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ABOUT THE LECTURE

Mr Koji Sekimizu was the former Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) from 2012 to 2015. Having spent 26 years in the IMO, Mr Sekimizu was actively involved in and contributed to the development of several key conventions and initiatives on maritime safety and security, anti-piracy, review and reform in IMO and sustainable international shipping.

At this upcoming talk, Mr Sekimizu will be speaking about his work at the IMO, which included formulating international standards, rules and treaty instruments such as the Annexes to MARPOL Convention and codes under SOLAS. He was also very active in promoting IMO projects on GloBallast and the Marine Electronic Highway as well as anti-piracy and maritime security issues such as the creation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct.

Mr Sekimizu will also share his experiences as an international civil servant and as someone who has served the United Nations as head of an agency. Mr Sekimizu will talk about his aspirations, in particular what he had aimed for and what he thinks he has achieved in IMO. He will also talk about his hopes for the future of the organization.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



MR KOJI SEKIMIZU

Mr Koji Sekimizu started his career as a ship inspector with Japan's Ministry of Transport and joined IMO as Technical Officer in the Sub-Division for Technology, Maritime Safety Division in 1989. Since then, he has been the Director of Marine Environment Division and later the Director of Maritime Safety Division before his appointment as the IMO Secretary-General in 2012. During his term as the Secretary-General of IMO, Mr Sekimizu was also the Chancellor of the World Maritime University. Mr Sekimizu was appointed as a RSIS-MPA Distinguished Visiting Fellow on 1 May 2016 for two years.

ABOUT THE MODERATOR



AMBASSADOR MARY SEET-CHENG

Ambassador Mary Seet-Cheng is currently Singapore's Ambassador to the Republic of Panama and Cuba, resident in Singapore. She is also a Senior Specialist Adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Special Adviser to MPA. She has been the Chairman of the Partnership Council of PEMSEA since July 2011. She was a diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore from 1973 to 1997, serving the Singapore missions in Canberra, London and Brussels. From 1997 to 2006, Ambassador Cheng joined MPA as Director (Policy) and oversaw policy and strategic planning, port industry development and regulation, economic research and international affairs. She has represented Singapore at the IMO meetings in London. In February 2016, Ambassador Cheng was appointed as Singapore's IMO Maritime Ambassador by MPA.

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