

International Conference on
“Myanmar: Distant Neighbour”

5 December (Wednesday) 2012, 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Venue: Rabindranath Tagore Hall, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

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10:00 – 10:30 am : REGISTRATION & TEA

10:30 – 11:30 : OPENING SESSION

Chair:

Prof Sanjoy Hazarika

Director, Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research

Opening Remarks:

Dr Pratap Bhanu Mehta

President, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

Mr Damaso G. Magbual

Chairperson, ANFREL-Foundation, Bangkok

Opening Address:

Mr K.C. Sivaramakrishnan

Chairman, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

Former Secretary, Govt of India, & Senior Advisor, World Bank

Amb Rajiv Bhatia

Director General

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)

Mr Victor Biak Lian

Operations Director

Euro-Burma Office

11.30 AM – 1 PM : SESSION I – EVOLVING POLITICAL LANDSCAPES IN MYANMAR

Chair:

Mr GK Pillai

Former Home Secretary, Govt. of India

Discussant:

Dr Udai Bhanu Singh

Senior Research Associate, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi

Speakers:

- Dr Thaug Htun : Parliament, Parties and Power
Executive Director, Institute for Peace and Social Justice, Burma
- Mr Sai Win Myint : Ethnicity and Inclusiveness
Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP)
- Mr Kyaw Win : Myanmar Social-Political Value and Democratization
Writer
- Mr P D Rai : A View from India's North East
Member of Parliament, Sikkim

Q & A

1: 00 – 2:00 pm

: Lunch

2: 00 – 3:30 pm

: SESSION II - MYANMAR & TRANSITION: THE CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABILITY

Chair

Dr Pratap Bhanu Mehta
President, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

Special Address by:

Mr Najeeb Jung, IAS
Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia

Discussants:

Mr Pradip Phanjoubam
Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla & Editor, Imphal Free Press, Manipur

Prof Veena Sikri

Ford Foundation Chair, Bangladesh Studies Programme, AIS, Jamia Millia Islamia

Speakers:

- Dr Thaug Htun : The Transition in Myanmar: Ground Realities
Executive Director, Institute for Peace and Social Justice, Burma
- Prof Baladas Goshal : Gaps in Indian policies and perceptions
Distinguished Fellow, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Delhi
- Mr Shing Htun : Impact of Economic Sanctions
General Secretary, Chin Progressive Party

Q & A

Tentative Agenda

3:30 – 3:45 : Tea

3:45 – 5:15 PM : **PANEL DISCUSSION: INDIA-MYANMAR-CHINA RELATIONS**

Chair:

Amb T.C.A. Rangachari
Director, Academy of International Studies, JMI

Discussants:

Dr Vibhanshu Shekhar
Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi

Panelists:

Mr Kyaw Lin Oo : A Burmese view of India and its N-
Myanmar People Forum Working East
Group

Dr. Jiten Nongthombam : *The Eastern Gate*
Co-ordinator
Centre for Myanmar Studies
Manipur University

Ms. Medha Chaturvedi : Alternative Strategies towards
Senior Research Officer Myanmar: Reviving India's Look East
IPCS Policy

Q & A

5:15 – 5:30 pm : **Closing Remarks**
Prof Sanjoy Hazarika
Jamia Millia Islamia

Vote of Thanks:

Mr Bidhayak Das
ANFREL-Foundation