

ACTIVITY

2015 **“Security, Justice and Governance at 70 years; is the UN fit for purpose”.**

ACUNS Delhi Liaison Office and International Jurist organization (IJO) jointly organized a panel discussion on September 17, 2015 at India International Centre, New Delhi. Mr. Subhash Chandra Birla, head of ACUNS Delhi Liaison Office, introduced the theme.

The discussion was opened by Prof. Alistair D. Edgar, who said that the inaction of Security Council due to disagreement amongst the five permanent members points towards the need for Security Council reform and the abolition of permanent members’ veto. Rebutting the allegation the UN is culpable of poor fiscal management of too great a budget, he said that the UN budget is smaller than that of a small nation, such as Singapore.

The guest speaker, H.E. Mr. Samuel Panyin Yalley, High Commissioner Republic of Ghana in India, stated that the North American and European countries should not sell arms, which can be used against innocent people. The High Commissioner of Ghana also spoke about the use of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in prosecuting few Heads of State from Africa.

2016 **Peacekeeping and Security: East Asian Perspective.**

ACUNS Delhi Liaison Office and International Jurist Organization, in association with Centre of East Asian Studies, JNU, organized a talk by Prof. Alistair D. Edgar, Executive Director ACUNS and President IJO on October 10, 2016. The meeting was chaired by Prof. S. Kondapalli, Chair, Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU and the subject was introduced by Mr. Subhash Chandra Birla, Chair, IJO Board and Officer, ACUNS Delhi Liaison Office. Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli spoke about the present situation in East Asia and the role of two major countries—China and Japan—in Peacekeeping and Global Governance. Prof. Alistair D. Edgar, while discussing the present situation, explained that the United Nations is not a single unified body able to act independently; the UN is controlled by the

Security Council members and permanent members. The UN has contributed towards health, refugees, food, and responses to terror threats in different countries.

2017 **United Nations and East Asia**

ACUNS Delhi Liaison Office and IJO organized a workshop in association with Centre for East Asia, School of International studies, JNU, April 26, 2017. The Opening Session was chaired Prof. Jagdesh K. Mamidala, Vice-Chancellor, JNU and the Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli, Chairman, CEAS, SIS, JNU. The programme overview was given by Shri Subhash Chandra Birla, Chair, ACUNS Delhi Liaison Office & Advocate, Supreme Court of India.

The guest speaker Prof. Alistair D. Edgar, President IJO and Executive Director, ACUNS spoke about the East Asian contribution to Global Governance, SDG 2015-30; UN Security Council Reforms; peace-keeping operations; and security and peace.

This workshop consisted of four sessions.

- I. "UN and East Asia", chaired by Prof. Vesselin Popovski, OP Jindal, University.
- II. "Human Rights, Refugees and Rule of Law", chaired by Prof. C.S.R. Murthy, School of International Studies, JNU.
- III. "Non-traditional Security Issues in East Asia", chaired by Prof. HS Prabhakar, CEAS, SIS JNU.
- IV. "United Nations Peacekeeping Operations", chaired by Lt. Gen. Chander Prakash.

Speakers at these sessions included Prof. Yesh Choeden, CIPOD; Mr. MD Yasin; Prof Bhaswati Sarkar; Prof. Rita Agarwal; Prof. S. Kondapalli; and Prof. Nand Kumar, all from JNU.