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## **LKI FLAGSHIPS**

- 13/01/2024: LKI's Executive Director Chairs Scholarly Panel on 'Sri Lanka as a Destination: From Antiquity to Modernity'
- 01/02/2024: LKI hosts Expert Roundtable Consultation on 'Strengthening Engagement in Sri Lanka - Australia Relations'
- 21/02/2024: Foreign Minister Ali Sabry says "Non-alignment means you are not forced or coerced into a camp to take sovereign decisions" at the Third LKI Foreign Policy Forum.
- 21/02/2024: Third LKI Foreign Policy Forum- 'Reassessing Non-Alignment in a Polarised World'.
- 11/07/2024: Fourth LKI Foreign Policy Forum- 'Sri Lanka's Debt Restructuring Outcome and its Impact on Economic Diplomacy and Foreign Policy'





## RESEARCH

- June 2024: Strengthening Engagement in Sri Lanka-Australia Relations
  - LKI's **Ishara Tilakaratna**, Research Intern & **Michael Iveson**, Research Fellow (Global Economy), presents an assessment of the political, economic, and strategic components of the Sri Lanka-Australia bilateral relationship and provides recommendations on strengthening engagement in relations.
- June 2024: Sri Lanka's Path to Economic Integration: An Assessment of Past Efforts and Prospects through the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)
  - LKI's **Mihin Perera**, Research Assistant examines the prospects of Sri Lanka's accession to the RCEP and the overall impact on the country that can be expected by RCEP membership. It also explores how Sri Lanka could leverage this partnership to advance its efforts at regional integration, in the path towards achieving its economic ambitions effectively.
- July 2024: <u>Sri Lanka's Role in UN Peacekeeping: Possibilities and Challenges for a Mutually Beneficial Process</u>

  LKI's **Dulanaka Jayasinghe**, Research Assistant analyses Sri Lanka's continued engagement in UN Peacekeeping operations and Sri Lanka's contributions during these challenging missions. It also explores the possibilities and benefits of expanding Sri Lanka's peacekeeping footprint.



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## **LKI EVENTS & COLLABORATIONS**

- 28/03/2024: Panel Discussion on 'Enhancing Disaster Risk Management and Climate Response: Collaborative Efforts by Japan and Australia in IORA Member Countries' in collaboration with Embassy of Japan and the Australian High Commission in Sri Lanka
- 09/04/2024: LKI Hosts Interactive Session Featuring the Secretary-General of BIMSTEC, titled 'Regional Cooperation through BIMSTEC'
- 23/05/2024: LKI celebrates Vesak
- 06/06/2024: LKI Hosts a Workshop in collaboration with the Australian National University and the Australian High Commission in Sri Lanka on 'Building Maritime Domain Awareness in Sri Lanka'
- 13/06/2024: LKI Hosts Expert Roundtable with the Secretary-General of SAARC
- 25/06/2024: LKI Joins interaction with Eminent Persons' Group on the Future Directions of BIMSTEC
- 09/07/2024: LKI Participates in the Sixth Meeting of the BIMSTEC Network of Policy Think Tanks (BNPTT)



## **VISITS & ENGAGEMENTS**

- 24/01/2024: Darshana M. Baruah, Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Visits the LKI
- 30/01/2024: U.S Congressional Research Service Visit LKI
- 06/02/2024: H.E. Mateja Vodeb Ghosh, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Sri Lanka visits the LKI
- 06/02/2024: LKI's Dulanaka Jayasinghe moderates panel discussion as part of 'Rhythms of Paradise', Koggala
- 16/02/2024: Meeting with Alyssa Gutierrez of the Australia-India Institute
- 22/02/2024: LKI Hosts H.E. Kairat Sarybay, Secretary General of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)
- 26/02/2024: LKI Hosts Delegation from the Riphah International University, Pakistan
- 18/03/2024: Delegation from the Office of the Prime Minister of Thailand visits the LKI
- 22/03/2024: Dr. David Brewster, Senior Research Fellow from the Australian National University visits LKI.
- 01/04/2024: Ambassador Ravinatha Aryasinha participates as a panelist in webinar titled 'THE FTA PATHWAY: Exploring Sri Lanka's Exports & FDI Potential' organized by the International Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (ICC), in collaboration with the Board of Investment (BOI)
- 03/04/2024: LKI's Michael Iveson presents paper at the 'Regional Climate Finance Summit' in Kathmandu, Nepal
- 09/04/2024: LKI welcomes the Secretary General of BIMSTEC, H.E. Indra Mani Pandey
- 07/05/2024: Delegation from the National Defence University, Pakistan visit LKI
- 08/05/2024: LKI welcomes students from the University of Agder, Norway
- 21/05/2024: Ambassador Ravinatha Aryasinha visits the Institute of National Security Studies
- 05/06/2024: Australian Strategic Studies experts visit LKI
- 06/06/2024: Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy Vice Admiral Priyantha Perera visits LKI
- 13/06/2024: LKI welcomes the Secretary General of SAARC, H.E. MD. Golam Sarwar
- 02/07/2024: Delegation of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party visits LKI
- 05/07/2024: Meeting with H.E. Miyon Lee, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Sri Lanka
- 09/07/2024: Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia Visit LKI