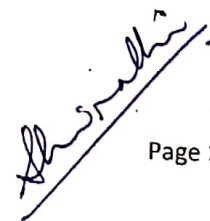


## **Webinar on India and Southeast Asia: Constructing a Responsible and Responsive Partnership in the Indo-Pacific**

On November 21,2020, Symbiosis School of International Studies(SSIS), Pune held a webinar on the theme India and Southeast Asia: Constructing a Responsible and Responsive Partnership in the Indo-Pacific. Dr. Mustafa Izzuddin, Adjunct Professor at the National University of Singapore delivered the webinar. Dr. Izzuddin covered various aspects of the new strategic construct, Indo-Pacific. He maintained that ASEAN is central to the emerging geopolitical realities of the Indo-Pacific region. Dr. Izzuddin indicated that India should not look at Southeast Asia from the prism of China. Dr. Izzuddin opined that Southeast is keen on diversifying its economic relations and doesn't want to be seen as just a means to create a balance between China and the US. He also threw light on the relevance of the RCEP for the region and world.

The question and answer session included interesting queries on the relevance of RCEP for India, the impact of islamophobic events in Southeast Asia on relations with India.

Prof. Aniket Bhavtahnkar thanked Dr. Izzuddin and students for participating in the webinar.



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