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U.S. INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY LAW AND OPERATIONS CONFERENCE

37th ANNUAL CONFERENCE | 03-06 AUGUST 2026 | MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL | KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Sunday, 2 August, 2026

1300-1700

MILOPS Conference Registration

Collect Security Badge and Welcome Packet

Monday, 3 August, 2026

0700-0745

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0800-0805

MILOPS Introduction

Captain Dustin Wallace, SJA USINDOPACOM

0805-0810

Arrival of the Official Party

**All Rise from seats*

0810-0815

Cultural Welcome Dance

Visit Malaysia

0815-0830

Open Keynote: Welcome to Malaysia

The Honorable Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin
Malaysia Minister of Defence

0830-0900

Keynote: ASEAN Centrality in the
Context of Maintaining Peace, Security
and Prosperity in the Indo-Pacific

The Honorable Dr. Kao Kim Hourn,
Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast
Asian Nations (ASEAN)

0900-0930

Philippines Perspectives on Regional
Security Threats

The Honorable Gilberto Teodoro Jr.,
Secretary National Defense Philippines

0930-1000

The Strategy of the Commander of U.S.
Indo-Pacific Command: Prevail

Admiral Samuel Paparo,
Commander USINDOPACOM

1000-1045

MILOPS Photo and Morning Tea

1045-1115

Arms Control and International
Security

The Honorable Thomas G. DiNanno, Under Secretary
of State for Arms Control and International Security,
U.S. State Department

1115-1145

Legal Support across Full Spectrum
Operations

The Honorable Earl Matthews, General Counsel,
U.S. Department of War

1145-1215

Comprehensive Strategic Partnerships
in the Indo-Pacific

The Honorable Michael G. DeSombre, Assistant
Secretary Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S.
State Department

1215-1330

Provided Buffet Lunch

MILOPS participants

1330-1400

Security Perspectives of Malaysia

General Datuk Haji Malek Razak Sulaiman,
Chief of Defence Force, Malaysia

1400-1500

Panel: Operational Commanders:
Cooperation and Interoperability for
Security, Freedom and Prosperity for All
across the Indo-Pacific

Vice Admiral Justin Jones, Chief Joint Operations Command Australia
Lieutenant General Dato' Tengku Muhammad Fauzi bin Tengku
Ibrahim, Joint Force Commander Malaysian Armed Forces
Rear Admiral Weniel A. Azcuna, Commander of the Coast Guard
Fleet, Philippines Coast Guard

1500-1530

Afternoon Tea

1530-1600

Partners in Prosperity

The Honorable Kevin Kim,
U.S. Ambassador to ASEAN

1900-2100

No Host Ice Breaker

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Tuesday, 4 August, 2026

0830-0900	The Criticality of Maritime Domain Awareness: Understanding the Regional Maritime Picture	Mr. Greg Poling, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative
0900-0930	Why Should We Care About the Indo-Pacific?	Mr. Ray Powell, Director SeaLight
0930-1000	Regional Maritime Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific	Ms. Jen Parker, UNSW Canberra, National Security Law College, Australian National University

1000-1030 Morning Tea

1030-1200	Keynote Panel: 10th Anniversary of the 2016 Unanimous, Final and Binding South China Sea Arbitral Tribunal Award	Moderator: Mr. Robert B. Harris, U.S. State Department
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Mr. Manny Donato Guzman, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs
Ms. Lan Anh Nguyen- Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Larry Martin, U.S. Senior Counsel for the South China Sea Arbitration

1200-1230	Contested Logistics in the Indo-Pacific	Mr. Jose Cora, General Counsel, Defense Logistics Agency
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1230-1330 Provided Buffet Lunch MILOPS participants

1330-1500	Panel : Coast Guard Cooperation: Maritime Security across the Indo-Pacific	Moderator: CDR Karl Mueller, U.S. Coast Guard
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Senior Leader, Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency
First Admiral Askari , Chief Indonesian Maritime Security Agency
Rear Admiral Jay Tarriela, Strategic Communications West Philippines Sea, Philippines Coast Guard
Captain Travis Emge, Acting Judge Advocate General, U.S. Coast Guard

1500-1530 Afternoon Tea

1530-1700	Panel: Countering Transnational Crime at Sea	Moderator: CAPT George Howell, USN, Joint Interagency Task Force West
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Mr. Charlie Brown, United Against Nuclear Iran (Fuel Smuggling in East Asia)
Brigadier General Emmanuel Boiteau, French Armed Forces (Counter-Narcotics)
Mr. Allan Rahari, Director Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (Illegal Unregulated Unreported Fishing)
Malaysia representative

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Wednesday, 5 August, 2026

0830-0900	How to avoid War in the Indo-Pacific	Dr. Collin Koh Swee Lean, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore
0900-0930	Cultural Warfare and the Plundering of Marine Resources	Dr. Ian Ralby, Maritime Expert, President, Auxilium Worldwide
0930-1000	Information Operations, Digital Authoritarianism and the Rule of Law	Ms. Anthena Tong, University Tokyo and Pacific Forum
1000-1030	Morning Tea	
1030-1145	Panel: The Future Security of the Polar Regions	Moderator: Professor Kate Friedman, Ted Stevens Centre for Arctic Security Studies
	Dr. Elizabeth Buchanan, Australian Strategic Policy Institute Professor Anne Marie Brady, University of Canterbury, New Zealand Lieutenant General Derek Macaulay, Indo-Pacific Regional Representative to Chief of Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces	
1145-1230	TJAG Panel: Advancing Indo-Pacific Security- The U.S. JAG Role in Multi-Domain Deterrence	Major General David J. Bligh, The Judge Advocate General U.S. Navy Major General Bobby Christine, The Judge Advocate General U.S. Army Major General Christopher Tolar, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps
1230-1330	Provided Buffet Lunch	MILOPS participants
1330-1500	Pacific Island Security and Prosperity: Perspectives of the 'Big Ocean States'	Moderator: Dame Meg Taylor, Papua New Guinea, Former Secretary General Pacific Island Forum and Member of Pacific Island Voice
	The Honorable Jennifer S. Olegeriil, Minister of Justice, Palau Mr. Douveri Henao, Geopolitical Analyst and Foreign Policy Advisor, Papua New Guinea Mr. Viliame Bovorov, Director, Pacific Fusion Centre, Pacific Island Forum Mr. Benedict Philip, Lead Analyst, Office of the National Security Advisor, Vanuatu	
1500-1530	Afternoon Tea	
1530-1600	Modern Application of the Geneva Conventions	Mr. Sylvain Vite, Senior Legal Advisor, International Committee Red Cross
1600-1630	Supply Chain Resilience and Cross-Border Strategies	Ms. Apoorba Banerjee, ASEAN Strategy Lead for Osborne Engineering
1630-1700	Cognitive Warfare: Countering Coercion, Interference and legal warfare	Dr. Joanna Siekiera, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies

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Thursday, 6 August, 2026

0830-0900	The Law of Armed Conflict and Advanced Technology	Professor Masahiro Kurosaki, Tohoku University School of Law
0900-0930	The Evolution of Space Law	Major Steve Garman, United States Space Command
0930-1000	The Wayfarer Manual	Professor Dale Stephens, University of Adelaide
1000-1030	Morning Tea	
1030-1200	Panel: Senior Regional JAGs—Contemporary Legal Challenges and Opportunities in the Indo-Pacific	Moderator: Captain Ian Santicola, USINDOPACOM
	Air Commodore Chris Taylor, Director General Military Legal Service Major General Robin Holman, Judge Advocate General, Canadian Armed Forces Colonel Kitone ‘Tui’ Tunaosara, Director Legal, Royal Fijian Military Forces Commander Alban Merlin-Aubert, Head of Law Enforcement at Sea, French Armed Forces Captain Isamu Kaji, Legal Affairs General, Japan Joint Staff and Japan Joint Operations Command Brigadier General James Kennedy-Good, Head Legal Services, New Zealand Armed Forces Colonel Saturnino S. Diaron Jr., Chief, International Law & Special Projects, Armed Forces Philippines Air Commodore Kevin Sanders, Deputy Director Legal Service, Royal Air Force, United Kingdom	
1200-1230	MILOPS26 in Review: Identifying Actions to Advance Indo-Pacific Security, Freedom and Prosperity for All and Closing Remarks	Captain Dustin Wallace Staff Judge Advocate, USINDOPACOM
1230	Collect MILOPS Group Photo, Coin and Certificate	MILOPS participants
1230-1330	Provided Buffet Lunch	MILOPS participants
1430-1700	Multilateral Counter-Lawfare Working Group	All welcome

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