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### **3<sup>RD</sup> MARITIME SECURITY WORKSHOP 2019 COMMENCES AT PAKISTAN NAVY WAR COLLEGE LAHORE**

**Islamabad, 04 Dec 19:** Pakistan Navy is organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW-19) on the theme '**Blue Economic Potentials**' at Pakistan Navy War Collage, Lahore from 04-12 December 19. This national level workshop is aimed at underscoring the significance of maritime sector, creating awareness on dynamics of blue economy & maritime security and tapping blue economic potentials of Pakistan.

Dignitaries from various walks of life including Parliamentarians, Policy Makers, Bureaucrats, Intelligentsia, Business Entrepreneurs, Academia and Media personalities are attending the MARSEW-19. The workshop brings together diverse and candid opinions on adoption of an integrated policy approach for development of maritime sector in the country.

Spreading over nine days and in two phases, the workshop will entail on-campus activities; wherein prominent speakers, scholars and academia will dilate upon security dynamics in Indian Ocean Region, challenges & opportunities in Pakistan's maritime sector, blue economic potentials and importance of Gwadar Port in CPEC.

The participants of MARSEW-19 will be afforded opportunity to visit Naval Headquarters Islamabad, Creek areas in Sindh, Coastal belt of Balochistan including Gwadar Port, Jinnah Naval Base Ormara and important organizations of maritime sector including Karachi Port Trust (KPT), Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works (KS & EW) and Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC). An orientation sea trip onboard Pakistan Navy ships is also scheduled for better familiarization of Pakistan Navy's areas of operation. The participants will also undertake collaborative effort in maritime policy making exercises and discussions on the contemporary maritime issues.

During the opening session of MARSEW-19, Commandant Pakistan Navy War College, Rear Admiral Muhammad Zubair Shafique while welcoming all guests/ participants, highlighted various workshop activities and importance much needed development in maritime sector. He also urged participants to avail this opportunity to reflect on geo-strategic environment, understand challenges and opportunities while exploring ways and means to help exploit maritime potential of Pakistan.

Maritime Security Workshop is being held annually since 2017 and will further aid in cultivating the maritime consciousness in national landscape for our national policy and decision makers.

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Commandant PN War College Rear Admiral M Zubair Shafique addressing the Opening session of Maritime Security Workshop 2019 at PN War College, Lahore.



Former CNS Admiral (Rtd) Asif Sandila addressing the Opening session of Maritime Security Workshop 2019 at PN War College, Lahore.