

## NIMA organizes a roundtable conference

# Pakistan needs to continue its strategic partnership with China: Hasham

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### ISLAMABAD

The National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) organized a Roundtable Conference

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed was the Chief Guest, whereas Vice Admiral Khan Hasham bin Siddique presented the Key-note. Dr. Baber Bilal, Vice President of NIMA

academia, think tanks and university students actively participated in the discussion.

It was a general consensus that, under the Trump 2.0 administration era, trade

of multi polarity will enhance the role of middle powers and regional players. Thus, Pakistan as a major player in IOR will face challenges and opportunities to in-cash its geo-strategic location.

Senator Mushahid highlighted Donald Trump's 2.0 era as transformative and likely to bring about in-house changes in the U.S. administration approach, prioritizing the 'USA first' policy.

Vice Admiral Hasham emphasized that Pakistan needs to continue its strategic partnership with China while managing its relations with the US. He highlighted the need to identify strategic options and formulate a policy framework for the Indian Ocean.



titled "US-China Maritime Competition in the Indian Ocean Region Under the Trump Administration and Options for Pakistan" to proffer policy guidelines to relevant stakeholders.

welcomed the guests and gave an overview of the conference. Vice Admiral Ahmed Saeed, President of NIMA moderated the session. Maritime experts, diplomats, policymakers, government officials,

wars would take precedence over military confrontation. The Indian Ocean will gain substantial strategic importance because a major portion of global trade passes through this region. The rise