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Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
October 8, 2018

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On behalf of the Government of the United States, I congratulate the people of Sint Maarten on Constitution Day.

This past year, Sint Maarten epitomized strength and resilience. Following the devastation of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017, the people of Sint Maarten rebuilt a nation, undertaking recovery and restoration efforts with dedication and bravery. The United States stood with you then, and we continue to stand with you now as we work together to foster security and prosperity for all of our citizens.

Today, we reflect on your extraordinary accomplishments during eight years of sovereignty. As you celebrate Constitution Day, I extend my best wishes for peace and happiness in the year ahead.

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## [Press Releases: Assistant Secretary](#)

# [Christopher A. Ford Travels to Singapore, Vietnam, and Thailand](#)

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

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Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation Christopher A. Ford will travel to Singapore, Vietnam, and Thailand October 9-12, 2018. In Singapore, he will emphasize the importance of counterproliferation and the DPRK pressure campaign, and the need for full implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions and sanctions.

Assistant Secretary Ford's meetings in Vietnam will cover a range of topics including the United States' continued commitment to upholding UN Security Council Resolutions related to North Korea, implementation of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), and peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

In Thailand, Assistant Secretary Ford will focus on affirming Thai cooperation to counter illicit DPRK proliferation activities as part of the DPRK pressure campaign. He will also discuss with Thai Officials increasing and reinvigorating cooperation on the peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

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# Director of the Central Foreign Affairs Commission Office Yang Jiechi Before Their Meeting

Remarks

Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Diaoyutai, Beijing

October 8, 2018

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**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Director Yang, it's good to see you. Thank you for hosting me today. I appreciate it. I look forward to a good conversation. As you said, there are many issues, places where we have disagreements, and it is worthy and important that we listen to each other and work through them to find constructive solutions so that we can get a good outcome for the two of our countries.

I'm pleased to share with you the work that I did this past couple of days on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, but I look forward to talking about the broad range of issues that impact our two countries and the people of our two nations, and I look forward to a good, candid, constructive conversation with you today.

Thank you very much, Director Yang.

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# Press Releases: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Alice Wells Travels to Maldives and Sri Lanka

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs Alice Wells will travel to Malé, Maldives and Colombo, Sri Lanka from October 9-11. Ambassador Wells will reiterate the strong U.S. commitment to our partnerships with Sri Lanka and Maldives and our shared interests in a prosperous and open Indo-Pacific region.

In Malé, Ambassador Wells will meet with current Maldivian government officials, the President-Elect, and civil society leaders. She will offer congratulations on the country's successful national elections and convey U.S. interest in expanding bilateral cooperation. In Colombo, she will meet with Sri Lankan officials and will emphasize the importance of the U.S.-Sri Lanka relationship to shared Indo-Pacific goals, with the growing bilateral defense relationship as an area of particular promise. She will also urge continued progress on constitutional reform, human rights, reconciliation, and transitional justice and accountability.

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# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo To Deliver Remarks at the 36th Annual Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA) Awards Dinner

Notice to the Press  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
October 7, 2018

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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo will deliver remarks and receive the 2018 Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson Distinguished Service Award at the 36th Annual Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA) Awards Dinner at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC.

The event is open to credentialed members of the press. Media who wish to attend and cover the Secretary's remarks in person must preregister by contacting Ryan Hughes at [ryan@bonjeancompany.com](mailto:ryan@bonjeancompany.com) by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8.

*Preset time for video cameras and still photographers: 5:30 p.m.*

*Final access time for journalists: 6:15 p.m.*

The Secretary's remarks will be streamed live on [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

For more information, please contact Ryan Hughes at [ryan@bonjeancompany.com](mailto:ryan@bonjeancompany.com), or the Department of State's Office of Press Relations on 202-647-2492 or via e-mail at [PAPressDuty@state.gov](mailto:PAPressDuty@state.gov).

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