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# Indo-Pacific: Outlooks, Opportunities, Challenges

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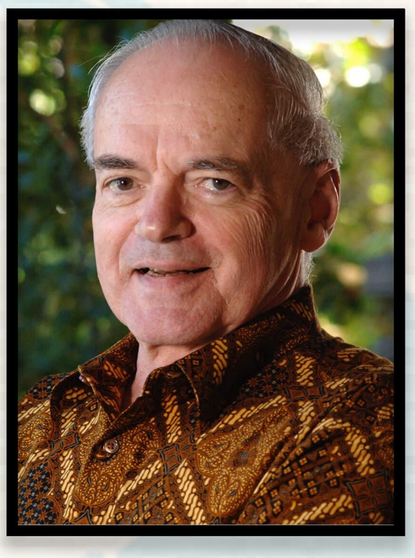
## DAY 1 : FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2020

**Dr. Jerry Sambuaga**
Vice Minister of Trade
Republic of Indonesia

**H.E. Mr. Olivier Chambard**
French Ambassador to Indonesia & Timor Leste



**Prof. Donald K. Emmerson, PhD**
Director, Southeast Asia Program
Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific
Research Center, Stanford University

## DAY 2 : SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2020

**Prof. Ann Marie Murphy, PhD**
Director of the Center for Emerging Powers
& Transnational Trends,
School of Diplomacy & International Relations
Seton Hall University

**Prof. Rory Medcalf**
Head of the National Security College
Australian National University

**Prof. Aleksius Jemadu, PhD.**
Professor of International Politics
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**Dr. Gautam Kumar Jha**
Assistant Professor, Centre for Chinese
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## BACKGROUND

The Indo-Pacific region refers to the countries and tropical waters in between Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean. It is made up of important global maritime trade routes, rich marine biodiversity, and blue economy potentials. Historically, the interconnection, exchanges, and acculturation between the peoples and polities in this region have taken place for centuries. In the recent decade, the region has gained new significance as the major actors in this region have defined their strategic interests and actions within the context of Indo-Pacific. China establishes the maritime leg of its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) which requires the interconnection between the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean. It claims de facto control of South China Sea, which is part of Central Indo Pacific, to secure and assert influence over the Malacca Strait on to the Indian Ocean and then reaching out to the Middle East and ultimately Europe. Meanwhile, the US, being aware of the necessity to have a projection of naval power in the Pacific Ocean as well as the Indian Ocean, tries to reassert its strategic interests of freedom of navigation in the South China Sea through which trillions of US dollar of international trade makes it passage through it. Asia's powers such as Japan, South Korea, Australia and India share the same interests as the US. ASEAN countries including Indonesia attempt to offer a neutral way through the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific. However, the increasing hostility in South China Sea continues creating tensions in Indo Pacific at large.

In response to this contemporary geopolitical issue, the 1st UPH International Relations Conference (UPH-IR Conference), hosted by the Master of International Relations Program in Universitas Pelita Harapan (UPH), seeks to analyze various outlooks of Indo-Pacific and investigate the opportunities and challenges that the Indo-Pacific region presents. The Conference also seeks to deepen the understanding of Indo Pacific region from interdisciplinary perspectives including but not limited to political and security, economy and international trade, and socio-cultural dimensions. The conference invites academics, practitioners, observers, and students to submit their abstract and present their analysis that highlights the theme of the Conference: Indo-Pacific: Outlooks, Opportunities, and Challenges. The conference will be held online from Jakarta and Lippo Karawaci, Indonesia with invited keynote speakers from Indo-Pacific region.

## CONFERENCE FEE

Indonesian nationals: IDR 200,000/person
International participants: US$ 20.00 /person

*The conference fee includes conference pass, virtual background, and certificate. Payment details will be sent after the completion of the online form.

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