

Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque Delivers Keynote at International Conference on Indo-Pacific Maritime Security

Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, PhD, Director of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University, attended the international conference titled “Indo-Pacific Maritime Security: A Strategic Dialogue Connecting Two Oceans” on 27 June 2026.

The conference was organized by the Hainan Institute of Public Diplomacy of Hainan University and brought together scholars, policy experts, and practitioners to discuss emerging maritime security challenges and strategic developments across the Indo-Pacific region.



Professor Haque attended the conference as a Keynote Speaker and delivered his remarks on “Securing the Indo-Pacific Seas: Great Power Rivalry, South Asian Strategic Choices, and the Geopolitics of Maritime Checkpoints.”



In his keynote address, Professor Haque reflected on the growing strategic importance of the Indo-Pacific as a critical maritime space connecting two oceans. He discussed the evolving dynamics of great power rivalry, the intensification of geopolitical competition, and the increasing significance of maritime checkpoints, sea lanes, and regional connectivity.



He also highlighted the critical choices facing South Asian states in safeguarding maritime security, maintaining regional stability, and pursuing cooperation while protecting their strategic autonomy. Professor Haque emphasized that South Asian countries must carefully navigate competing strategic interests while prioritizing peace, connectivity, economic cooperation, and human security in the Indo-Pacific.

His participation in the conference reflects SIPG’s continued engagement with international policy dialogues on maritime security, regional cooperation, strategic studies, and the evolving role of South Asia in the Indo-Pacific.