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## **GLOBAL MARITIME AND NAVAL STAKEHOLDERS CONVERGE AT BIGGEST EVER IMDEX ASIA**

*Record participation by maritime & naval forces, and strongest industry support to-date highlight growing regional maritime security and defence agenda*

**SINGAPORE, 15 May 2017** – Global stakeholders have converged at the biggest ever IMDEX Asia to discuss ways to ensure maritime and naval security & defence in the Asia-Pacific region. The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of IMDEX Asia is being held this year in conjunction with the Republic of Singapore Navy's 50th anniversary celebrations (RSN50), and will take place from 16 to 18 May 2017 in Singapore at the Changi Exhibition Centre.

### **Biggest Participation by Maritime Defence and Naval Forces**

Participation by high-level delegations and representatives from global maritime defence and naval forces at IMDEX Asia is at an all-time high. IMDEX Asia 2017 will host a record number of Chiefs of Navy, Vice-Chiefs and Directors-General of Coast Guard, as well as representatives from navies and Coast Guards from over 40 countries.

Visitors and attendees will have the rare opportunity to get up close with the largest ever gathering of 28 foreign warships from 20 navies at IMDEX Asia 2017. In addition, vessels from the Republic of Singapore Navy including the first-of-class Littoral Mission Vessel – the RSS Independence, will be on full view at the IMDEX Asia 2017 Warships Display. (Please refer to Annex A for the full list of participating warships.)

### **Strongest Industry Support To-Date**

IMDEX Asia 2017 also features the largest ever exhibition in the show's history featuring 230 participating companies from 29 countries, including increased participation by both returning and new exhibitors from countries like France, Germany, Israel and Italy among others.

- The China Pavilion with representation by Zhuhai Prefecture, is making its debut this year, while the India Pavilion, which made its debut in 2015, is returning to IMDEX Asia by taking up twice as much space as before.



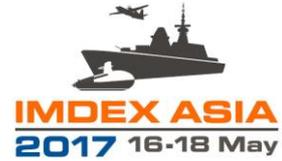
- Our exhibitors span a wide spectrum from traditional sectors like shipbuilding, armaments and propulsion systems, to emerging technologies including maritime cybersecurity, unmanned systems, imaging and simulation.
- They include new exhibitors such as Asia Security Technologies, Baglietto Navy, CAE, Controp Precision Technologies, Ferretti Security & Defence, Huntington Ingalls Industries, Intermarine, IMI Systems, Jeumont Electric, Larsen & Toubro, Marine Commerce, MTech Imaging, Nova Systems, Orbit Communication Systems, Parsh Marine and Tractors Singapore.
- Returning exhibitors including Austal, Damen, DCNS, Israel Aerospace Industries, Leonardo, Lockheed Martin, L3 Technologies, Prinvest Shipbuilding Group, Rafael Advanced Defence Systems, Rheinmetall, Saab, ST Engineering, Thales, ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems and Wartsila will also be at the show.

“IMDEX Asia has grown into a key global platform for facilitating the vital discussions that not only address the rising wave of opportunities and challenges in the Asia-Pacific, but also focus on the critical need for regional maritime and naval security & defence cooperation,” said Mr Leck Chet Lam, managing director, Experia Events, organiser of IMDEX Asia 2017. “The strong support and participation from the industry and navies resulting in the biggest IMDEX Asia this year will continue to motivate us as we evolve IMDEX Asia to further enable stakeholders and key industry players from across the spectrum to collaborate on achieving maritime stability and security in the Asia-Pacific region.”

### **Facilitating discussions around the regional maritime security and defence agenda**

Maritime trade and commerce in Asia-Pacific is growing rapidly, with more than 50 percent of global container traffic<sup>1</sup>, and about US\$5 trillion of global ship-borne trade passing through the region every year. At the same time, incidents of piracy increased by nearly 30 percent in the region from 2010 to 2014, even as total worldwide incidents declined by 45 percent over the same period<sup>1</sup>.

The increasing need to safeguard and ensure the continuity of maritime growth is giving rise to an increase in defence spending. Naval budgets are projected to increase by 60 percent through 2020<sup>1</sup>, with nineteen Asia-Pacific countries accounting for nearly one-third of global defence budgets, and more than one-third of all active-duty military personnel<sup>1</sup>.

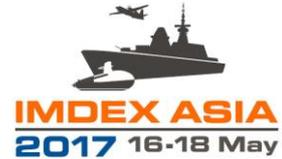


All of these developments underscore the expanding role of neutral platforms like IMDEX Asia in facilitating key discussions around the regional maritime security and defence agenda. The two IMDEX Asia strategic conferences will gather leading experts and academia from around the world to discuss issues related to maritime security and present the latest technologies on naval platform design and developments.

- The fifth International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC 2017) brings together Chiefs of Navy and Directors-General of Coast Guard from around the world for high-level discussions on “Safe and Secure Seas: A Vision for a Maritime Region”. It will focus on the development of a cooperative security approach to create critical capabilities that will enhance the safety of our complex maritime landscape.
- The third Asian edition of the prestigious International Naval Engineering Conference, INEC@IMDEX Asia 2017, seeks to generate high level exchanges and discussions around the theme of “Robust Designs, Flexible Capabilities”, to address key challenges faced by the naval engineering industry. An additional highlight for INEC@IMDEX Asia 2017 is the exclusive tour to the RSS Independence for this year’s conference delegates.
- The Technology Seminars offer exhibitors the opportunity to showcase their latest and most innovative technologies as well as provide in-depth understanding of the design and technological considerations of the products being showcased. Visitors can take advantage of the chance to exchange ideas with the presenters.

In addition to the above, IMDEX Asia 2017 will also host its first Commercial Maritime Cyber Security Forum on 18 May. The session will bring high-profile naval and maritime industry players to discuss the modern maritime threat landscape and the vulnerability of valued vessels to cyber-attacks.

“The Republic of Singapore Navy is glad to again co-organise IMDEX Asia 2017 with Experia Events. IMDEX Asia has grown from strength to strength over the years. Besides the gathering of a large number of trade exhibitors, the event also brings together like-minded navies and maritime enforcement agencies to discuss and build practical cooperation towards enhancing maritime security and a rules-based maritime order at sea.” Said Colonel (COL) Ong Chee Wei, Commander First Flotilla / Commanding Officer Missile Corvette Squadron, Republic of Singapore Navy.



Organised by Experia Events, IMDEX Asia is supported by the Republic of Singapore Navy, the Defence Science and Technology Agency, the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), and Singapore Exhibition & Convention Bureau.

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### **About IMDEX Asia**

Established in 1997, the biennial IMDEX Asia is the premier international maritime defence show in Asia Pacific and beyond. IMDEX Asia comprises an exhibition, strategic conferences and a warships display. It has gained recognition as the global platform to address pressing issues within the naval and maritime security industry, showcase the latest naval technologies and connect key players from navies, governments and industry. A must-attend show in the international maritime defence calendar, IMDEX Asia 2017 will be the eleventh in the series and will be held from 16 – 18 May at Singapore’s Changi Exhibition Centre.

For more information on IMDEX Asia 2017, please visit <http://www.imdexasia.com>.

### **About Experia Events Pte Ltd**

Experia Events specialises in organising and managing exhibitions and conferences of strategic interest, fostering industry development and thought leadership. It has built a strong portfolio in aerospace and defence with the highly successful Singapore Airshow, Asia’s largest aerospace and defence event, as well as the Singapore International Robo Expo and key events such as IMDEX Asia, Asia Pacific’s flagship maritime defence show; Rotorcraft Asia, the premier dedicated event for the global civil helicopter industry; Unmanned Systems Asia, which presents the future of unmanned systems across a vast spectrum of commercial and defence applications; and Cybertech Asia, a strategic platform for the international cyber community. Experia Events’ expertise also extends to the government and lifestyle sectors, through key events such as the World Cities Summit, Singapore International Water Week and CleanEnviro Summit Singapore.

With a proven track record underscoring its aspirations to stage events that influence, Experia Events aims to diversify its range of strategic events globally.

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**ANNEX A – FOREIGN WARSHIPS PARTICIPATING IN IMDEX ASIA 2017**

1. Bangladesh Navy – BNS Shadhinota
2. Royal Brunei Navy – KDB Darussalam
3. Royal Canadian Navy – HMCS Ottawa
4. People’s Liberation Army Navy – Huangshan
5. French Navy – FS Prairial
6. Indian Navy – INS Sahyadri
7. Indian Navy – INS Kamorta
8. Indonesian Navy – KRI Sultan Hasanuddin
9. Indonesian Navy – KRI Halasan
10. The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force – JS Izumo
11. The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force – JS Sazanami
12. Royal Malaysian Navy – KD Lekir
13. Myanmar Navy – UMS King Sin Phyu Shin
14. Royal New Zealand Navy – HMNZS Te Kaha
15. Royal New Zealand Navy – HMNZS Endeavour
16. Pakistan Navy – PNS Zulfiquar
17. Philippines Navy – BRP Gregorio del Pilar
18. Russian Navy – RFS Varyag
19. Russian Navy – RFS Pechenga
20. Republic Of Korea Navy – ROKS Dae Jo Yeong
21. Sri Lanka Navy – SLNS Nandimithra
22. Sri Lanka Navy – SLNS Sagara
23. Royal Thai Navy – HTMS Chakri Naruebet
24. Royal Thai Navy – HTMS Naresuan
25. Royal Thai Navy – HTMS Sukhothai
26. United States Navy – USS Sterett
27. United States Navy – USS Coronado
28. Vietnam People’s Navy – VPNS Dinh Tien Hoang

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<sup>1</sup> [Asia Pacific Defense Outlook 2016, Deloitte](#)