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

Sunday, 2 August, 2026

1300-1700	MILOPS Check-In to Conference	Collect Security Badge and Welcome Packet
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Monday, 3 August, 2026

0800-0810	Administrative Remarks	Commander Jacqueline Swinton, USINDOPACOM
0810-0820	MILOPS Welcome and Introduction	Captain Dustin Wallace, SJA USINDOPACOM
0820-0830	Arrival of the Official Party	<i>*All Rise from seats</i>
0830-0835	U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia	<i>Welcome to Malaysia</i>
0835-0900	Malaysia Open	Malaysia Senior Leader
0900-0930	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 South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
0930-1000	The Strategy of the Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command: Prevail	Admiral Samuel Paparo, Commander USINDOPACOM
1000-1030	Australian Perspectives on Advancing Security, Freedom and Prosperity in the Indo-Pacific	Australian Senior Leader
1030-1100	MILOPS Photo and Morning Tea	
1100-1130	Philippines Perspectives on Regional Security Threats	The Honorable Gilberto Teodoro Jr., Secretary National Defence Philippines
1130-1200	Comprehensive Strategic Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific	United States Senior Leader
1200-1230	Arms Control and International Security	United States Senior Leader
1230-1330	Provided Buffet Lunch	MILOPS participants
1330-1430	Operational Commanders: Cooperation and Interoperability for Security, Freedom and Prosperity for All	Australia /Japan/Philippines/Malaysia/ Singapore/United States
1430-1500	Afternoon Tea	
1500-1530	Legal Support across full spectrum operations	Senior U.S. General Counsel/Judge Advocate General
1530-1600	ASEAN: Navigating our Future Together	Senior Leader U.S. Mission 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

Mr. Manny Donato Guzman, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs
Prof. Lan Ahn Ngyen- Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Larry Martin, U.S. Senior Counsel for the South China Sea Arbitration

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

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

1500-1530

1530-1700 Panel:
Countering Transnational Crime at Sea
Moderator:
CAPT George Howell, USN, Joint Interagency Task Force West

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)

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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	Supply Chain Resilience and Cross-Border Strategies	Ms. Apoorba Banerjee, Lowy Institute
1000-1030	Morning Tea	
1030-1200	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
1200-1300	Provided Buffet Lunch	MILOPS participants
1300-1430	Pacific Island Security and Prosperity: Perspectives of the 'Big Ocean States'	Moderator: Senior Leader, Palau Dame Meg Taylor, Papua New Guinea, Former Secretary General Pacific Island Forum and Member of Pacific Island Voice Mr. Douveri Henao, Geopolitical Analyst and Foreign Policy Advisor, Papua New Guinea Mr. Viliame Bovoro, Director, Pacific Fusion Centre, Pacific Island Forum
1430-1500	Afternoon Tea	
1500-1530	Contested Logistics in the Indo-Pacific	Mr. Jose Cora, General Counsel, Defence Logistics Agency
1530-1600	Information Operations, Digital Authoritarianism and the Rule of Law	Ms. Anthena Tong, University Tokyo and Pacific Forum
1600-1630	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 Modern Application of the Geneva Conventions International Committee Red Cross

0900-0930 The Law of Armed Conflict and Advanced Technology Professor Masahiro Kurosaki, Tohoku University School of Law

0930-1000 The Evolution of Space Law Major Steve Garman, United States Space Command

1000-1030 The Wayfarer Manual Professor Dale Stephens, University of Adelaide

1030-1100 Morning Tea

1100-1230 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
 Brigadier General Ji-Young Ahn, Chief of Ministry of National Defense Prosecution Agency, Republic of Korea
 Air Commodore Kevin Sanders, Deputy Director Legal Service, Royal Air Force, United Kingdom

1230-1300 Identifying Actions to Advance Indo-Pacific Security and Closing Remarks
 MILOPS26 in Review: Captain Dustin Wallace
 Staff Judge Advocate, USINDOPACOM

1300 Collect MILOPS Group Photo, Coin and Certificate

1315-1400 Provided Buffet Lunch MILOPS participants

1430-1700 Multilateral Counter-Lawfare Working Group All welcome

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