

" The Maritime Security Situation "

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Lao People's Army and I firstly would like to express my sincere thanks to the host country, especially the Ministry of Defense of Malaysia for your warm welcome and generous hospitality. Meanwhile, I also would like to express my highly congratulation for excellent arrangement of the 3rd ARF Security Policy Conference and I do believe that under the chairman's ability the meeting will be conducted successfully.

I am really happy for getting a nice opportunity to meet old friends who attended the 2nd ASPC last May 2005 in Vientiane, Laos and to be introducing some new friends by this meeting.

Mr. Chairman,

Now, please allow me to share my point of view on the Maritime Security Situation.

As well known that Laos is a landlocked country that disconnects to the seas. But the seas are very important significant to the socio-economy development in Laos; particularly the local products export as well as the import various goods from other countries in the region by sea.

As we have seen the important means on Maritime Security, and therefore the Lao government have signed the Treaty on the Law of Sea of the UN on 10 December 1982, and then ratified on 5 June 1988. I understand that the promotion of understanding of one another, trust, and cooperation on Maritime Security is the duties of each nation including either disconnected or connected country to the seas.

We are ready to support and sharing cooperation on Maritime Security operations, counter any forms of activities that will be an obstacle to the maritime for maintaining peace, stability and development in the region.

Thank you.