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Notes From the CMSI Director

- **CMSI Applied Research Travel.** In January, the CMSI team traveled to Washington, D.C. to conduct applied research engagements across the interagency, delivering briefings on latest findings while directly eliciting priority information requirements and warfighter needs. These exchanges sharpened CMSI's analytic focus and directly informed the Institute's 2026 research agenda. In March, CMSI extended this effort to Australia, conducting official engagements with the Royal Australian Navy, key think tanks, and government stakeholders. These discussions established enduring professional networks and, more importantly, identified specific, actionable opportunities for bilateral research collaboration aligned with shared maritime security priorities.
- **Come Join Our Team.** CMSI will soon advertise an Assistant/Associate Professor position on USAJOBS to strengthen the Institute's research capacity and analytic impact. The CMSI Director will distribute the official announcement, including application requirements, upon release. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Professor Tiffany Tat, who departed CMSI in January to pursue a new academic opportunity, and thank her for her contributions to CMSI's mission.
- **CMSI Distribution List Update.** CMSI has transitioned to a new dissemination platform to improve the speed, accessibility, and reach of its publications and announcements. The updated format features embedded, clickable links for immediate access to CMSI products. All legacy subscribers have been migrated to the new distribution list. For new subscribers—please register to receive CMSI publications via the hyperlink: [HERE](#).

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