**ABSTRACT**

Over the past 15 years ago. The navies of the Asia-Pacific region have experienced an extraordinary bout of modernization and growth. The countries of the Asia-Pacific region are in race to enhancing their maritime forces, mainly China. China has great ambition to replacing US’s position as the sole great power. Chinese navy also known as PLAN ( *People’s Liberation Army Navy )* is intended to protect China’s SLOCs *( Sea Lines of Communication )* which encompassing Indian Ocean Region and Strait of Malacca. The other user states named India and United State are have the same interest to controlling the SLOCs. The Strait of Malacca is situated in South East Asia Region is becoming the centerpiece interests of 3 great powers China, United States, and India. The author is interested to make the research with the topic is: Whether by China’s increased maritime power will lead to the defence of military budget of others countries be increasing as well ? What are the implication by china’s increased maritime power for maritime security in South East Asia ?

This research intended to understand, explore, and describe is that by increasing china’s maritime power can also lead to increasing of the defence military budget of other countries. Further there is also a need to recognize, understand to make a description of the threats which is can also emerge by enhancing maritime power of China for maritime security of South East Asia. While the aim and purpose of this research is this research will be expected to increase the developing the science of International Relations, in particularly related to Geopolitics and Geostrategy of the certain region for international commerce.

The method of this research is a descriptive that intended to describe a phenomena, in this case is the dependence of certain country on sea commerce economically, mainly China which has strategic interest in the Strait of Malacca as the waterways ( SLOCs ) flows to carry energy supplies from Middle East. Therefore, China need to protect its SLOCs. A descriptive method is used as an endeavor to answer the questions who, what, where, when, or how: so it is an endeavor to report what is occurred.

The results of this research are the purpose of China by increasing maritime power is to safeguard its SLOCs in South East Asia, mainly the Strait of Malacca. This strait is the most important and the busiest waterways in commerce. The rise of China’s maritime power is lead to India reaction and also the countries in Asia-Pasific region. India which is has the same interest in South East Asia get engaging with Japan and United States to containing China’s influence sphere. China has ambition to replacing United States and can lead to *Security Dilemma* in South East Asia.

**Key Words *: Chinese Navy ( PLAN), SLOC, The Strait of Malacca.***