopadol Gunavibool, Thailand, in addition to Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General, ASEAN; Mr. I Gusti Agung Waseka Puja, Director General of ASEAN Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia; Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Adviser to Prime Minister of Cambodia; Mr. Simon Wong Wie Kuen, Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Singapore; Ms. Erlinda F. Basilio, Undersecretary for Policy and SOM Leader, Philippines. Around twenty media persons from ASEAN countries will be in Delhi for the Dialogue.

The Delhi Dialogue V also features an array of other accomplished speakers drawn from industry, energy, premier think-tanks and universities. The Valedictory Address will be delivered by H.E. Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari, Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, India.

On February 20, four thematic sessions will be held on “India-ASEAN Security Cooperation Towards Peace and Stability”, “Non-Traditional Security Challenges: Food Security, Water Management and Pandemics”, “Future of Global Energy Market: Role of New and Renewable Energy in Sustainable Development”, “Cooperation between CLMV Countries and North East India: Opportunities and Challenges” and “Expanding Networks through Connectivity: Land, Sea and Air.”

India’s comprehensive engagement with ASEAN, spanning two decades and elevated to a “strategic partnership” last December, would be further nurtured by the wide-ranging deliberations at Delhi Dialogue V. These deliberations assume a greater relevance amidst the changing geo-strategic dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region.

A Press Briefing will be held on the Delhi Dialogue V “India-ASEAN: Vision for Partnership and Prosperity,” by the Indian Council of World Affairs, on February 13, 2013, at 4 PM at Sapru House. You are cordially invited to attend the event.
