

Associate Prof Simon Tay Represents Singapore on ASEAN Regional Forum

Associate Professor Simon Tay represented Singapore as its sole representative for the ASEAN Regional Forum meeting of Experts and Eminent Persons (EEPs). The meeting held in Beijing from 13-16 November was the third meeting of the representatives from the ARF member states, and included representatives from major powers, most ASEAN member states and newer ARF members like Sri Lanka and North Korea.

The meeting discussed ARF progress on issues such as preventive diplomacy, on which Associate Professor has written quite extensively, and the proposal for an ARF Vision Statement. Tay was a lead discussant on non traditional security issues in the ARF and proposed moving forward with multi country exercises on emergency disaster response.

Associate Professor is one of two Singaporean representatives on the EEPs to the ARF, with Ambassador Barry Desker, Rajaratnam School Dean. He has written on the ARF and security in the Asia Pacific, looking at both non traditional security issues such as environment and energy security and on preventive diplomacy.