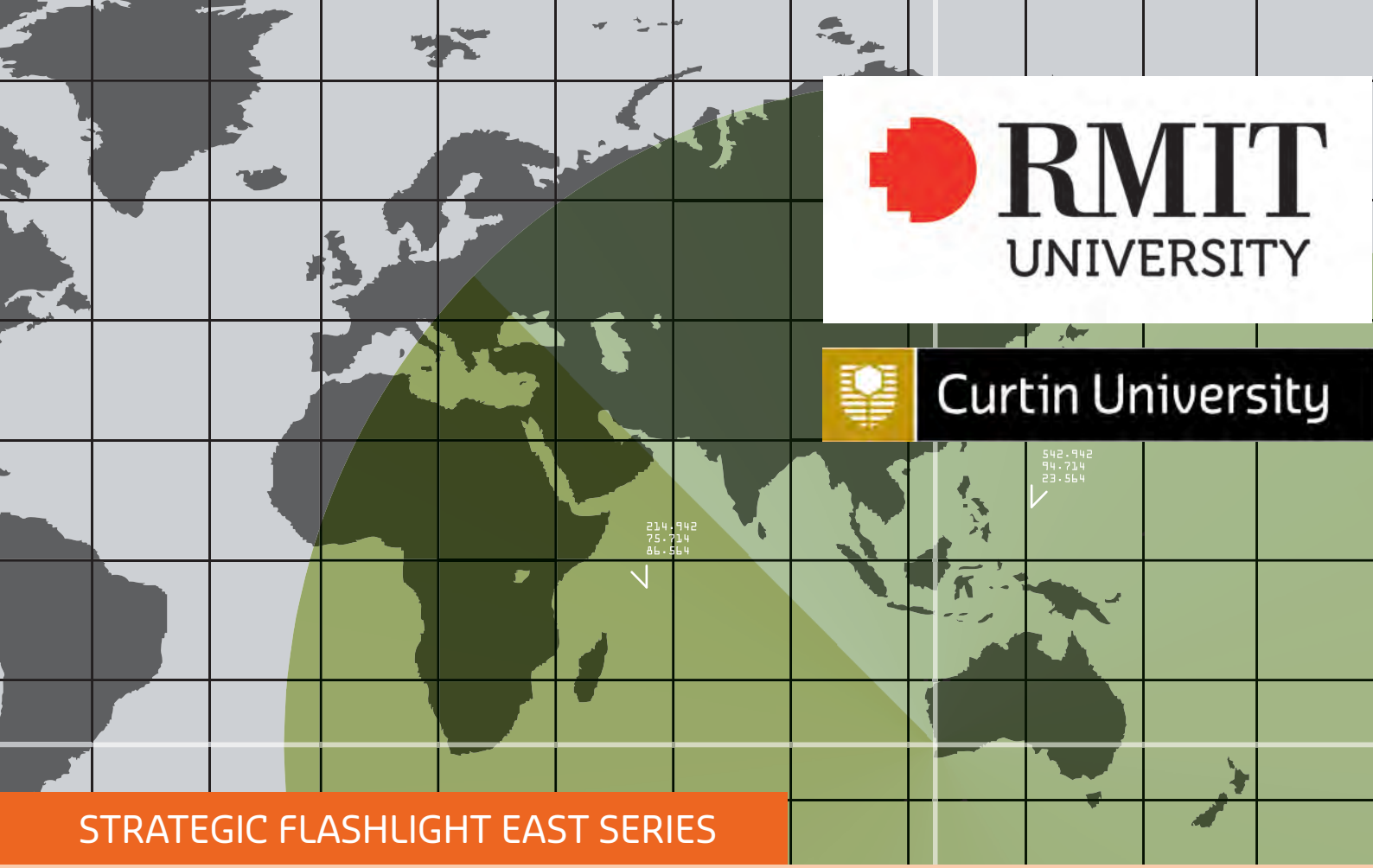

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These views will be presented by one of Japan's leading maritime security experts and strategists.

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12.30pm to 2:30pm event session

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He retired from JMSDF as Commander in Chief, Self-Defense Fleet, in 2008. Then, he was invited to Asia-Center, Harvard University as a research fellow on Chinese Naval Strategy from June 2009 to July 2011.

He is a proficient writer on maritime affairs and military history. His recent articles include: "The Russo-Japanese War: Primary Causes of Japanese Success," U.S. Naval War College, "Japanese Perspective on China's Rise as a Naval Power," Harvard Asia Quarterly, "A New Carrier Race: Strategy, Force Planning and JS Hyuga," U.S. Naval War College, "The U.S.-Japan Alliance:Responding to China's A2/AD Threat," Center for New American Security, and "Maritime Security in the Region: SCS and ECS as Key Arenas for Converging Political Interests," Asia Pacific Review, Institute for International Policy Studies. He contributed to Refighting the Pacific War: Alternative History of World War II (U.S. Naval Institute Press). He coauthored Maritime Strategy and National Security in Japan and Britain (Leiden and Boston, Global Oriental).

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