

[Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Philippine Secretary of National Defense Lorenzana](#)

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo welcomed Philippine Secretary of National Defense Delfin Lorenzana to the Department of State in Washington, DC today. The two Secretaries reaffirmed the commitment of the United States and the Philippines to the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1951. Secretary Pompeo and Secretary Lorenzana discussed cooperation on addressing regional security challenges, including the militarization of the South China Sea and the threats posed by terrorism and efforts to achieve denuclearization in North Korea. Secretary Pompeo reiterated the readiness of the United States to continue our strong support for the modernization of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Secretary Pompeo also expressed condolences for the destruction and loss of life caused by Typhoon Ompong and offered U.S. assistance in humanitarian relief efforts.

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The U.S. Department of State's United States Diplomacy Center is pleased to announce ImpactHack, a data visualization hackathon to demonstrate the impact of diplomacy and international collaboration.

Around one hundred competitors are expected to compete for the cash award and the chance to create digital interactives for the Diplomacy Center museum. ImpactHack aims to utilize innovative technology to make topics of global consequence—diplomacy, development, and the environment—more understandable to the public.

The event is co-hosted with World Resources Institute and sponsored by Amazon Web Services. The kick off event will take place at the Department of State Diplomacy Center pavilion Friday, September 21st, followed by the main event at World Resources Institute headquarters September 22nd.

The United States Diplomacy Center is the first museum and education center dedicated to telling the story of American diplomacy. The Center's mission is to inspire discovery of how diplomacy shapes our nation's prosperity and security.

World Resources Institute is a global research organization that spans more than 60 countries. Their more than 700 experts and staff work closely with leaders to turn big ideas into action to sustain Earth's natural resources—the foundation of economic opportunity and human well-being.

For media inquiries, please contact Mary Kane at KaneM@state.gov.

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[Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Speaker Mohammed al-Halbusi](#)

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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo spoke with Mohammed Halbusi, Iraq's new Speaker of the Council of Representatives. The Secretary congratulated Speaker Halbusi on his new position and underlined that the United States looks forward to working with him in this most important new role. The Secretary pledged to continue to stand with Iraqis as they pursue security, prosperity and stability. The Secretary emphasized his support for Iraq's territorial integrity and sovereignty especially at this critical time. Finally, the Secretary noted his support for Iraq's efforts to form a moderate, nationalist, Iraqi government, pursuant to the constitutional timeline, that is responsive to the aspirations of the Iraqi people.

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[Press Releases: United States and Palau Sign Agreement To Amend the Compact Review Agreement](#)

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The United States and Palau signed the Amended Agreement following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review (the “Compact Review Agreement”), on September 19 in Koror, Palau. The United States and Palau also exchanged diplomatic notes bringing into force the Compact Review Agreement, which was signed in 2010. The signing marks the completion of the first review and amendment process as provided for under the Compact of Free Association (the “Compact”), U.S. Public Law 99-658.

Since the implementation of the Compact in 1994, the United States has provided over \$700 million in direct assistance and investment to Palau. The U.S. investment in Palau under the Compact, and numerous other federal programs, has provided funds for essential government operations, law enforcement, infrastructure development, weather pattern monitoring, immunizations and health screenings, scholarships for higher education, and postal services.

The United States sees Palau and the Pacific Islands as an essential part of a free and open Indo-Pacific region and is committed to the Pacific Islands’ security and prosperity. The United States is actively engaged in advancing a regional order based on respect for sovereignty, the rule of law, and the principles of free, fair, and reciprocal trade.

For more information, please visit <https://pw.usembassy.gov/>

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Summit Meeting Between President Moon and Chairman Kim

Press Statement
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC
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The United States congratulates President Moon Jae-in and Chairman Kim Jong Un on the successful outcome of their summit meeting in Pyongyang.

We welcome President Moon and Chairman Kim's reaffirmation of the Singapore joint statement of complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, including the permanent dismantlement of all facilities at Yongbyon in the presence of U.S. and IAEA inspectors.

We also welcome Chairman Kim's decision to complete the previously announced dismantlement of the Tongchang-ri site in the presence of U.S. and international inspectors as a step toward the final fully verified denuclearization of North Korea, as agreed by Chairman Kim at the Singapore summit with President Trump.

On the basis of these important commitments, the United States is prepared to engage immediately in negotiations to transform U.S.-DPRK relations.

This morning, I invited my counterpart Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho to meet in New York City next week where we are both already scheduled to be in attendance at the United Nations General Assembly meeting. Likewise, we have invited North Korean representatives to meet our Special Representative for North Korea, Stephen Biegun, in Vienna, Austria at the earliest opportunity. This will mark the beginning of negotiations to transform U.S.-DPRK relations through the process of rapid denuclearization of North Korea, to be completed by January 2021, as committed by Chairman Kim, and to construct a lasting and stable peace regime on the Korean Peninsula.

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