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## PACIFIC 2004 - RAN SEA POWER CONFERENCE

**Following on from the success of the PACIFIC 2000 and PACIFIC 2002 International Naval and Maritime Expositions, the third in the series, PACIFIC 2004, will be conducted at the Sydney Exhibition and Convention Centre from Tuesday 3 February to Friday 6 February 2004. On show at the Exposition will be displays of the very latest naval and maritime technologies. This will facilitate opportunities for informal yet valuable discussions between potential defence customers and suppliers.**

The Royal Australian Navy's biennial Sea Power Conference is being convened in parallel with the PACIFIC 2004 Exposition and will run for three days from 3-5 February. It is the Australian Navy's flagship conference on maritime issues and, building on past success, has drawn considerable attention from across the world's professional maritime community. It is now seen as one of the most important regional and international conference opportunities. The more than 500 delegates will include defence personnel from Australia and overseas as well as attendees from industry, academia and many other interested organisations.

The 2004 Sea Power Conference is entitled:

*"Positioning Navies for the Future"*

The Conference will offer all who have a professional interest in global maritime affairs an intensely fulfilling program. Delegates will explore the issues facing navies as they position themselves to meet the strategic, technological and cultural challenges of operations in the new century. There is a great commonality in these challenges. The differences, where they exist, are primarily of scale rather than of kind. To this end, and with the assistance of perspectives from Europe, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the South Pacific, North America, South America, and Australia, the Conference will seek to identify the major issues facing modern navies and look for ways to deal with them.

The importance of this task cannot be overstated. Today there is a new and sharp focus on terrorism, and we must learn to deal with it in the maritime environment. But equally, we must not forget that the 'old' threats and traditional roles of navies have not necessarily disappeared. The future may be something else again. How navies adapt to this rapidly evolving and increasingly demanding environment will be fundamental to their future effectiveness as instruments of national power.

The subjects to be dealt with during the various sessions include strategic, operational and legal matters, projected demographics, the relationship between technology and the future structures of navies, and issues in sustainability, infrastructure and national support. The conference speakers

will present in creative and at times provocative ways. In their effort to identify paths to success in the future, several can be expected to challenge conventional wisdom.

Some key speakers are:

Professor Christian Reus-Smit - Head, Department of International Relations, Australian National University.

Dr Norman Friedman - Consultant to US Secretary of the Navy.

Dr Eric Grove - Director, Centre for Security Studies, University of Hull.

Mr Kwa Chong Guan - Head of External Programs and Co-Chair of Singapore's National Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific.

Dr Dewi Fortuna Anwar - Deputy Chair for Social Sciences and Humanities, Indonesian Institute of Sciences.

Dr John Reeve - Osborne Fellow in Naval History, University of New South Wales, Australian Defence Force Academy.

Professor Martin Tsamenyi - Director, Centre for Maritime Policy, University of Wollongong.

Mr Rahul Roy-Chaudhury - Senior Research Fellow, International Policy Institute, King's College, London University.

Mr Peter Morris - Head, Industry Division, Defence Materiel Organisation.

Commodore Lee Corder, AM, RANR - Managing Director, Future Directions International Pty Ltd.

Lieutenant General Edward Hanlon Jr, USMC - Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

Vice Admiral Phillip Balisle, USN - Commander Naval Sea Systems Command.

Vice Admiral Michael McCabe, USN - Commander US Third Fleet.

Vice Admiral Louis Dubessey de Contenson, FN - French Commander in Chief Pacific.

Rear Admiral Ronnie Tay, RSN - Chief of Navy, Republic of Singapore.

Rear Admiral Peter McHaffie, OBE, RNZN - Chief of Naval Staff, New Zealand.

Vice Admiral Russ Shalders, AO, CSC, RAN - Vice Chief of the Defence Force.

Vice Admiral Chris Ritchie, AO, RAN - Chief of Navy.

Commodore Peter Jones, DSC, AM, RAN - Director General Information Capability Development.



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