PHILIPPINES-CHINA PLANNED JOINT EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA:

BUILDING BLOCKS AND ROADBLOCKS IN MARITIME COOPERATION

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- Philippines-China Planned Joint Exploration in the South China Sea: Current Situation
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BACKGROUND



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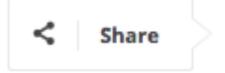
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PHILIPPINES, CHINA SET UP JOINT EXPLORATION IN PALAWAN FIELD

MANILA, Philippines — Exploration in an oil and gas prospect offshore northwest Palawan between the Philippines and China is now awaiting the signature of President Duterte, Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi said yesterday.

Philippines says two energy exploration deals with China ready for signing

By Reuters - November 7, 2018 - 6:34 PM





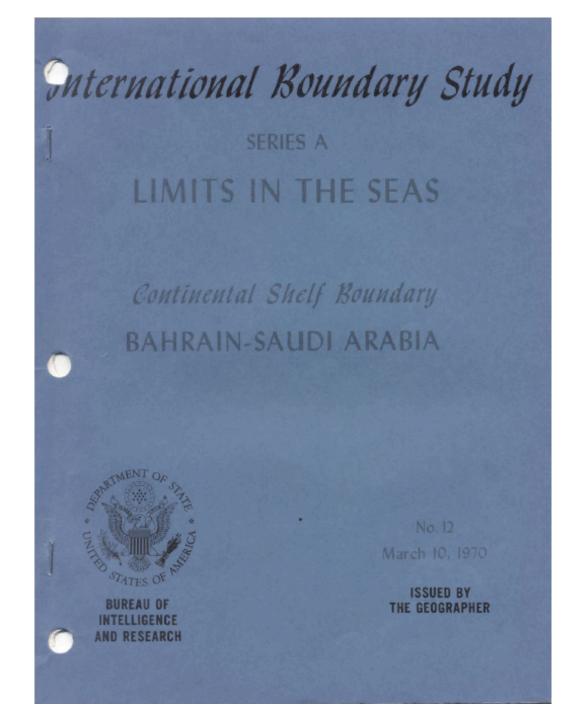


TRENDS + SPOTLIGHTS





- The idea of joint exploration or joint development in contested territories is not new.
- The idea was first implemented in the 1950s with the signing of the 1958 Joint Oil Development Agreement between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain
 - Divided the continental shelf in the Persian Gulf between the two countries.





This was followed by the following:

- Abu Dhabi-Qatar Joint Development Agreement (1969)
- -France-Spain Agreement on the Bay of Biscal (1974)
- -Saudi Arabia-Sudan Joint Development Agreement (1974)
- Japan-South Korea Joint Development Agreement (1974)
- Malaysia-Thailand Joint Development Agreement (1979)
- -Australia-Indonesia Agreement (1989)
- -China-Vietnam Joint Development Agreement (2000),
- -Brunei-Malaysia Joint Development Agreement (2009)
- -Others

In the South China Sea, then President Deng Xiaoping proposed in the 1970s the idea of "shelving disputes and seeking joint development".



In the 1980s, UNCLOS urges parties with territorial disputes to pursue "provisional arrangements of a practical nature" but "without prejudice to the final delimitation" of territorial disputes



2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties

3 Major Elements

- -Upholding norms for state-to-state interactions, particularly on dispute settlement
- -Promoting confidence building measures
- -Pursuing cooperative activities

DOC Paragraph 6

Pending a comprehensive and durable settlement of the disputes, the Parties concerned may **explore** or **undertake cooperative activities**. These may include the following:

- 1. Marine environmental protection;
- 2. Marine scientific research;
- 3. Safety of navigation and communication at sea;
- 4. Search and rescue operation; and
- 5. Combating transnational crime Including but not limited to trafficking in illicit drugs, piracy and armed robbery at sea, and illegal traffic in arms

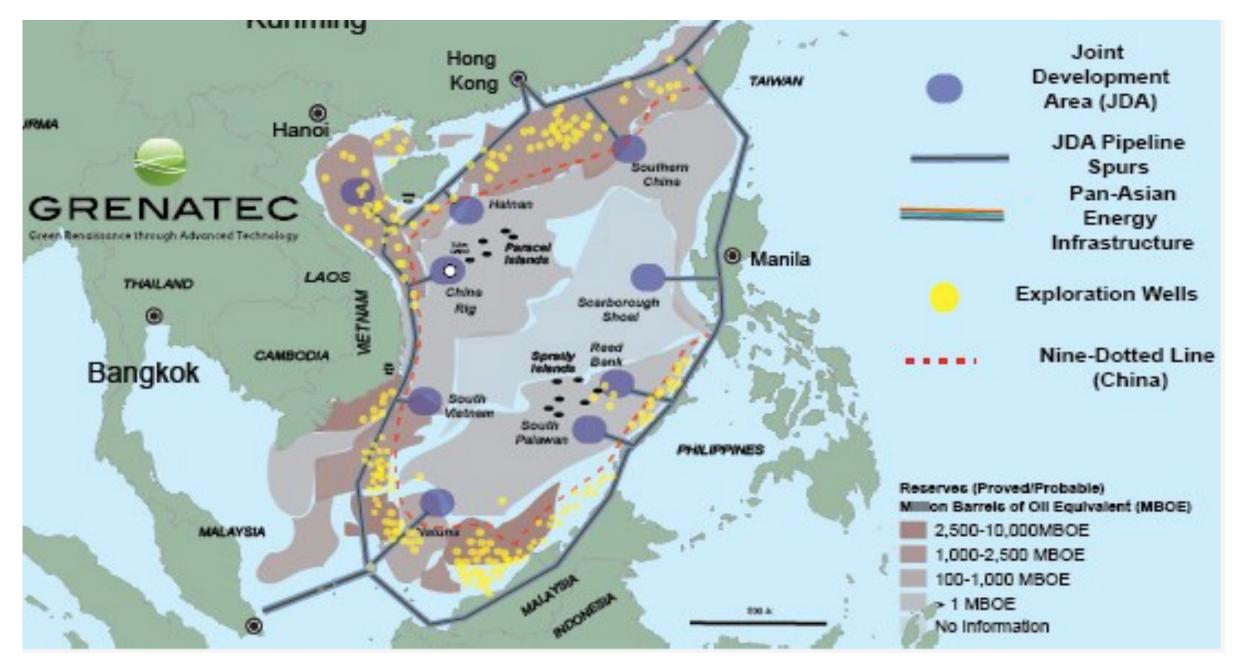
International terrorism

JOMSRE in the South China Sea Joint Oceanographic and Marine Scientific Research Expedition

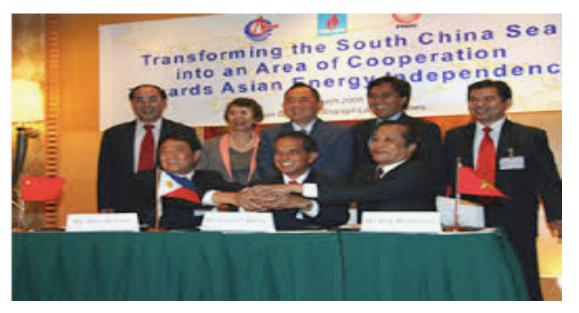
- Phase I: Philippines and Vietnam (1996-2007)
- Phase II Philippines, China, Vietnam

DOC Early Harvest Measures

- The Establishment of Hotline Communications among Senior Officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs) of ASEAN and China in Response to Maritime Emergencies; and
- Joint Statement on the Application of the Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea in the South China



Source: US EIA, Klaudia & Sandler, 2005, Grenatec

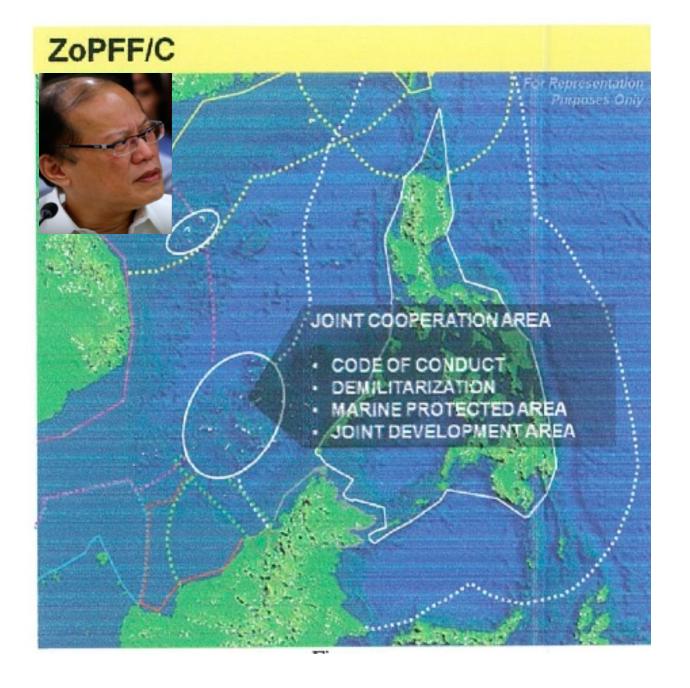




• In 2005, the oil companies of China, the Philippines and Vietnam signed the Joint Marine Seismic Undertaking (JMSU) to promote the idea of joint development in the South China Sea.

 But domestic politics in the Philippines resulted in the discontinuation of the JMSU.





- In 2013, then Philippine President Benigno Simeon Aquino III proposed the concept of Joint Cooperation Areas in the South China Sea.
- But international politics prevented it to take off.
- Claimants, particularly China and Vietnam, opposed the proposal.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Philippines-China Bilateral Consultation Mechanism on the South China Sea

 The BCM shall serve as a platform for CBM and for promoting maritime cooperation and maritime security.

 They have also committed to discuss issues of concern to either side and cooperation in the SCS, and where possible, identify mutually acceptable approaches in addressing these issues, including cooperation programs and projects.



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Cayetano: PH, China to set aside territorial claims during joint exploration

By CNN Philippines Staff

(5) Updated 22:40 PM PHT Wed, August 15, 2018













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Duterte offers Beijing '60-40' deal in S. China Sea joint exploration

By Chad de Guzman, CNN Philippines ① Updated 13:47 PM PHT Sat, April 28, 2018







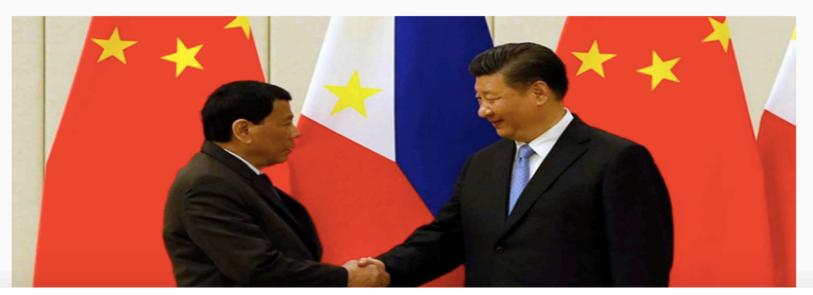




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Improved diplomatic relations between the Philippines and China has reached a level of ease between the two countries and is now opening its doors to a joint exploration in West Philippine Sea.









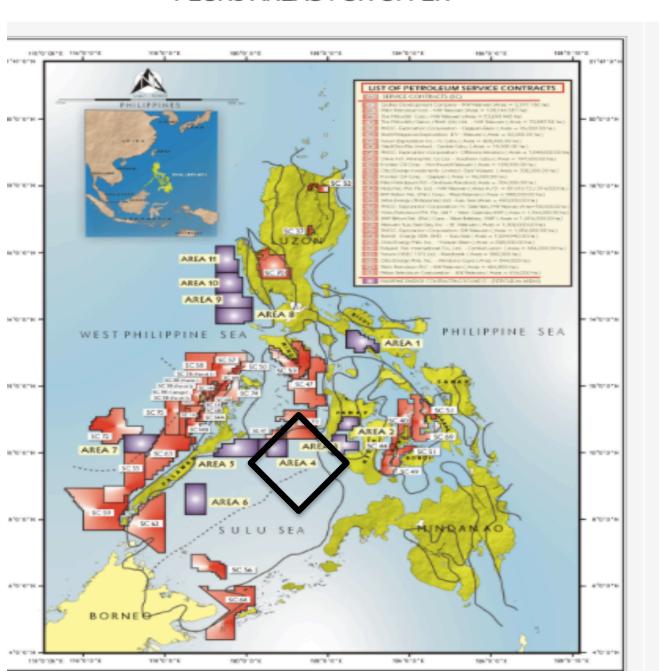


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Aquino warns against 60-40 joint exploration in West PH Sea

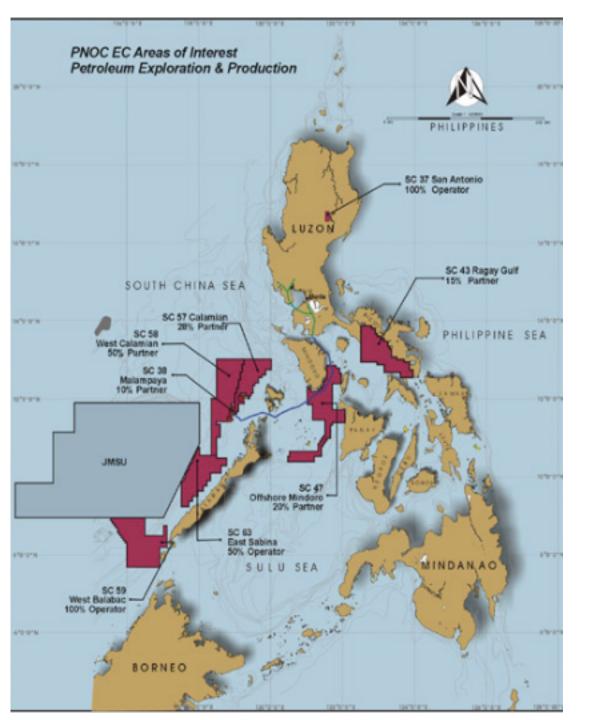
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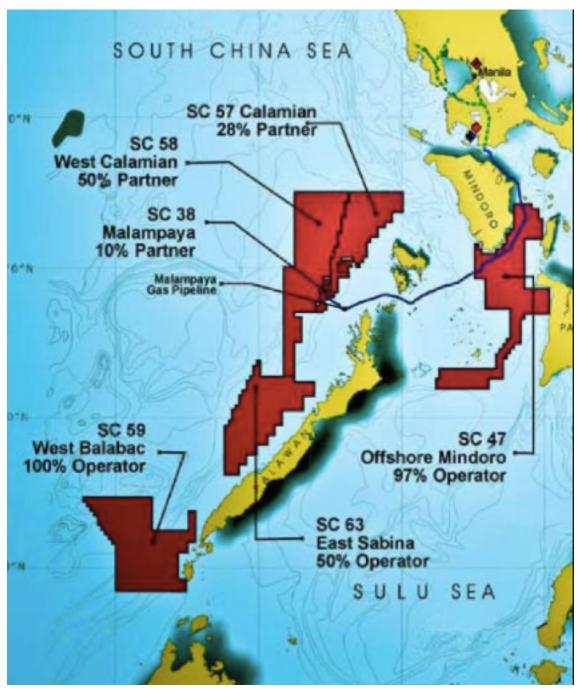
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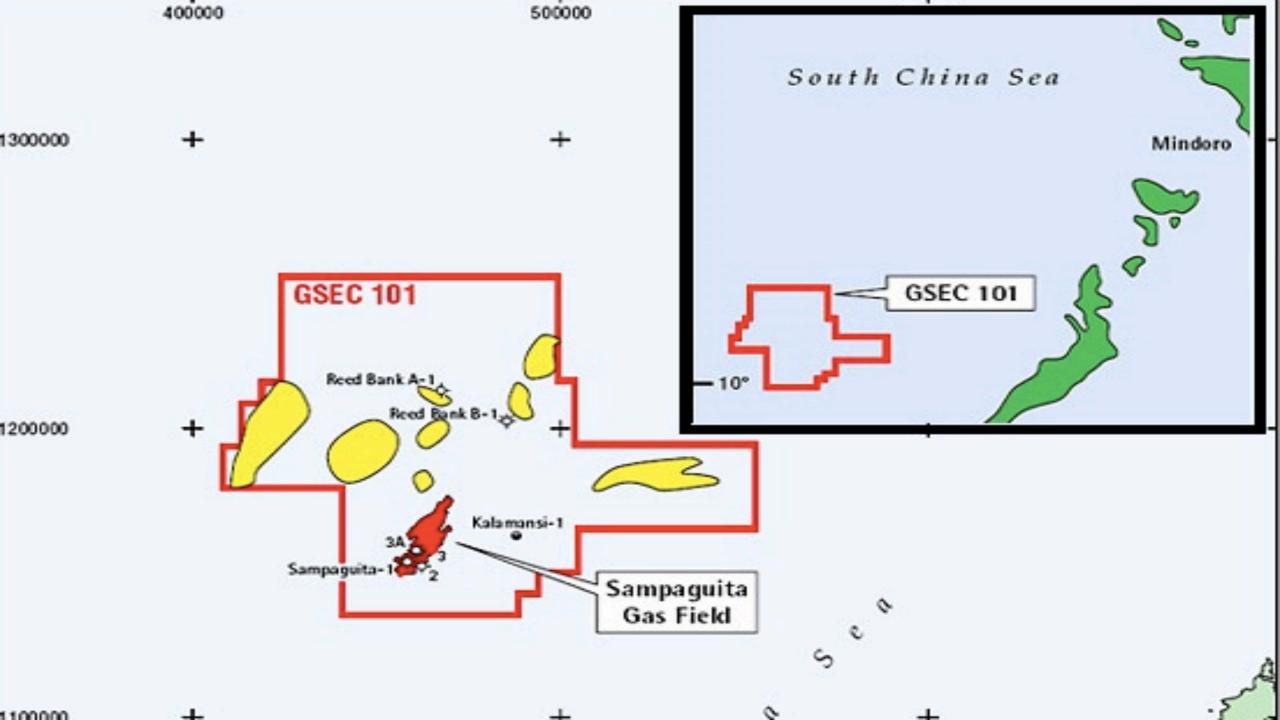








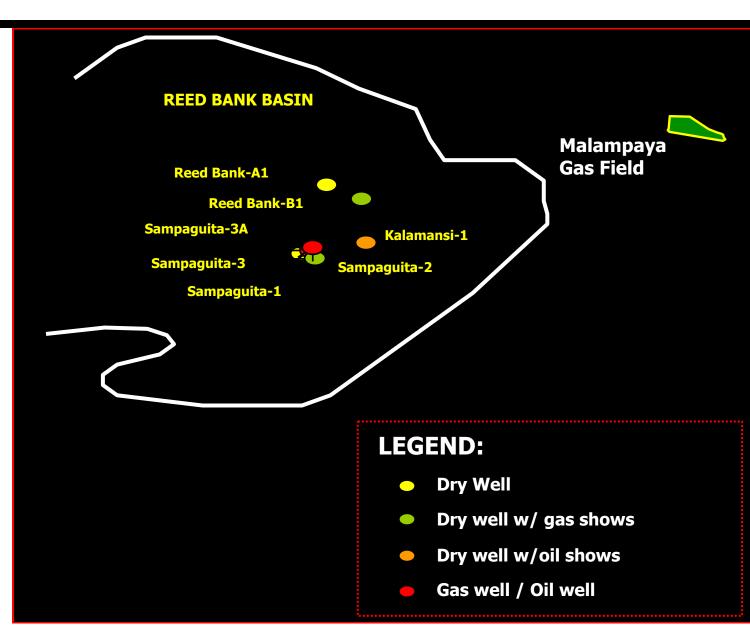




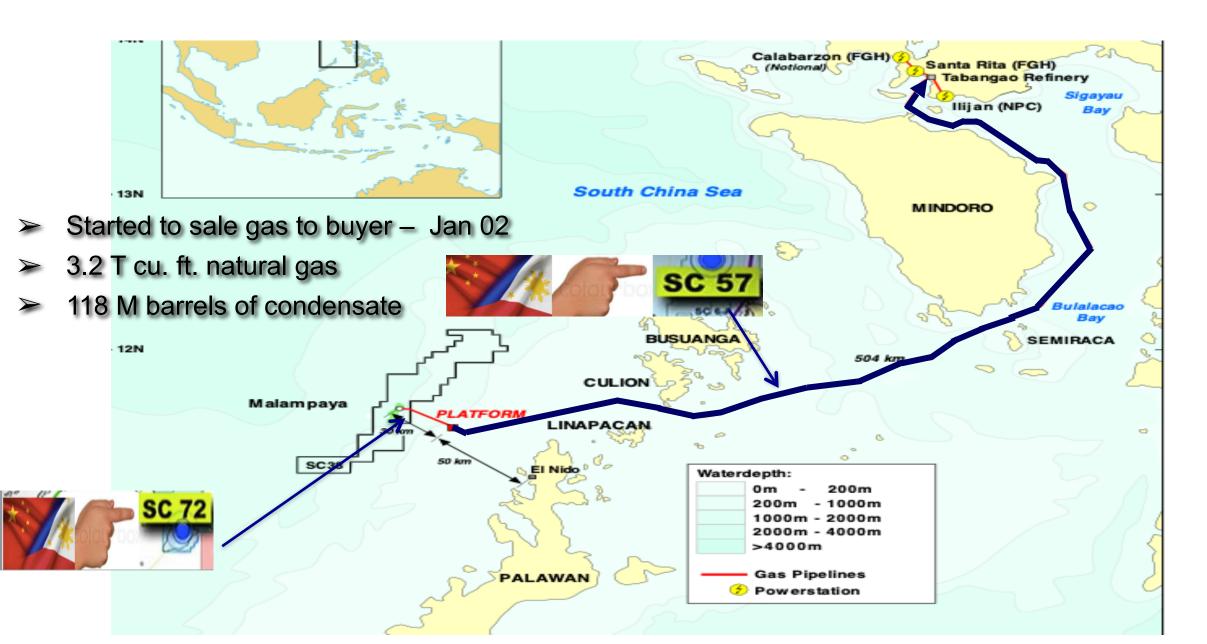
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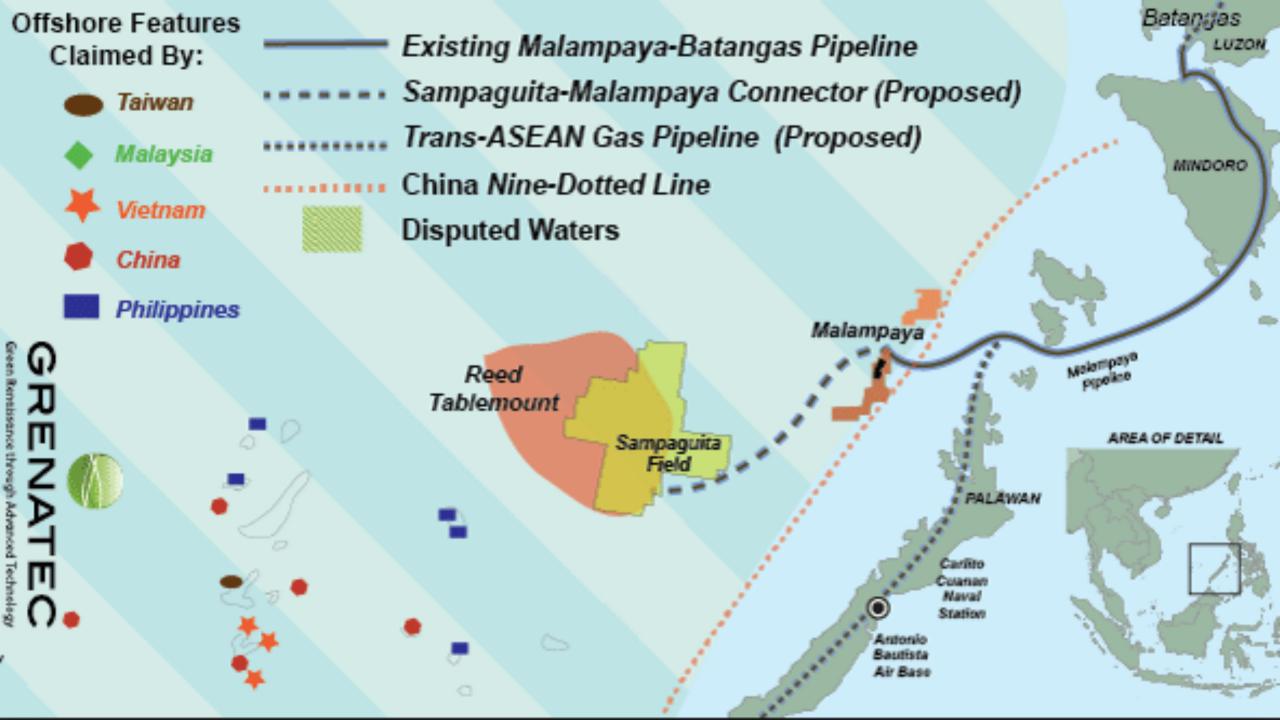
REED BANK BASIN RESOURCE POTENTIAL

RESOURCE	SIZE	WORTH (US\$)
Gas	3.9 Tcf	19.9 B
Oil	35 MMbbl	2.1 B
Condensate	21 MMbbl	1.2 B



MALAMPAYA NATURAL GAS TO POWER PROJECT



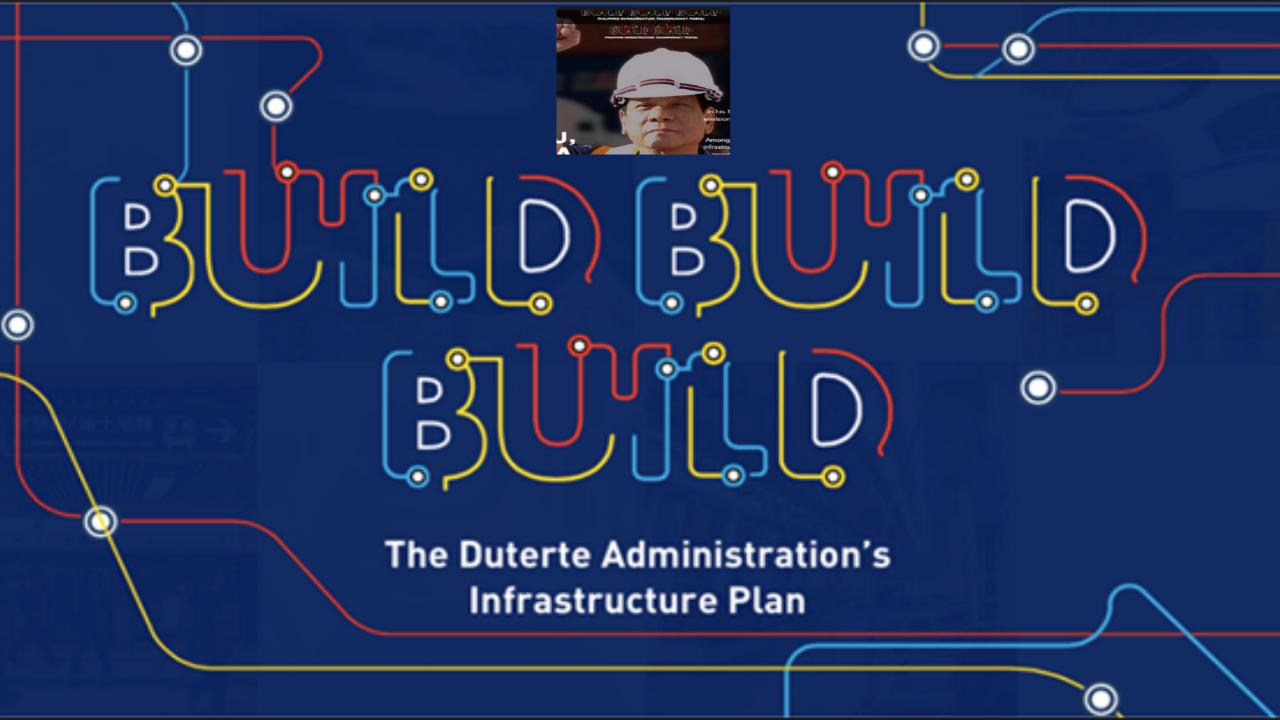


BUILDING BLOCKS

 Duterte's paradigm shift to China has created a calm security environment in the South China Sea, resulting in the warming up of Philippines-China relations.

 From the lowest level of Philippines-China relations under President Aquino III, bilateral ties achieved greater heights under President Duterte.







PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR CHINA LOAN

A geographical spread of projects submitted for possible Chinese funding and technical assistance

PROJECT NAME/ LOCATION/ PROPONENT AGENCY	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	DESCRIPTION
Chico River Pump Irrigation Project/ Region II and Cordillera Administrative Region/ National Irrigation Administration- Office of the President	P2.696 billion	 Installation of pump and construction of sump pump with the proposed pumping station located at the right bank facing downstream of the Chico River. Targeted to irrigate 8,700 hectares of land and benefit 4,350 farmers in the area.
New Centennial Water Source - Kaliwa Dam Project/ Region IV-A/ Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System	P18.724 billion	 Construction of a dam and conveyance tunnel that will provide additional 600 million liters of raw water to ensure water security in the whole of Metro Manila and parts of Cavite and Rizal. Aims to meet future potable water demand and serve as a redundant water source, to reduce dependence on the Angat Dam Reservoir.
North-South Railway Project (NSRP)-South Line/ National Capital Region, Region IV-A, and Region V/ Department of Transportation	P151 billion	Construction and subsequent operation and maintenance of a 581-kilometer standard-gauge, long-haul railway operations from Manila to Legazpi with an extension line from Legazpi to Matnog and a branch line from Calamba to Batangas. Aims to achieve less than five hours of travel time from Manila to Legazpi.



SOURCE: National Economic and Development Authority's Indicative List of Pipeline Projects of the

Philippine Government, as of Jan. 20, 2017

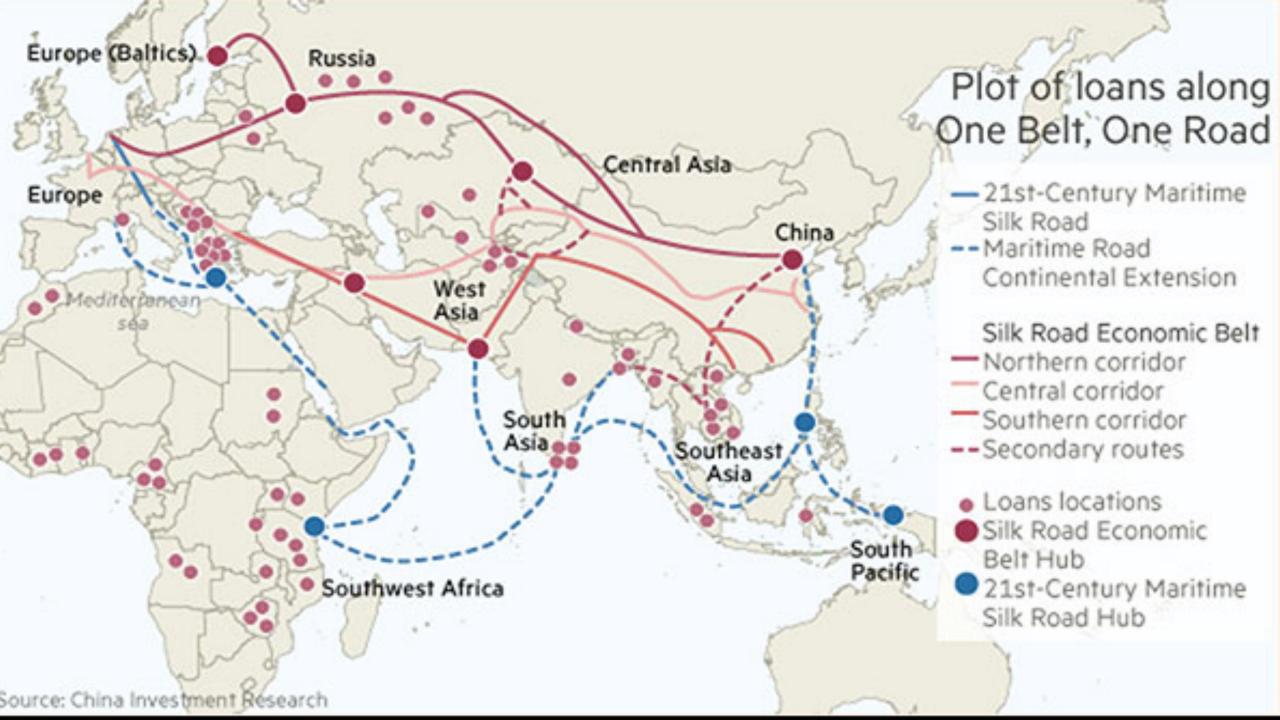
Submitted by the concerned Philippine Government agencies to DOF and NEDA for Chinese

technical assistance and possible Chinese funding.

Subject to updating by the Investment Coordinating Committee.

Projects on this list may still change funding source.

CHINA'S PROPOSED BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE Europe Central Asia Europe CHINA Persian Gulf Mediterranean Sea South Asia South China Sea Western Asia Southeast Asia South Pacific Ocean Indian Ocean





Chien River Pump Information Project Groundbreaking Ceremony Brgy. Pinococ, Pinukpuk, Kalinga

June 8, 2018 | 1:00 PM

PROGRAMME

I. LAYING OF THE CAPSULE

SEC. LEONCIO B. EVASCO, JR.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Together with Governors of Cagayan and Kalinga, Representatives of District 2 and 3 of Cagayan and Lone District of Kalinga, NIA Officials, Chinese Officials, other Dignitaries and Officers of China CAMC Engineering Co. Ltd.

II. PROGRAMME PROPER

Prayer

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Sr. Industrial Relations Management Officer

National Anthem

GOLDIE ANGELEEN C. TURINGAN

Irrigators Development Officer A

Ako Ay Pilipino

AVP

Acknowledgement of Guests and Other Participants

EMCEE-DRIVEN

Welcome Address

HON. JOCEL C. BAAC

Governor, Province of Kalinga

Background of the Project

Engr. CONSTANCIO C. BANA-AY, JR.

Acting Regional Manager, NIA Region 2

Message

HON. ZHAO JIANHUA

Ambassador of China to the Philippines,

People's Republic of China

HON. MANUEL N. MAMBA, M.D.

Governor, Province of Cagayan

GEN RICARDO R VISAYA (Ret)

Administrator, National Irrigation Aadministration

Introduction of the Guest of Honor

BGEN ABRAHAM B. BAGASIN (Ret)

Senior Deputy Administrator,

National Irrigation Administration

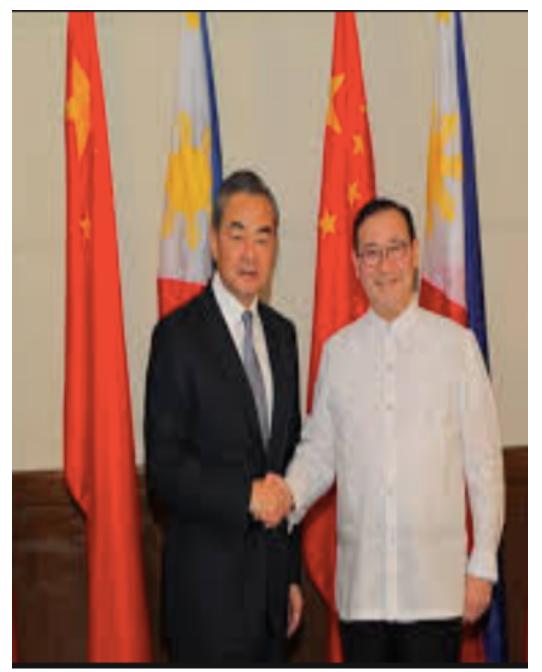
Speech of Guest of Honor

SEC, LEONGIO B. EVASCO, JR.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Master of Ceremony PILIPINA P. BERMUDEZ, CESE Department Manager, Public Affairs & Information Staff







ROADBLOCKS

- Domestic Politics and Popular Nationalism
 - -Philippine constitutional requirements
 - -May 2019 Philippine Mid-Term Elections
 - -May 2022 Philippine Presidential Elections
- International Politics and Involvements of Extra-Regional Powers
 - -More intrusive US FNOPs in the South China Sea
 - -Increased involvements of Japan Australia

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