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Australia: Mr. David Nockels

Mr. Nockels is the First Assistant Secretary, Defense Industry Policy in the Australian Department of Defense, and is responsible for Defense Export Controls, Defense Industry Policy, and Defense Industry Domestic Policy. The Division is responsible for the effective implementation of the Government's approach to Defense industry policy and the creation of a strategy-led program of industry engagement and innovation.

Mr. Nockels previously held the role of First Assistant Secretary of People Policy and Culture. In this role, he was responsible for People Policy & Employment Conditions, Defense Learning, and Culture & People Development.

Mr. Nockels holds an Executive MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management, University of New South Wales, a Master's Degree in Security Policy Studies from the George Washington University in the USA, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia.

Australia: Ms. Alison Petchell

Ms. Petchell has over 15 years of experience delivering technology to the Australian Defense Force across all stages of the capability life cycle. In her current role in the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, she oversees delivery cooperation with a wide range of international partners. She is responsible for ensuring international procurement practice supports speed to capability. From 2019 until 2021, Ms. Petchell was the Minister Counsellor of Defense Materiel at the Embassy of Australia in Washington DC, where she worked with local Security Cooperation Agencies to establish business cases, manage delivery risks, facilitate export licenses, and ensure timely transport of equipment. She also played a key role in facilitating Australian Defense Industry participation in international supply chains, working with sourcing officials and international firms to identify supply chain gaps and showcase Australian Industrial capability. Upon return from posting, Ms. Petchell spent eighteen months leading Industrial Base Analysis and Uplift planning for Australia's Nuclear Powered Submarine Program.

Along with her MBA, Ms. Petchell has Master's Degrees in Project Management and Sustainment. Prior to her appointment to Washington DC, she managed a multi-billion-dollar portfolio of complex Command and Control projects and products through all stages of the capability lifecycle for all four Defense Capability Managers, from government approval to delivery and disposal. Between delivery roles that included leading reform to generate benchmark availability for the Collins Submarine fleet, she managed the Skilling Australia's Defense Industry program. She facilitated industrial participation for Australia's Joint Strike Fighter Program Office. Prior to joining the Department of Defense, Ms. Petchell was a registered health professional who also held leadership roles in shaping Australian health policy.

[Canada: Ms. Raquel Garbers](#)

Director General, Strategic Defense Policy
Government of Canada, National Defense

[Germany: Mr. Alexander Dudde](#)

Mr. Dudde graduated from the University of Stuttgart in 1996 and started his career as an Aerospace Engineer. He's been in his current position as the Procurement Attaché at the German Embassy in Washington, D.C., since 2019.

[Indonesia: Air First Marshall Yusran Lubis](#)

AFM Lubis graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1993. After his graduation, he was posted at the Air Force Head Quarters in 1993. In 1995, he was transferred to other posts at different locations until 1998. Later, he moved to the Air Force Headquarters until he was Colonel. In 2019, he was transferred to the Indonesian Ministry of Defense until now, serving as the Head of Defense Articles Center of Defense Facility Agency within the Ministry of Defense.

[Indonesia: Rear Admiral Fares Utama](#)

FADM Utami graduated from the Indonesian Naval Academy in 1992. After his graduation, he was posted as an ensign at Kolinlamil/Ship. In 1999 he was transferred to Naval Head Quarters when he was Captain. He worked for Naval Head Quarters until 2019. Recently, he has been posted at the Ministry of Defense as Inspectorate Finance.

[Italy: Major General Maurizio Cantiello](#)

Maj. Gen. Cantiello is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours. He has logged 60 combat hours and flown on 54 different types of aircraft and helicopters. Prior to his current position, he was the Chief of Staff for the Italian Air Force Logistic Command; in this role, he led the staff of the Logistic Commander in the following areas: agreements, financial matters, operations and logistics, legal issues and infrastructures. As additional duty, he served as the chief of a Task Force, established by the Italian Air Force, to deal with the upraise of COVID-19 crisis.

[Italy: Lieutenant Colonel Giuseppe Mariano](#)

LTC Mariano is an Italian Army Officer with more than 25 years of professional experience in National and International Logistics and Defense Industry Policy Strategy. He is currently posted to the Italian National Armament Directorate as Strategic Planning for Defense Industry Section Head. His responsibilities include the identification of defense industrial strategies and

international industrial cooperation for meeting Italian armed forces operational requirement in all military domains. LTC Mariano consolidated managerial skills in different leading positions over 25 years of service at national and international level. In 2017, he was posted to the Supreme High Allied Command in Europe (SHAPE) as Joint Logistic Planner, Project and Risk Manager to the NATO program for enabling SACEUR's Area of Responsibility (Enablement of SACEUR's AOR). Finally, he was appointed for leading the NATO Industrial Capacity Working Group as part of the Defense Industrial Production Board for the NATO Defense Production Action Plan implementation.

Japan: Mr. Ryota Nakatsuji

Presently, Mr. Ryota Nakatsuji serves as the Senior Coordinator of the Equipment Policy Division within the Equipment Policy Department at the Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Agency (ATLA). He joined the Japan Defense Agency in April 2004, with positions served including Principal Deputy Director within the Strategic Planning Division of the Bureau of Defense Policy in the Ministry of Defense (MOD) from August 2020- August 2022 and Principal Deputy Director of the Human Resources Development Division within the Bureau of Personnel and Education in MOD from August 2019-2020.

Japan: Ms. Sayako Sumomo

Presently, Ms. Sumomo serves as the director of the International Cooperation Division within the Department of Equipment Policy at the Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Agency (ATLA), a position she has held from July 2023. Previously she has also held roles including as a Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in the UK, and as the Principal Deputy Director of the International Policy Division of the Ministry of Defense.

Ms. Sumomo completed her undergraduate education at Waseda University Faculty of Law. She then completed her Master of Arts in International Policy Studies at Stanford University, and her National Security Law Certificate at the Georgetown Law School.

Japan: Mr. Kazushige Tanaka

Mr. Tanaka joined the Ministry in 1994. Since then, he has engaged in several industrial and international policy sections, such as energy and trade policy planning. In 2023, he was appointed Director-General of Trade Policy, Minister's Secretariat, Deputy Director-General of Manufacturing Industries Bureau, and Deputy Director-General of Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau.

Korea: Mr. Gabsu Lee

Senior Government Official Mr. Lee is the Director General of the Logistics Management Bureau. Previously, he has served as the Deputy Commander of the 7th Corps, the Deputy Chief of Material of the Office of Army Chief of Staff, Logistics, and the Chief of Logistics in the 3rd Field Forces Command. He has also served as the Executive Officer to the Vice Minister of Defense Director of the Equipment Management Division, the Staff for Logistics, the 55th Division Commander, 170th regiment, the Ground Equipment/Equipment Policy Officer, ROK MND, the Commander of the 1st Battalion, 172nd Regiment, 55th Division, Staff for Logistics within the 70th Division, and the Planning Officer for the 5th Logistics Support Command. Mr. Lee attended the Korea Military Academy and received a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management from the Graduate School of Business Administration at Kyungpook National University.

[Lithuania: Mr. Romualdas Petkevičius](#)

Senior Advisor, Defense Materiel Agency
Lithuania Ministry of National Defense

[Lithuania: Dr. Vaidotas Urbelis](#)

Defense Policy Director, Minister's Office
Lithuania Ministry of National Defense

[Netherlands: Mr. Sander Oude Hengel](#)

Mr. Oude Hengel is Defense Cooperation Attaché at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington DC since January 2023. In addition, he is the chair of the Defense MoU Attaché Group, representing 27 countries with a bilateral Reciprocal Defense MoU with the USA. The DMAG advocated reciprocal defense industrial cooperation between the U.S. and the "qualifying nations." Before his current position, he was a strategic advisor in materiel and industrial cooperation to the leadership at the Netherlands Ministry of Defense in The Hague after many years of working in international defense cooperation in different roles and responsibilities.

[Philippines: Ms. Ma. Corazon Halili-Dichosa](#)

Ms. Halili-Dichosa is a career executive with 30 years of experience in the Board of Investments (BOI). She is currently the Executive Director of the Industry Development Services (IDS). She is tasked to handle industry-related matters and policies of the agency. She has handled various assignments in BOI, from industry development to international marketing and international negotiations. She also handles environmental policy matters, the agency's Performance Governance Scorecard (PGS).

Executive Director Dichosa is a graduate of B.S. in Chemical Engineering and M.S. in Environmental Engineering from the Mapua Institute of Technology and Bachelor of Laws from

the Adamson University. She has also completed the Strategic Business Economics Program of the University of Asia and the Pacific.

Singapore: Mr. Luke Goh

Mr. Goh is Director, Industry and Resources Policy 1. For the industry portfolio, he is responsible for formulating policies to develop and govern the defense industry. This includes ensuring the alignment of long-term plans and capability build-up in the defense industry. For the resources portfolio, he is responsible for developing land, sustainability and acquisition policies to ensure efficient and effective use of defense resources in support of the Ministry of Defense and the Singapore Armed Forces.

Mr. Goh was previously the Deputy Assistant Chief of General Staff (Plans), G5-Army. He led the Army's strategy office that is responsible for long-term planning and force transformation.

Singapore: Ms. Zhenling Lai

Ms. Lai current serves as the Deputy Director (International) at the Singapore Ministry of Defense's Defense Policy Office, handling bilateral defense relations. Prior to this appointment, she was in the MINDEF Communications Organization, looking at strategic communications and information. Ms. Lai worked in MINDEF for close to 14 years, in various appointments covering strategic planning, US-Singapore defense relations, and policy-operations planning.

Singapore: Mr. Daniel Yeo

Mr. Yeo is Assistant Director, Industry Development. He is responsible for formulating policies and implementing frameworks to develop the Defense industry, ensuring the alignment of long-term plans and capability build up in the Defense industry.

Mr. Yeo was previously Senior Manager, Overseas Training Branch, G6-Army. He facilitated the conduct of the Singapore Army's overseas training exercises and bilateral exercises with foreign partners.

Sweden: Mr. Joakim Lewin

Mr. Lewin has been stationed at the Embassy of Sweden in Washington DC since October 2022. He is the national point of contact with the Department of State and the Department of Commerce regarding export control, and the signatory for all Swedish FMS-cases with the Department of Defense. He is an active member of the Defense MOU Attachés Group (DMAG) and leads the working group for Industrial Base Cooperation.

Mr. Lewin has 20 years of experience working at the Swedish Defense Materiel Administration (FMV) in different positions. Between 2014 and 2022 he was responsible for leading the pre-program activities for all Army programs. Working close to the users, he managed the start-up of executable and cost-effective programs that will meet the user's requirements. He was responsible for coordination with the other services and establishing international cooperative efforts when feasible. He led the FMV team that resulted in the Swedish procurement of the Patriot ground-based air defense system from the USA. He has also been instrumental in establishing European multinational cooperation for procurement of all-terrain vehicles.

Taiwan: Ms. Hui-Fen Miao

Ms. Miao, hailing from a civil service background, has dedicated numerous years of service within the Ministry of National Defense, specializing in strategic planning and assessment. She was entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the publication of the latest version of the national defense report by the Ministry at the end of last year. Deputy Minister of National Defense, Shen Yiming, emphasized her outstanding performance during her tenure as Director of the Department of Defense Policy within the Strategic Planning Office, highlighting her as an exemplary civil servant who has earned the trust and recognition of her superiors, leading to her recent appointment.

Taiwan: Mr. Alex Po

Mr. Po, a retired Lieutenant General of the Republic of China Air Force, is the Deputy Minister of National Defense. He holds a master's degree from the Executive Master of Business Administration program at National Taiwan University. He is a graduate of the 70th class of the Republic of China Air Force Academy. He has held various high-ranking positions throughout his career, including Deputy Executive Director of the National Defense Institute and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Command Headquarters. Additionally, he has served as Director of the Political Affairs Office of the Ministry of National Defense and Commander of the Air Force Combatant Command. He has also represented Taiwan in diplomatic capacities as Acting Representative of the Taiwan Defense Office in the United States.

Taiwan: Mr. Yi-Chien Tsou

Mr. Tsou boasts a wealth of experience in various critical roles within the Ministry of National Defense (MND) and its affiliated offices. With a background spanning from senior logistics officer to procurement officer, he has demonstrated his expertise in managing the intricacies of defense procurement and logistics operations. His tenure as Chief of the foreign military sales section at the Taipei Economic Cultural Representative Office in the United States highlights his international engagement and negotiation skills. Currently serving as the Deputy Director General of the National Defense Procurement Office, Mr. Tsou continues to contribute his extensive knowledge and leadership to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of defense procurement processes in Taiwan.

Thailand: Rear Admiral Akadet Junsiri

RADM Junsiri is the Staff Officer Attached to the Deputy Permanent Secretary for Defense. He has also served as the Director of the Mobilization Division of the Office of Policy and Strategy within the Office of Policy and Planning, the Deputy Director of the Office of Policy and Strategy within the Office of Policy and Planning, the Deputy Director of the Office of ASEAN Affairs within the Office of Policy and Planning, the Chief of Staff of the Defense Industry and Energy Center, and the Director of the Office of Civil Affairs within the Office of Policy and Planning.

Thailand: Major General Songvit Vayuheurd

MG Vayuheurd currently serves as the Chief of Staff of the Defense Industry and Energy Centre, Office of Permanent Secretary for Defense, within the Ministry of Defense. He has previously served in a diverse set of roles, including three positions as Deputy Director-General within the Office of Policy and Planning within the Office of Permanent Secretary for Defense, within the offices for External Relations, Operations and Intelligence, and Military Affairs Coordination Officers to the Office of the National Security Council. He has also served in a number of positions within the Royal Thai Army Directorate of Operations.

MG Vayuheurd received a Master's Degree in Social Development from the National Institute of Development Administration. He has also attended military education courses in Thailand and the USA, including the Command and General Staff College, Royal Thai Army.

United Kingdom: Ms. Kathryn Essex

Ms. Essex joined the UK MOD in 2005 and has been posted at the British Embassy Washington since January 2020. She is the current First Secretary - Capability Coherence in the British Defense Staff United States. As part of this role, Ms. Essex leads a small team that covers a huge array of topics including our bilateral joint capability development engagement (EU-NATO cap dev initiatives and now trilateral under AUKUS Pillar 2), climate security, economic security, force development and wargaming and barriers to collaboration including information sharing issues and export control reform. She also manages the bi-annual UK-US Defense Dialogue process - the strategic 4* level talks between UK and US Defense leaders.

United Kingdom: Mr. Barney Kistruck

Mr. Kistruck was appointed as the Director of Industrial Strategy, Prosperity and Exports at the UK Ministry of Defense in March 2024. Prior to his current appointment, he was the Chief of Staff to the UK's National Security Adviser from March 2022-March 2024. He joined the Civil Service in 2006 and his early career had a focus on national security strategy, European security and nuclear policy.

[United Kingdom: Mr. Nigel “Frankie” Vaughan](#)

Mr. Vaughan is the Senior Industry Advisor for the UK Ministry of Defence (AUKUS) and UK Department of Business and Trade (Defence and Security Exports). Previously, he worked at QinetiQ as a member of the CEOs outer office as the Groups Head of International Strategic Engagement. Before this, as the Group Managing Director at RECON International Group, Mr. Vaughan led numerous multi-national civilian support teams on operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Mongolia, South Sudan, Mali, Guinea, Libya, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, and Somalia. He joined the British Army in 1987, and studied at the Army School of Aeronautical Engineering before transferring to the Royal Logistic Corps where he was selected for the British Army’s most senior appointment of Conductor. Mr. Vaughan served in operational tours in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

[United States: Mr. Joshua Bowers](#)

Deputy Division Chief, Weapons
Defense Security Cooperation Agency

[United States: Mr. Jeffrey Burdette](#)

Mr. Burdette is currently the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Product Support. Prior to this current position, he was the Maintenance Group Commander at Mountain Home Air Force Base. He retired from active duty in 2023 and began his career as a government civilian.

[United States: Mr. Adam Burstein](#)

Mr. Adam Burstein is the Lead for Strategic and Critical Materials at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy where he is responsible for assessing Strategic and Critical Materials (S&CM) supply chain vulnerability and developing policy related to the secure sourcing, stockpiling, investment, and disposition of S&CM to ensure a secure and resilient Defense Industrial Base.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Burstein was the Country Director for Oceania in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy where he advised on international security policy and helped manage relationships with nations of the Indo-Pacific. He helped plan and support bilateral and multilateral senior leader engagements with equivalent leadership from ally and partner nations.

[United States: Dr. George Ka’iliwai](#)

Director, Requirements, and Resources (J8)

Headquarters, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (HQ USINDOPACOM)

[United States: Ms. Aditi Kumar](#)

Deputy Director, Defense Innovation Unit
Office of the Secretary of Defense

[United States: Mr. Alan Matney](#)

US Defense Contractor
Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, Office of the Secretary of Defense

[United States: Dr. Vic Ramdass](#)

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Materiel Readiness
Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

[United States: Mr. Brandon Remington](#)

Mr. Remington began his career as an infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Afghanistan. After earning JD and MBA degrees, Mr. Remington clerked at the Delaware Court of Chancery and practiced law in New York, specializing in mergers & acquisitions, capital markets, and corporate governance. Mr. Remington left the law firm to assist with artificial intelligence (AI) efforts at the Pentagon, including Project Maven and the Chief Digital and AI Officer (CDAO), and joined Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU APL) as an AI Project Leader. Mr. Remington currently serves as the Chief Strategy Officer at the Office of Strategic Capital at the U.S. Department of Defense.

[United States: Mr. Jedidiah Royal](#)

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs
Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

[United States: Dr. Erin Simpson](#)

Dr. Erin Simpson is currently Executive Director of the Joint Production Accelerator Cell, within OSD Acquisition and Sustainment where she is responsible for bringing innovative, new approaches the production of defense weapons systems to create more flexible and expanded capacity in the defense industrial base. She most recently served as Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy (2022-23). Dr. Simpson was previously

the Director of Strategy Development and Deployment in Northrop Grumman's Space Sector (2020-21).

[United States: Dr. Amy Sunshine Smith-Carroll](#)

Director for Surface Warfare

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD(A&S))

[United States: Dr. Stephen Tankel](#)

Dr. Tankel is the Director for Defense Policy & Strategy at the National Security Council. He leads the portfolio on defense industrial strategy and global defense production.

[United States: Mr. Michael Vaccaro](#)

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Defense Trade Controls

United States Department of State

Industry/Investor Participants

[Industry: Mr. Takumi Fujino](#)

Mr. Fujino joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (METI) in 1987 and has served various leadership positions. In April 2015, Mr. Fujino was named Vice Governor of Gifu prefecture. In June 2018, was named Director General of JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization) London. In August 2020, he was named Deputy Director-General for Trade Policy Bureau (METI). Mr. Fujino holds a Bachelor of Law degree from Tokyo University and LL.M. of University of Washington.

[Industry: Mr. Minoru Hanakata](#)

Mr. Hanakata has started his carrier at procurement department of an aero engine manufacturing company (IH) then moved to MRO and Strategic Planning sections in the company. He has joined SJAC (The Society of Japanese Aerospace Companies) in 2017 as General Manager, International Affairs. Currently he is responsible in international affairs for SJAC.

[Industry: Mr. Dak Hardwick](#)

Vice President, International Affairs

Aerospace Industries Association

[Industry: Mr. Eugene Kim](#)

Re-elected as the 18th Chairman of the Korea Defense Industry Association (KDIA), Mr. Kim extends his impactful tenure from his time as the 17th Chairman. Leading Huneed Technologies since 2002, he has propelled the company to the forefront of wireless communication and aviation, significantly enhancing Korea's defense industry's competitiveness and technological prowess. Amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the 4th Industrial Revolution, Kim's leadership has been crucial in driving export growth and reinforcing the sector's position on the global stage.

[Industry: Ms. Alison Lynn](#)

Vice President, Communications
Aerospace Industries Association

[Industry: Ms. Louise McGrath](#)

Head of Industry Development and Policy
Australia Industries Group

[Industry: Dr. Hyeok Seo](#)

Dr. Seo Hyeok is a retired Army Colonel with experience in military leadership and project management. He has a Doctorate in Management from Chungnam National University and a Master's Degree in Applied Statistics from Seoul National University.

Dr. Seo's career highlights include serving as the Director of the Tactical Unmanned Aircraft Project Team and the Main Battle Tank Project Team. Currently, he serves as the Director of the Research Center for Defense Industry Policy at the Korea Defense Industry Association, where he applies his expertise in defense technology and policy.

[Industry: Ms. Jen Stewart](#)

Executive Vice President for Strategy and Policy
National Defense Industrial Association

[Investor: Mr. Zach Beecher](#)

Chief of Staff
America's Frontier Fund

Investor: Ms. Heather Jo Richman
AUKUS Defense Investors Network