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Pradumna B Rana

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Date	Time	Event	Venue	Remarks
10 October – 18 November 2011	Full Day	RSIS-TFCTN Executive Programme	NTU, NEC	By invitation only
9 – 10 November	Full Day	RSIS Maritime Security Programme – Center for Naval Analyses Bilateral Meeting	Traders Hotel	By invitation only

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1 November 2011	1030 - 1200	RSIS Seminar by RADM (Ret'd) Yang Yi, The People's Liberation Army, China, on "China's Maritime Security Policy: Implications for Peace and Stability in East Asia"	RSIS Seminar Room S3.1 & 3.2, Block S3 Level B3	Register here
1 November 2011	1500 - 1700	RSIS Seminar by Thomas Sanderson, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, CSIS Transnational Threats Project, on "The Future of Al Qaeda and Associated Movements: Implications for Southeast Asia"	Marina Mandarin Hotel	Register here
2 November 2011	1530 - 1700	RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture by RADM (Ret'd) Yang Yi, The People's Liberation Army, China, on "The Trend in Sino-US Relations: How Will It Shape the Regional Order?"	RSIS Lecture Theatre, Block S3.1, Level B3	Register here
8 – 10 November 2011	Full Day	RSIS-TFCTN Executive Workshop by Dr Patrick Low, Chief Economist, World Trade Organisation, on "Made in the World"	TBC	By invitation only
16 November 2011	1430 - 1600	Seminar by Mr James Dorsey, Senior Fellow at RSIS, on "Soccer as an Engine of Change and Assertion of Identity"	RSIS Seminar Room S3.1 & 3.2, Block S3 Level B3	Register here

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