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The Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA) and University Malaysia Sabah (UMS), supported by the Sabah National Security Council and ESSCOM will be conducting the 2nd Pillar (Socio Politics) workshop on achieving holistic security for ESSZone. *Pejabat Hal Ehwal Dalam Negeri dan Penyelidikan, Jabatan Perdana Menteri* will be presenting in the workshop.

The workshop will be held in the Malaysian Palm Oil Board Training Centre (PLASMA), MPOB Lahad Datu on 27th July 2016. The workshop will focus on coastal communities and their role as human capital to develop the marine real estate of ESSZone. Community leaders, industry representatives and state representatives are being invited for this workshop.

Holistic security is founded on the KESBAN (Keselamatan dan Pembangunan) programme conducted by Malaysia during the communist insurgency in the Peninsula and Sarawak. The programme advocated that development and security are necessary for enduring security. Sustainable development was needed to create economic security thus contributing to holistic security. The KESBAN at Sea concept hopes to draw the coastal community away from the shadow economy and structure into the legitimate economy thus preventing formation of criminal networks. The concept also addresses the conservation and preservation of the marine environment and enhanced defence-security architecture. Taken holistically, KESBAN at Sea advocates 75% soft security and 25% hard security.

**Proposed Framework for ESSZone Committee**
The 1st Pillar workshop was conducted in May 2016 at UMS Sabah. It identified the resources in the marine real estate of ESSZone namely tourism, marine aquaculture, tri-border connectivity, trade and Palm Oil Industrial Cluster (POIC). The Chief Executive of the Sabah Economic Development and Investment Authority (SEDIA), YBhg. Datuk Dr. Mohd Yaakub bin Hj Johari, delivered the Keynote Address and illustrated the projects envisaged in the ESSZone based on the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP). Holistic Security comprises 4 Pillars namely Economy, Security, Marine Environment and Defence-Security. Information on the KESBAN At Sea concept is available on MIMA’s website www.mima.gov.my. The 1st Pillar Workshop Report is also accessible on the website.

The outcome of the holistic security endeavour, is to identify impediments to all Pillars to better manage the development of the marine real estate of ESSZone through a Balanced Scorecard (BSC). The BSC is being proposed as a one-stop-centre for the ESSZone Committee of Sabah to address rationalisation of programmes which will contribute to the management of scarce resources and avoid duplication of efforts. The concept advocates security as a catalyst to create value than cost. In line with that, KESBAN at Sea concept aims to draw potential investors to ESSZone to develop east Sabah as envisaged in the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP). While ESSCOM addresses defence and security, ESSZone Committee will manage sustainable development of the community and sustainability of the marine environment.

The Four Workshops on the respective Pillars will be led by respective state agencies which are envisaged to be the nucleus for the ESSZone Committee.