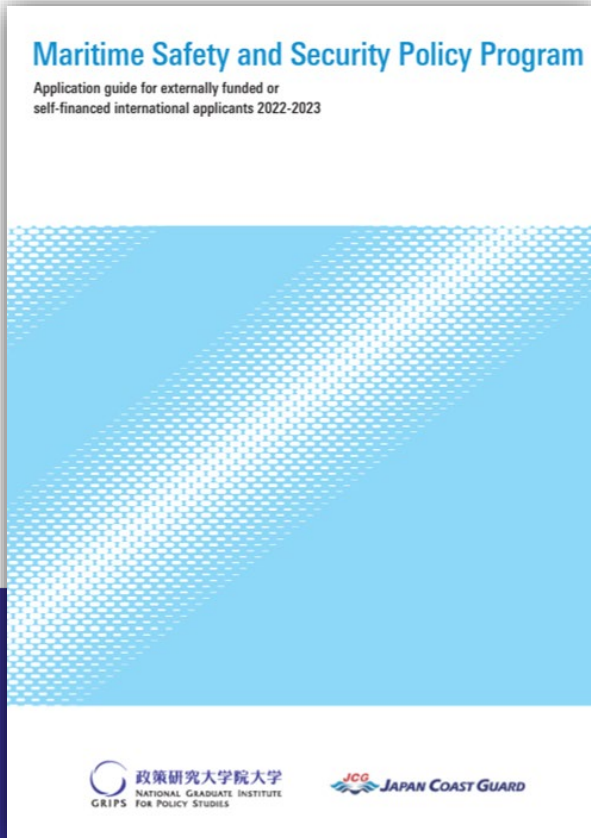


Japanese Maritime Diplomacy and the Philippines: Maintaining the Freedom of the Indo-Pacific Waters



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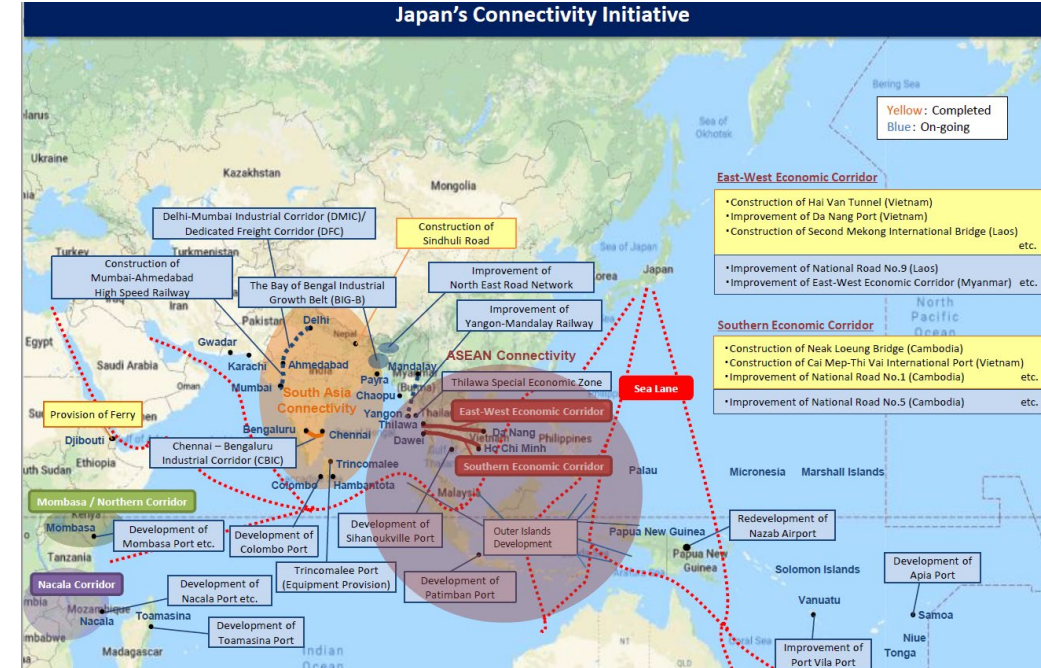


Today's Agenda

1. Japan's FOIP (Free and Open Indo Pacific) and AOIP (ASEAN Outlook on the Indo Pacific)
2. An observation on the Foundations of Philippine Foreign Relations
3. In search of further cooperation: Mindanao as a focal point
(Let's not begin with the scratch)

The Three Pillars of the Japan's FOIP

1. The promotion and solidifying of **the rule of law**, freedom of navigation, free trade, etc.
2. The pursuit of economic prosperity through enhancing **connectivity**, including through quality infrastructure development in accordance with international standards
3. Commitment for peace and stability that includes assistance for **capacity building** on **maritime law enforcement**, cooperation in such fields as disaster risk reduction and non-proliferation



Source: MOFA FOIP: Basic Concepts (<https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000430632.pdf>)

• Source: MoFA, 2019, *Diplomatic Blue Book 2019*, e-version. (<https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/other/bluebook/2019/html/chapter1/c0102.html#sf01>)

AOIP, ASEAN Outlook on the Indo Pacific

- Four areas of cooperation

- Maritime Cooperation

- Connectivity

- UN Sustainable Development Goal 2030

- Economic and Other Possible Areas of Cooperation



ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific

The Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions are amongst the most dynamic in the world as well as centers of economic growth for decades. As a result, these regions continue to experience geopolitical and geostrategic shifts. These shifts present opportunities as well as challenges. On the one hand, the economic growth of the region opens up possibilities of cooperation [...]

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Source: ASEAN HP (<https://asean.org/category/asean-statement-communiqués/page/44/>)

- Source: ASEAN HP (https://asean.org/storage/2019/06/ASEAN-Outlook-on-the-Indo-Pacific_FINAL_22062019.pdf)

In Search of the Foundations of Phil. Foreign Relations

- Three actors having respective policy goals are working in parallel

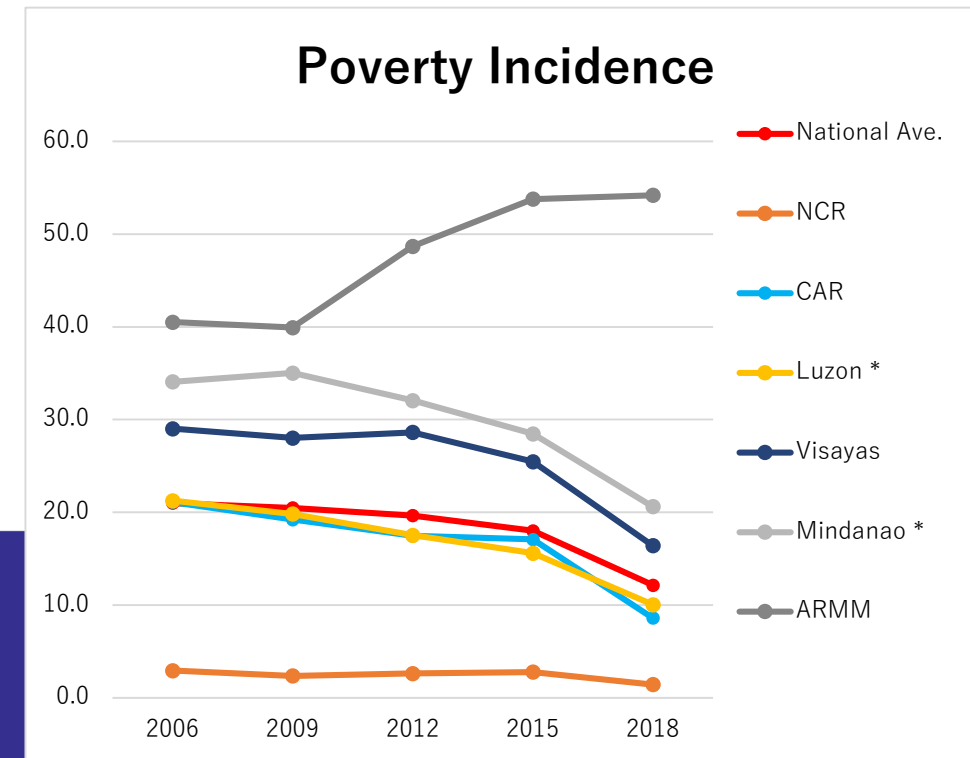
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Presid ency	Close ties with the U.S.				Getting closer to China						Facing China					Getting closer to China					
DFA	Using ASEAN mechanism										The rule of law										
DND	Internal security											External defence									

Source: Takagi, Yusuke 2022 "Philippine Foreign Policy toward China: Three Actors Working in Parallel (<https://www.factsasia.org/blog/philippine-foreign-policy-toward-china-three-actors-working-in-parallel?media=article>)

Mindanao as a Focal Point of Japan Philippine Relations and the Philippine Regional Policy

- Internationalization of Peace Building Efforts (cf. J-BIRD)

- Mindanao and Regional Cooperation
 - BIMP EAGA
 - IndoMalPhi-Trilateral Cooperative Arrangement



MDA in Sulu and Sulawesi Seas

- Littoral states along the Sulu-Sulawesi Seas have actively **established institutions** to address various maritime **non-traditional threats**
 - Indonesia: Satgas 115 >> IUU fishing
 - Malaysia: ESSCOM >> Possible incursion from the Sulu archipelago
 - The Philippines: Coast Watch South and the NCWS >> Terrorist network
- We can conclude that they have enhanced state capacity in maritime domain awareness (MDA)

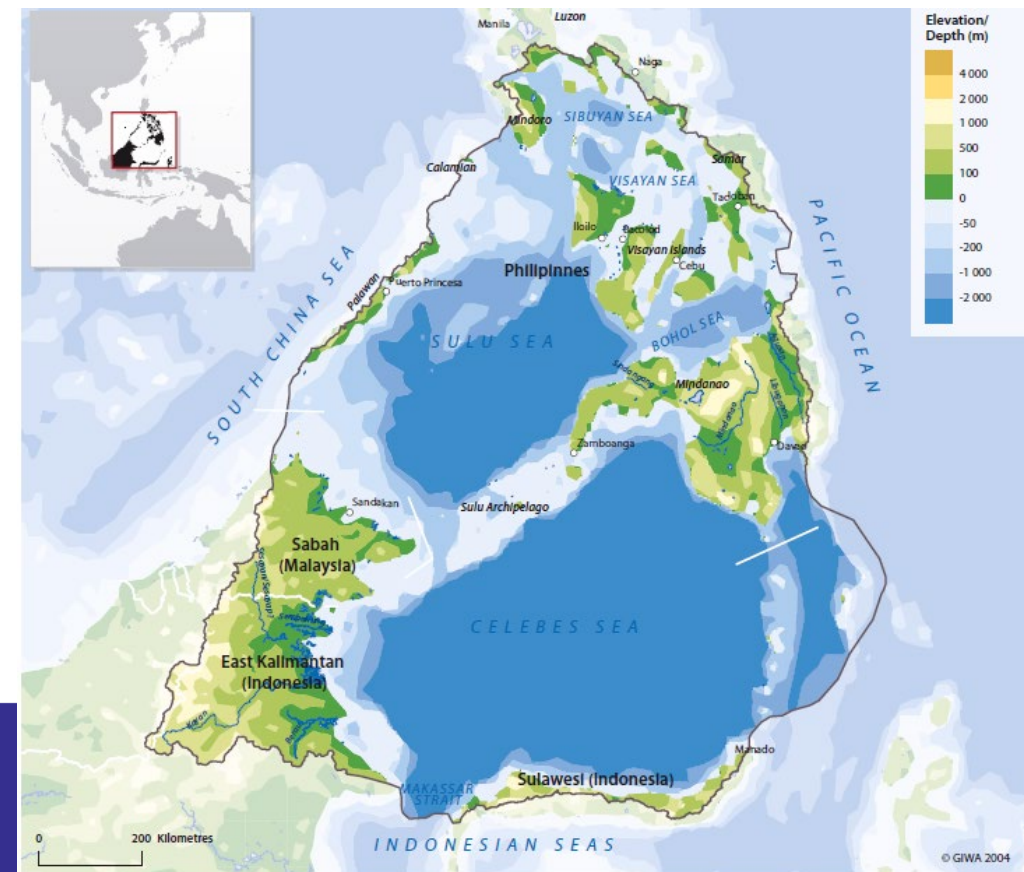


Figure 1 Boundaries of the Sulu-Celebes (Sulawesi) region.
Source: De Vantier et al. 2005 *Sulu-Celebes (Sulawesi) Sea*. GIWA Regional Assessment 56, GIWA Report Production, p. 18

MDA in Sulu and Sulawesi Seas

- The agenda ahead
 - We should not underestimate **the changes** the littoral states experienced, but at the same time, we should appreciate **the difference in policy goals** of each state in the region.
 - We should distinguish the policy area where we need more **equipment** from the policy area where we need more **cooperation**.



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