

# **13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE INFORMAL MEETING (AMIIM-13)**



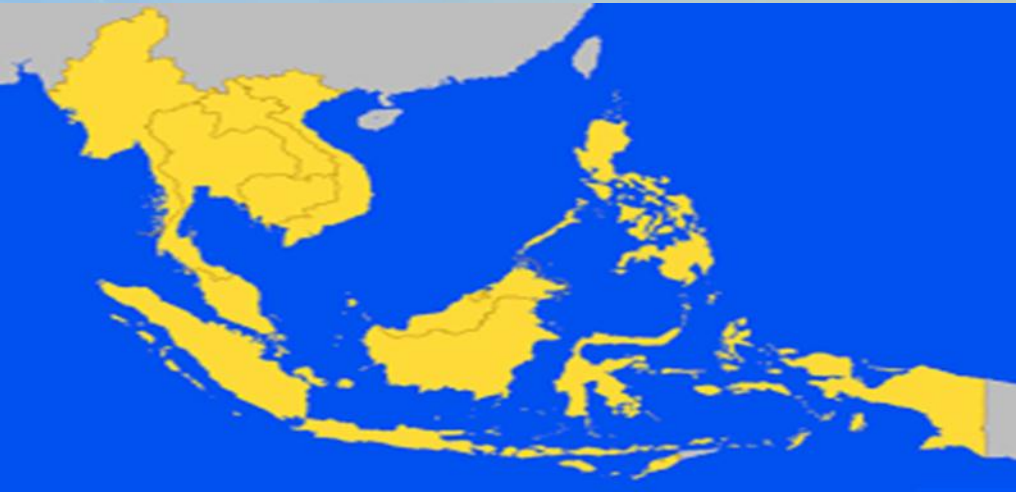


**"As we strive toward the full realization of the  
ASEAN Economic Community,**

**Our region remains confronted with diverse security  
concerns that have brought about consequences of  
different magnitudes to Southeast Asia's security..."**

***These challenges have made it imperative that we  
further enhance defense and military cooperation***





# **Philippine Perspective on Enhancing ASEAN Military Intelligence Cooperation**

**(AMIIM-13, Vientiane, Lao PDR, 11-13 March 2016)**



- ❖ **Regional Challenges**
- ❖ **Philippines' Participation and Initiatives**
  - ✓ *Multilateral*
  - ✓ *Bilateral*
- ❖ **Way Ahead**
- ❖ **Conclusion**



# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

- ❖ Inter-state conflicts
- ❖ Potential flashpoints
- ❖ Transnational crimes
- ❖ Terrorism
- ❖ Human security
- ❖ Effects of Globalization
- ❖ Economic interdependence
- ❖ Natural disasters
- ❖ Climate change



# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

**Southeast Asia (SEA)  
demonstrates preference for  
multilateral approaches**



***Transnational security issues cannot be  
resolved solely at the national level***



# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

Terrorism evolved due to the **Islamic State's (IS)** growing influence

- ❖ Increasing number of Southeast Asian fighters joining IS indicates its growing appeal
  - ✓ *Allowed to expand its network in the region*
- ❖ Islamic militant groups and personalities have joined the bandwagon and expressed support



Al Baghdadi





# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

## Southeast Asia: a critical maritime region for commerce and resources

- ❖ Southeast Asian waters as one of the world's most important sea lines of communication (SLOCs)
- ✓ About \$5.3 trillion of global trade transits each year
- ✓ 60% of SEA's population live in or rely economically on the region's maritime zones

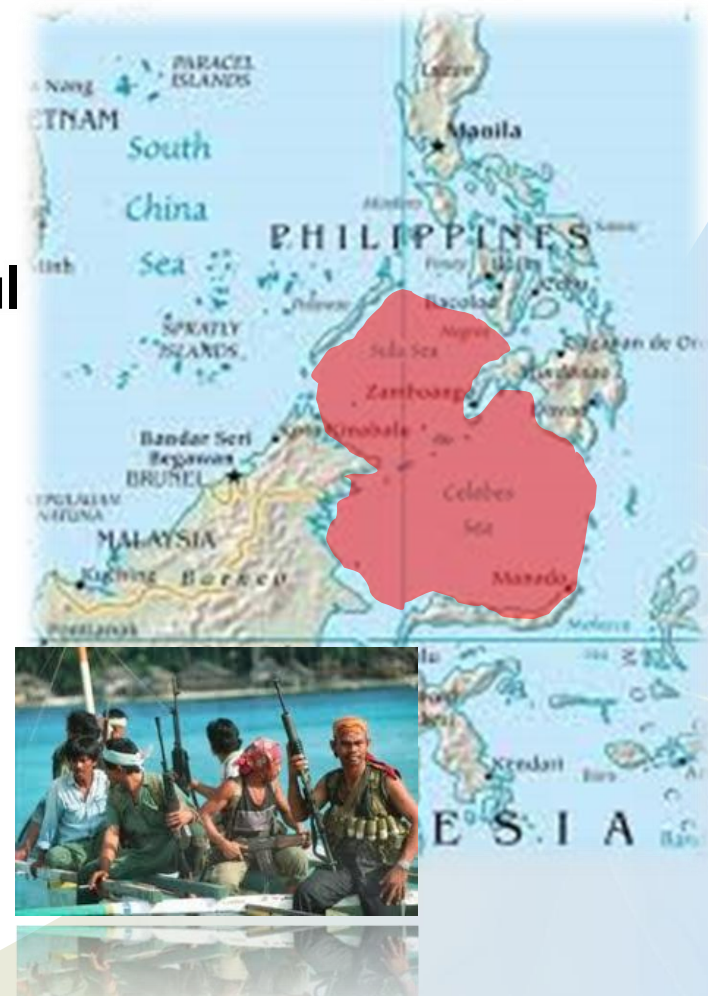




# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

**Southeast Asian seas are sources of tension  
which put states at risk**

- ❖ **Several Southeast Asian terrorist groups and pirates possess substantial seaborne capabilities**
- ❖ **Common problems are poachers, smugglers, criminal syndicates and terrorists**



# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

## Territorial Disputes

- ❖ Territorial disputes contribute to the tension in the region
- ❖ Overriding concern on overlapping claims of some ASEAN states, Taiwan and China over the South China Sea (SCS)



# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

## Territorial Disputes

The creation of legally-binding Code of Conduct (CoC) is an imperative mechanism to:

- ❖ Prevent future conflict
- ❖ Create more avenues and opportunities for genuine cooperation

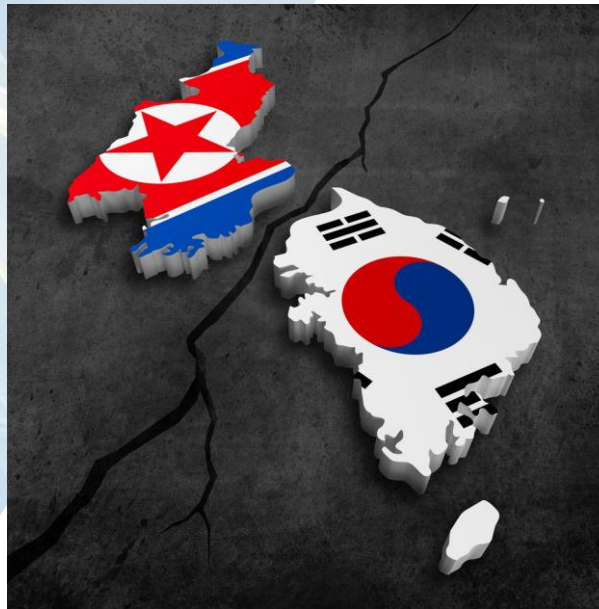




# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

## Potential Flashpoint

**Korean Peninsula is a potential flashpoint  
with North Korea as a factor of instability**



# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

## Other potential flashpoints



**Taiwan Strait**



**East China Sea**



# **PHILIPPINES' PARTICIPATION AND INITIATIVES**





# MULTILATERAL



**Addressing security concerns require joint efforts and cooperation of ASEAN intelligence communities**



# MULTILATERAL



**Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)** participates in HADR missions aimed at sharing experiences while enhancing skills





# MULTILATERAL

**AFP participates in various multilateral military intelligence activities**



**Asia-Pacific Intelligence Chiefs Conference (APICC)**



# MULTILATERAL

**AFP conducts regular meetings with the Foreign Armed Forces Attaché (FAFA) Corps**



# MULTILATERAL

- ❖ **26-30 September 2011:** Inaugural ASEAN Militaries Analyst-to-Analyst Intelligence Exchange (AMAAIE) Conference in Manila





# MULTILATERAL

## ASEAN Militaries Analyst-to-Analyst Intelligence Exchange (AMAAIE)

- ❖ *First of its kind to gather analysts and subject-matter experts*
- ❖ *Served as a venue for the ASEAN analysts' interaction, connectivity and collaboration*
- ❖ *AMAAIE is already institutionalized*

**4<sup>th</sup> AMAAIE is slated in  
Malaysia this 2016**





# BILATERAL

## AFP's commitment to regular conduct of *Intelligence Exchanges (Intelexes)*

- ❖ *Serve as platforms for discussion on:*
  - ✓ *Security matters of mutual interest and concern*
  - ✓ *Preventive measures to lessen impacts of threats to regional development*
- ❖ *Philippines and China conduct exchanges despite maritime disputes*



# WAY AHEAD

## Recommendations for enhancement of military intelligence cooperation:

- ❖ **Maintain conduct of intelexes and other regional mechanisms**
- ❖ **Explore possibility of establishing AMAAIE-Plus**
  - ✓ *Include major regional powers*
  - *Allow extensive network for sharing of expertise and best practices*



# WAY AHEAD

## Recommendations for enhancement of military intelligence cooperation:

- ❖ Set up hotlines and video teleconferences (VTCs)
  - ✓ *possible future inclusion of major powers*
- ❖ Serve as emergency lines of communication to expedite coordination and response during crisis situations

**Points of contact will be established and standard operating procedures (SOP) will be developed**





# WAY AHEAD

## Recommendations for enhancement of military intelligence cooperation:

- ❖ **Possible development of an ASEAN intelligence analysts training courses/ seminars**
  - ✓ *To develop strategic and analytical skills needed to deal with evolving security threats*
  - ✓ *To create an extensive network among counterparts and foster closer interaction*



# WAY AHEAD

## Recommendations for enhancement of military intelligence cooperation:

- ❖ **PHL to pursue conduct of Intelexes with the rest of ASEAN partners**
  - ✓ *Create an avenue to intensify information exchange*
  - ✓ *Expand network of collaboration*
  - ✓ *Enhance bilateral defense and military relations*



# CONCLUSION

- ❖ **Complexity of challenges cannot be understated**
  - ✓ ***Compelled to implement more stringent countermeasures***
  - ✓ ***Create favorable situation for all stakeholders***
  - ✓ ***Need to exert utmost efforts to achieve an integrated ASEAN Community***
  - ✓ ***Establish stronger networks***
  - ✓ ***Bolster line of communication***
  - ✓ ***Ensure more coordinated and immediate response to any contingencies***





# CONCLUSION

- ❖ **The need for regional response to avoid miscalculation**
  - ✓ *Adherence to the principles of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)*
  - ✓ *Pursuit for a legally-binding Code of Conduct (CoC)*



# CONCLUSION



**Must find ways to maintain a stable regional framework and promote peace in the region**



# Thank You



**Armed Forces of the Philippines**

*"AFP Core Values: Honor, Service, Patriotism"*