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## CONFERENCE

### BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE FOR ENERGY SECTOR IN ASEAN AND SINGAPORE:

#### Trends, Prospects, and Implications

25 May 2018, Singapore

This conference brings together relevant scholars and experts from China and Southeast Asia to discuss Chinese investment in the energy sector in ASEAN. In 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the building of the New Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road – now collectively called the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). In the Asian region, the BRI establishes a blueprint for Asia's future infrastructure development and Southeast Asia has a very important position in this blueprint. New opportunities and new challenges arise from BRI for ASEAN as a whole and for Singapore in particular. This conference will review BRI in the energy sector in ASEAN, assessing how it is being implemented, how successful is BRI likely to be in facilitating ASEAN's energy infrastructure building and what is the likely impact of Chinese investment on the energy sector of ASEAN and Singapore.

Topics to be covered include:

- Influential energy projects of Chinese companies in some ASEAN countries;
- Impacts of the energy projects on the local community and local economy;
- Chinese companies' investment to enhance energy connectivity in ASEAN;
- Benefits and challenges of an integrated ASEAN energy market for Southeast Asia and Singapore;
- Belt and Road Initiative in the East Asian regional order.

#### When

Friday, 25 May 2018  
9:15 am – 12:30 pm

#### Where

Juniper Room  
Orchard Hotel  
442 Orchard Road  
Singapore 238879

#### Admission

Free and open to public but advanced registration is required.

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## CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:45 am-9:15 am **Registration**

9:15 am-9:30 am **Opening Address**

**Professor Ang Beng Wah**

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9:30 am-10:30 am **Session 1: Belt and Road Initiative, Energy Investment and Energy Market Integration**

Under the Belt and Road Initiative, Chinese investment can not only increase the energy capacity but also enhance the energy connectivity in ASEAN. It may facilitate ASEAN's energy infrastructure connectivity and energy market integration. It may also change the East Asian regional order. In this session, the panelists will provide the key findings from the one-day workshop held the day before the conference. They will talk about the following:

- Belt and Road Initiative and energy cooperation between China and Southeast Asia
- Opportunities and challenges of regional power interconnection in GMS (Greater Mekong Sub-region) and ASEAN
- Belt and Road, China's Rise and the East Asian Regional Order: A New Tributary System in the Making?

Q&A will take place in Session 2 after the tea break.

Moderator: Yao Lixia

Panel:

Liu Qiang

Lei Xiaomeng

Zhang Baohui

10:30 am-11:00 am **Tea Break**

11:00 am-12:25 pm **Session 2: Panel Discussion and Q&A**

In this panel, participants will further discuss the issues raised in the previous session. Additionally, they will shed light on Chinese investments in the energy sector in some individual Southeast Asian countries, including Cambodia, Malaysia, and Indonesia. The speakers will cover the impacts of the investments, the challenges, the problems as well as benefits and treats brought about by an integrated ASEAN energy market for Singapore. They will also take questions from the audience.

Moderator: Shi Xunpeng

Panel:

Chea Socheat  
Beni Suryadi  
Sabar Bin Md Hashim  
Liu Qiang  
Lei Xiaomeng  
Zhang Baohui

12:25 pm-12:30 pm **Closing Remarks**

Philip Andrews-Speed

12:30 pm **End of Conference**

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Mr. Lei Xiaomeng has worked for China Electricity Council recently as a Senior Advisor on Regional Power Interconnection since 2016. He worked for China Yangtze Power Co. Ltd (CYPC), a power generation company, as a vice chief engineer from 2003 to 2016. His scope of work in the company covered economic assessment of large hydropower projects, PPA negotiation, electricity markets analysis and overseas investment business. He worked on transmission system operation and power development planning in State Grid Corporation of China from 1982 to 2001. He was a member of C2(system operation) study committee of CIGRE (the Council on Large Electric Systems) and has been working in some working groups until now. He is also a working group member of Regional Power Trading Committee of GMS region.

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