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24th Sapru House Lecture, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

29 September, 2017.

The 24th Sapru House lecture titled "Regional Peace Building" was delivered by H.E. Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The session was chaired by the Foreign Secretary of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar. The welcome address was delivered by Ambassador Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA.

Dr. Abdullah Abdullah covered issues not only pertaining to the bilateral relations between India and Afghanistan, but also spoke about the other regional issues that have an impact on peace and stability in his country and the region. Talking about the strong bond of friendship between both the people, he said, India has contributed in the field of education, infrastructure creation, capacity building, construction of the Parliament House, and other areas including support to Afghanistan's security, inspiring democratic traditions for a better life for the people of Afghanistan. Referring to the recently unveiled US policy on Afghanistan and South Asia, Dr. Abdullah said, it has two sides i) efforts and aspirations o f millions of people w h o

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aspire for peaceful, stable, prosperous and democratic Afghanistan, ii) The sacrifices of Afghan people and the support of friendly countries, including India, that has enabled the people to pursue their goal.

Without naming countries backing terror in the region, Dr. Abdullah said, those supporting terror should not take pride. Welcoming South Asia policy of the US, which has regional aspects, the Afghan leader said that it has an impact on the Afghan situation as it is condition based which has removed uncertainty that was there earlier. Recognition of the rightful role of India as a global player and a preeminent economic player in the region provides opportunity for all.

Dr. Abdullah said, the challenges have been identified, but, denial is made which exacerbate the problem and complicates the situation and lead to sufferings in later stages. The other way is to identify the challenge and deal with it and show resolve in determination. Make a decision which you won't regret as consequences of it in future. Make a decision once and forever that terrorism will not be used as an instrument of pursuing foreign policy objectives. This is a fundamental question in this region and beyond.

As far as peace in Afghanistan is concerned, Afghanistan has legitimate right to defend its country and people, doors for negotiations are open. Hopefully, it will be materialised with the cooperation of all.

The lecture was followed by question and answer session. Dr. Abdullah Abdullah came along with a delegation from Afghanistan, which included senior ministers and diplomats and members of the press and business community. The lecture was attended by diplomats, government officials, scholars and academicians and media personnel.

Talk by Hon. Patrick Pillay, Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles 10 August 2017

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) hosted a talk by Hon. Patrick Pillay, Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles on "Cohabitation in Government – Importance of its Success". He came with a parliamentary delegation from Seychelles. They were welcomed by Ambassador Shri Nalin Surie, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs. He stated that India's relations with Seychelles are extremely important and the subject chosen was one of great relevance not only in India but also in all political democracies.

Mr. Patrick Pillay, while delivering the talk said that even though Seychelles is small in population but not small in terms of its EEZ and in its ambition to succeed as modern democracy. While explaining about how the government works he said that certain aspect of the Constitution allows them to work through cohabitation, which is an agreement between the two entities. Executive head is the President who was elected by a popular vote. And in the National Assembly, majority are from the opposition.

He said that, they are ready to work together because they want to serve the country and people. He also said that, legislative, judiciary and executive are working together and respect independence of each other and responsibility, to ensure the governance is clean, accountable and transparent. He said these are the three guiding principles on which cohabitation is based. He said that, since the opposition is in majority in the house, it is instituting different investigations, and various committees constituted to rectify the injustices of the past.

16th Governing Body and 15th Governing Council Meeting

Meeting with the delegation from Center for Indian Studies, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics,

11 August , 2017

A six member delegation from the Centre for Indian Studies (CIS), Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Hanoi, visited the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) on Friday, 11th August 2017.

The delegation comprised of Prof. Mr. Le Van TOAN, Director of Centre for Indian Studies (CIS), Dr. Mrs. Nguyen Thi Phuong THAO, Deputy Director, CIS, Ms. Phung Thi Thanh HA, Fellow, CIS, Ms. Nguyen Thi DUNG, Fellow, CIS, Mr. Do Khuong Manh LINH, Fellow, CIS and Ms. Nguyen Kieu VAN, Interpreter. They were accompanied by Mr Nguyen Khanh, First Secretary (Political), Vietnam Embassy, New Delhi and Dr. Sonu Trivedi, Zakir Hussain College, New Delhi.

They were greeted in the Council by Shri Piyush Srivastava, Joint Secretary, ICWA and Dr. Nivedita Ray, Director Research, along with Research Fellows Dr. Stuti Banerjee, Dr. Temjenmeren Ao, Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee and Dr. Avinash Godbole.

Joint Secretary Shri Piyush Srivastava stated about the 45 years of India Vietnam relations, which has helped deepen people-to-people ties, and enhance economic integration. Both the countries have an ambitious agenda of joint cooperation in several areas. Though there are some problems in implementation, but both the governments are working actively to clear all roadblocks.

Prof. Mr. Le Van TOAN, Director (CIS) stated the need to raise the awareness on the India-Vietnam relations amongst the people in the government and the general masses, adapting relevant policies and cooperation programmes for realizing projects for making the relation more substantial. He said that there is a lack of focus in the implementation and operational level in the various policies adapted that is a major hurdle in India and Vietnam relations. He stressed the need to create centres in India for studying Vietnam and create more institutional connections. He showed his earnest eagerness to have an MoU with ICWA in the future.

Talk by Prof. David Arase on China's Vision of an Asian 'Community of Common Destiny

30 August 2017.

Prof. David Arase, faculty of Hopkins-Nanjing Center, delivered a talk on China's Vision of an Asian Community of Common Destiny at ICWA, New Delhi. The talk was chaired by Shri Ajaneesh Kumar, DDG, ICWA. Shri Piyush Srivasatava, JS, ICWA was present during the talks. Prof Arase explained the manner in which China through its economic and programmes of connectivity is strengthening its strategic presence and position in the world. He ended his talk suggesting some doubts in the final outcome of China's rise. After delivering the lecture, Prof. Arase had an engaging dialogue with the RFs of ICWA.

Director General and other Officers, Research Faculty and Staff members of the ICWA called on Hon'ble Vice President of India and President of the Indian Council of World Affairs, Shri M. Hamid Ansari

31 July, 2017.

International Seminar for Young Scholars "Economic and Development Issues", Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) August 19-September 17, 2017

Dr. Arundhati Sharma, RF, ICWA participated in a month-long International Seminar for Young Scholars on "Economic and Development Issues", organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) from August 19-September 17, 2017. The seminar was divided into two parts:

a. Lecture series: There were 9 lectures delivered by prominent experts in CASS. The lectures focused mostly on the overall China's Economic Development, encompassing reform process, urbanization, climate change, financial system, and governance system. The main crux of the presentations was the illustration of the effectiveness and success of China's development strategy. Most of the presentations were in Chinese.

b. Field studies: Apart from visits to different departments/centres and institutes of the CASS highlighting their evolution and achievements in terms of academic and intellectual excellence, a field visit to Shanghai – the financial capital was also conducted. The field visit included a tour to General Motors Corporation, Shanghai Yangshan Port (Shanghai Free Trade Zone) and Chongming Island Development Zone.

"BRICS and the Crisis of Liberal Order"
PRIMO, Brussels
6 September 2017

Dr Nivedita Ray participated in the conference titled "BRICS and the Crisis of Liberal Order" as a keynote speaker in the outreach panel on the theme "The end of liberal order? Perspectives from Rising Powers" held in Brussels on 6 September 2017. The panel included speakers from Brazil, Russia,, China, and South Africa. The conference was organized by PRIMO (POWER and Region in a Multipolar Order)and Initial Training Network in the 7th EU Research Framework. The conference dwelt on the perspectives of the "rising powers" on the crisis of the liberal order. It discussed how the transformations in the international order are impacting the rising powers India, China, Brazil, Russia and South Africa and how each these countries are relating to these transformations at the global level to what extent these countries are trying to have an impact at the international level, or on the "liberal order

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ICWA organised a Hindi Pakhwara to celebrate Hindi Diwas on September 12, 2017. It was attended by all administrative staff, research fellows and library staff.

Outreach Programmes of ICWA

Two-day International Conference "South China Sea: Emerging Scenarios" Organised by UGC Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh 24th – 26th July 2017

A two day international conference on " South China Sea: Emerging Scenarios" was organised by UGC Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. The Centre is an MoU partner of ICWA. The conference was partially financed by ICWA. The Seminar focused on the various political, strategic and economic dimensions of the South China Sea issue and the implication the dispute had for India. Shri Piyush Srivasatava, JS, ICWA, gave the inaugural address, while Ambassador N. Ravi delivered the keynote address. Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee, Research Fellow, also presented a paper.

Two-day International Conference "Emerging Horizons in India-Vietnam Relations" Organised by Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi, July 3-4, 2017

A two day international conference on "Emerging Horizons in India-Vietnam Relations" was organised by Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi. Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi, partially sponsored this seminar. The Seminar focused on the various political, strategic and economic dimensions in India Vietnam relations. The inaugural session was attended and addressed by Shri Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA. Shri Piyush Srivasatava, JS, ICWA was also present during the inaugural session. Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee, Research Fellow, presented a paper in the conference.

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The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) is India's oldest foreign policy Think Tank, specializing in foreign and security policy issues. It was established before the independence of India in 1943 by a group of eminent intellectuals under the inspiration of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister. The Indian Council of World Affairs has been declared an "institution of national importance" by an Act of Parliament in 2001.

The Council conducts policy research through its in-house faculty as well as external experts. It regularly organizes an array of intellectual activities including conferences, seminars, round table discussions, lectures and publication. It maintains a landmark and well established library, website and a journal named 'India Quarterly'. It is engaged in raising public awareness about India's role in international affairs and offers to the Government and civil society policy models and strategies, and serves as a platform for multi track dialogues and interaction with other foreign Think Tanks.

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