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Notes From the CMSI Director

Happy Year of the Snake from the China Maritime Studies Institute (CMSI).

Our upcoming conference, “*The People of China’s Navy – and Other Maritime Forces*”, will be held at the Naval War College on 14-15 May. The conference will focus on the individual personnel (officers/enlisted/civilians) of the PLA Navy and other relevant services and their roles with respective organizations, together with related dynamics, rules, and policies. We will examine recruitment, training, education, career progression, retention, and roles/responsibilities of individual members of the service(s). Invitations will be sent soon to conference participants (authors / speakers). If you would like to be considered for an invitation to attend (no host), please send me an [e-mail](#) request. Watch the CMSI Conference [website](#) for more information on this exciting event.

In other news, we are pleased to announce that CMSI’s Study in Chinese Maritime Development #8 “[Chinese Amphibious Warfare: Prospects for a Cross-Strait Invasion](#),” was selected by the [Samuel B. Griffith Foundation](#) as their publication of the year.

Lastly, our esteemed colleague, Professor Conor Kennedy has departed CMSI for another professional opportunity. Conor’s insights, analysis, and record of pathbreaking research will be sorely missed at CMSI, across the Department of Defense, and the greater China-watcher community. Fair Winds, Conor.

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