



# Enhancing Resilience and Advancing the **Philippines-Vietnam** PARTNERSHIP

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## **Background**

Competition in the Indo-Pacific is increasingly sophisticated, requiring countries to harness whole-of-society efforts to protect their interests and enhance resilience. Expanded use of assertive actions underpinned with malign intent also threatens the rules-based order which is the basis of a free, open and resilient Indo-Pacific region. The Philippines and Vietnam are two countries heavily exposed to such activities, whether in the maritime, economic, cognitive, or other domains.

To facilitate both countries in identifying steps to counter these assertive actions, and expanding dialogue under their Strategic Partnership, the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) are hosting this workshop in Yokohama, Japan. This workshop provides the Philippines and Vietnam an opportunity for candid discussions about different forms of coercive activity. Through facilitated, interactive discussions in plenary and breakout groups, participants will discuss the challenges facing both countries, explore best practices, and develop policy and operational recommendations to mitigate these challenges.

Questions to be discussed during the workshop include: What are our shared goals for safeguarding our interests and building resilience? How are coercive tactics evolving across all domains? What form of cooperation is most effective in countering malign, assertive actions? How can Vietnam and the Philippines best address impingement by external actors? What are the roles of various sectors in a whole-of-society approach to building such resilience?

## **Intended Outcomes**

This workshop will:

- Increase awareness of coercive actions in the domains of consequence and resilient methods to resist them.
- Develop recommendations for domestic policy and whole-of-society operational coordination to increase resilience and counter coercive actions.
- Develop multi-lateral messaging, policy and operational coordination recommendations to create favorable conditions for the Philippines and Vietnam in their support of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

## **Methodology**

Framing presentations by selected speakers, combined with interactive polling, will set up facilitated small working group sessions for robust, candid discussion of the issues and opportunities highlighted above. Utilizing the findings developed during the working groups, participants will identify opportunities and together develop a menu of recommendations for the strategic partnership. The workshop will be conducted entirely in English and in accordance with our non-attribution rules.

## **For additional information**

If you have any questions on the design, content, or participants of the workshop, please contact Dr. Lori Forman, academic lead for the workshop, at [lori.a.forman2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lori.a.forman2.civ@mail.mil) or by phone at 1-808-971-4081.

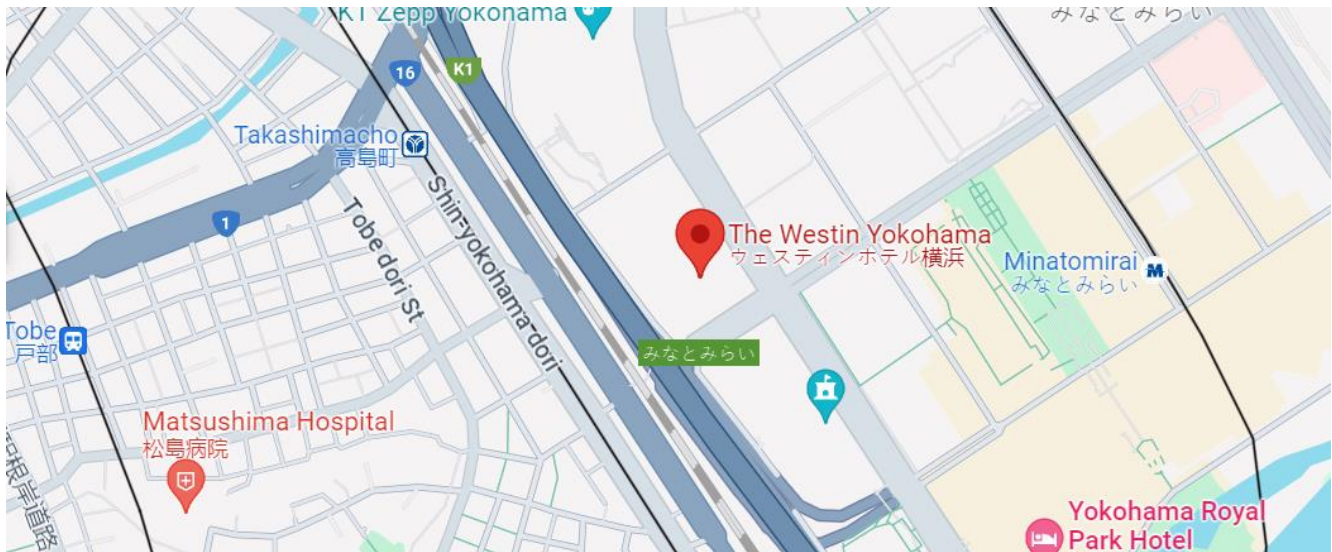
Questions on funding and logistical elements should be directed to Ms. Kristine "Tintin" Boswell, DKI APCSS Regional Engagement Operations Officer at [BoswellK@dkiapcss.edu](mailto:BoswellK@dkiapcss.edu) or by phone at 1-808-971-4050.

**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024**

**DAY THEME: WELCOME**

*(DRESS: BUSINESS CASUAL – OPEN COLLAR / ALOHA ATTIRE)*

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0800 – 1700	Participant arrivals <i>- Instructions will be provided outlining how to take the appropriate airport limousine bus from the airport to the Westin Yokohama</i>	The Westin Yokohama
1730 – 1830	<b>Registration, Opening Reception and Participant Introductions</b> <i>- Dr. Yusuke Takagi, Associate Professor and Director of Maritime Safety and Security Program, GRIPS</i> <i>- Dr. Lori Forman, Development Advisor and Professor, DKI APCSS</i>	Port 23, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
1830 -1900	<b>Travel Settlement and Travel Advance Provision</b> <i>- Ms. Ellen Macaraeg, Travel Coordinator, DKI APCSS</i> <i>- Ms. Kristine "Tintin" Boswell, Regional Engagements Operations Officer, DKI APCSS</i>  Note: Participants must bring receipts for processing per diem payouts and provision of travel advance	Port 23, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Evening	Free for dinner	



**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024**

**DAY THEME: CHALLENGES**

*(DRESS: BUSINESS CASUAL – OPEN COLLAR / ALOHA ATTIRE)*

**Concept:** Following the opening scene-setting remarks, participants will utilize anonymous, electronic polling technology to assess initial opinions about the state of the region and the key areas of coercion facing their countries and sectors. Participant-focused discussions will explore the key areas and methods of coercive activities affecting their countries and sectors.

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
0700 – 0930	Breakfast	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
0930 – 0945	<b>Welcome and Administrative Announcements</b> - Dr. Yusuke Takagi, GRIPS and Ms. Tintin Boswell, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
0945 – 1000	<b>Workshop Overview</b> <i>Objective: Introduce the purpose, terminology and intended outcomes of the workshop.</i> - Dr. Alex Vuving, Professor, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1000 – 1055	Interactive Polling: <b>Assess Initial Opinions and Concerns</b> <i>Objective: Explore perspectives on the state of the region and prospects for collaborative action.</i> - Dr. Lori Forman, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1055 – 1115	Networking Break	Foyer
1115 – 1215	Plenary: <b>The Evolving Field of Coercive Action</b> <i>Objective: Discuss the nature and scope of coercive actions undertaken in the world today.</i> <u>Framing Questions:</u> <i>1. How have coercive actions evolved in each domain?</i> <i>2. What does the future hold if these actions continue to evolve? What are the implications at the local, provincial and national level? For governments, the commercial sector and civil society?</i> - Maritime: Captain Kentaro Furuya, Adjunct Professor, GRIPS - Economic: Ms. Kristi Hunt, Senior Advisor for the South China Sea, Vietnam, and Laos; Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense - Cognitive: Lt. Col. Rob Gramling, USAF Military Fellow, DKI APCSS Moderator: Dr. Ginnie Watson, Professor, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1215 – 1230	Move to lunch	
1230 – 1330	Working Lunch: <b>International Perspectives – Japan</b> <i>Objective: To discuss best practices employed by other countries in the region.</i> - Ambassador Kentaro Fujimoto, Deputy Director-General/Deputy Assistant Minister, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Moderator: Dr. Yusuke Takagi, GRIPS	Ballroom 2, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
1330 – 1345	Return to plenary	
1345 – 1355	<p>Working Group Guidance: <b>Challenges</b>  <i>Objective: Identify the areas and methods of coercive action that are most concerning in each domain.</i></p> <p><u>Framing Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>What coercive actions are present in your domain? What are the intended outcomes of these actions? Which are of greatest concern?</i></li> <li>2. <i>What factors currently inhibit collaboration to address these actions, both within a country and between countries?</i></li> </ol> <p>- Dr. Lori Forman, DKI APCSS</p>	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1355 – 1515	<p>Working Group Session: <b>Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maritime Facilitators: Dr. Alex Vuving, DKI APCSS &amp; Capt. Kentaro Furuya GRIPS</li> <li>- Economic Facilitators: Dr. Ginnie Watson, DKI APCSS &amp; Dr. Yusuke Takagi, GRIPS</li> <li>- Cognitive Facilitators: Lt. Col. Rob Gramling, DKI APCSS &amp; Ms. Erina Harada, Japan Foundation</li> </ul>	4 <sup>th</sup> floor: Ballroom 1 Columbus Magellan
1515 – 1530	Networking Break	Foyer
1530 – 1615	<p>Backbrief &amp; Discussion: <b>Challenges</b>  <i>Objective: Share outcomes from the working groups and discuss where perspectives are shared and where they diverge. Speakers selected by the working groups.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maritime</li> <li>- Economic</li> <li>- Cognitive</li> </ul> <p>- Moderator: Dr. Ginnie Watson, DKI APCSS</p>	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1615 – 1630	<p><b>Day 1 Closing Remarks and Announcements</b></p> <p>- Dr. Lori Forman, DKI APCSS and Dr. Yusuke Takagi, GRIPS</p>	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor

*NOTE: This evening is free for executive time and self-organized sidebar meetings.*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024**

**DAY THEME: OPPORTUNITIES**

*(DRESS: BUSINESS CASUAL – OPEN COLLAR / ALOHA ATTIRE)*

**Concept:** The second full day features both working group and plenary sessions to discuss key areas of coercion and the opportunities for building resilience. Working groups organized by country will consider the areas identified the previous day and discuss how they rank within national priorities. Participants will then consider specific areas of cooperation between the Philippines and Vietnam.

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
0700 – 0930	Breakfast available	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
0930 – 0945	<b>Opening Announcements</b> - Dr. Yusuke Takagi, GRIPS and Ms. Tintin Boswell, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
0945 – 1045	Plenary: <b>View from the Commercial Sector</b> <i>Objective: Understand how the commercial sector evaluates risk when coercive actions affect their industry.</i>  <u>Framing Questions:</u> 1. <i>What kind of coercion or malign influence is affecting your industry?</i> 2. <i>What is the impact of these activities on continued investments and operations?</i> 3. <i>What does the future hold if these actions continue to evolve?</i>  - Energy sector: Engr. Don Paulino, President, Philippine Energy Independence Council - Fisheries: Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi, Standing Vice Chair, Vietnam Fisheries Society (VINAFIS) - Undersea cables: Mr. Vu Hoang Lien, Chairman, Vietnam Internet Association (VIA)  - Moderator: Lt. Col. Rob Gramling, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1045 – 1100	Networking Break / Process payouts	Foyer, Columbus
1100 – 1105	Working Group Guidance: <b>National Priorities</b> <i>Objective: Identify which activities are of priority concern to the country and identify actions needed to build resilience.</i>  <u>Framing Questions:</u> 1. <i>Rank the coercive activities employed against your country by order of impact on national security.</i> 2. <i>Identify inhibitors within your country which must be addressed in order to build resilience to these threats.</i> 3. <i>Identify areas where regional or international cooperation is needed in order to build resilience.</i>  - Dr. Lori Forman, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1105 – 1230	Working Group Session: <b>National Priorities</b> - Vietnam Facilitators: Dr. Alex Vuving, DKI APCSS & Capt. Kentaro Furuya, GRIPS  - Philippines Facilitators: Dr. Ginnie Watson, DKI APCSS & Dr. Yusuke Takagi, GRIPS	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor:  Ballroom 1  Columbus

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
1230 – 1245	Transfer to working lunch	
1245 – 1345	Working Lunch: <b>International Perspectives - Australia</b> <i>Objective: Discuss best practices employed by other countries in the region.</i> - Dr. Euan Graham, Senior Analyst, Australian Strategic Policy Institute Moderator: Capt. Kentaro Furuya, GRIPS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1345 – 1400	Return to plenary	
1400 – 1445	Backbrief & Discussion: <b>National Priorities</b> <i>Objective: Share outcomes from the working groups and discuss where perspectives are shared and where they diverge. Speakers selected by the working groups.</i> - Vietnam - Philippines - Moderator: Capt. Kentaro Furuya, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1445 – 1500	Networking Break / Process payouts	Foyer, Columbus
1500 – 1615	Interactive Plenary: <b>The Strategic Partnership</b> <i>Objective: Discuss if and how the Philippines-Vietnam Strategic partnership can be a basis for enhancing resilience through cooperation. Discussion will begin in pairs and then as a group.</i> <u>Framing Questions:</u> 1. <i>Based on the priorities identified in the previous breakout sessions, which areas hold the greatest prospects for Philippines-Vietnam cooperation?</i> 2. <i>What inhibitors exist to such cooperation? How can we overcome those inhibitors?</i> - Moderator: Dr. Alex Vuving, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1615 – 1630	<b>Day 2 Closing Remarks and Announcements</b> - Director Pete Gumataotao, DKI APCSS - Dr. Lori Forman, DKI APCSS and Capt. Kentaro Furuya, GRIPS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**  
**DAY THEME: RECOMMENDATIONS**  
*(DRESS: BUSINESS CASUAL – OPEN COLLAR / ALOHA ATTIRE)*

**Concept:** By the end of this half-day, participants will develop and prioritize recommendations for action. The workshop ends with commentary on the next steps for addressing these policy requirements.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0700 – 0930	Breakfast available	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
0930 – 0935	<b>Opening Announcements</b> - Dr. Yusuke Takagi, GRIPS and Ms. Tintin Boswell, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
0935 – 1015	Interactive Plenary: <b>Policy Recommendations</b> <i>Objective: Participants develop policy recommendations to enhance resilience, identifying the key actors and assumptions behind each recommendation.</i> Moderator: Capt. Kentaro Furuya, GRIPS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1015 – 1045	Interactive Plenary: <b>Prioritizing the Recommendations</b> <i>Objective: Participants will rank the recommendations and assess likelihood for implementation.</i> Moderator: Dr. Ginnie Watson, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1045 – 1115	Official Workshop Photo & Networking Break	Foyer
1115 – 1150	Interactive Plenary: <b>Way Ahead</b> <i>Objective: Discuss what we can collectively do with these recommendations.</i> Commentator: Mr. Ray Greene, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Moderator: Dr. Lori Forman, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1150 – 1210	<b>Wrap-up</b> - Dr. Narushige Michishita, Vice President, GRIPS - Director Pete Gumataotao, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1210 – 1230	<b>Workshop Evaluation</b> - Workshop Feedback: Lt. Col. Rob Gramling, DKI APCSS	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1230 – 1245	<b>Presentation of certificates</b>	Ballroom 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
1245	Workshop Concludes	

*NOTE: Information will be provided on the optional visit in the afternoon to the Japan Coast Guard Museum (also known as the "Spy Boat Museum") which is nearby in Yokohama.*