

# Philippines Navigates Global Diplomacy: Key Alliances and Maritime Tensions

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**1. In late 2024, the Philippines participated in significant multinational military exercises. Which of the following countries were among the participants in exercises like 'Sama Sama' and 'Kamandag'?**

- A) China, Russia, and North Korea
- B) United States, Japan, and Australia**
- C) Brazil, Argentina, and Chile
- D) India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh

**2. The Philippines has been actively involved in asserting its maritime claims. The 2016 arbitral ruling, which China rejects, primarily concerned which disputed body of water?**

- A) The East China Sea
- B) The South China Sea**
- C) The Sulu Sea
- D) The Philippine Sea

**3. In November 2024, the Philippines signed into law two key pieces of legislation aimed at clarifying its maritime claims. What is the name of one of these acts?**

- A) The Philippine Maritime Zones Act**
- B) The National Security Act
- C) The Foreign Investment Act
- D) The Coastal Management Act

**4. The Philippines and South Korea elevated their relationship to a 'strategic partnership' in late 2025. This partnership aims to strengthen cooperation in which key areas?**

- A) Space exploration and tourism
- B) Economy and security**
- C) Cultural exchange and education
- D) Environmental conservation and renewable energy

**5. The Philippines is set to chair ASEAN in 2026. What is a significant multilateral dialogue that the Philippines and the United States agreed to hold with Japan?**

- A) A joint space mission planning committee
- B) A foreign minister-level trilateral policy dialogue**
- C) An economic development summit for Southeast Asia
- D) A joint climate change research initiative

**6. Japan and the Philippines have been strengthening their defense ties. What agreement, which entered into force in September 2025, allows for faster troop deployment and facilitates joint drills between their defense forces?**

- A) The Mutual Defense Treaty
- B) The Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)
- C) The Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA)**
- D) The Strategic Partnership Agreement

**7. In February 2026, the Philippines and South Korea signed several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to strengthen bilateral ties. Which of the following was NOT listed as a sector for enhanced cooperation?**

- A) Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- B) Nuclear energy
- C) Defense
- D) Space exploration**

**8. The Philippines has been a significant recipient of Official Development Finance (ODF). According to data up to 2023, which two development partners accounted for the largest portions of ODF to the Philippines?**

- A) The United States and China
- B) The World Bank and Japan**
- C) The European Union and Canada
- D) South Korea and Australia

**9. In 2025, the Philippines and China marked 50 years of diplomatic relations. However, the relationship has been strained primarily due to disputes over which body of water?**

- A) The East China Sea
- B) The Celebes Sea
- C) The West Philippine Sea (South China Sea)**
- D) The Coral Sea