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Japan, the Philippines and the U.S. Conduct Maritime Cooperative Activity (Sept 13)

The combined defense and armed forces of Japan, the Philippines and the U.S., conducted a MCA (Multilateral Maritime Cooperative Activity) within the Philippines EEZ, demonstrating a collective commitment to strengthen international and regional cooperation in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific. The MCAs are conducted consistent with international law with due regard to navigational rights, safety, and freedoms of all nations.

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Ties with India one of the top U.S. has today: Rubio (Sept 12)

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that, “the story is going to be written in the Indo-Pacific. In fact, it’s so important that we’ve actually changed the name of the combatant command of the Indo-Pacific. India is at the core of that.” Introducing U.S. ambassador-designate to India Sergio Gor at his confirmation hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Rubio said he has known Mr. Gor for a long time and “who is the nominee to India, which is, I would say, one of the top relationships the U.S. has in the world today, in terms of the future, what the world is going to look like.”

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‘Free, open Indian Ocean common priority’: Modi after talks with Mauritius PM Ramgoolam (Sept 11)

According to an official statement Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Mauritius counterpart Navinchandra Ramgoolam held discussions on important matters of bilateral cooperation, with focus on capacity building and development partnership. PM Modi, after holding bilateral talks with Ramgoolam in Varanasi, said, “A free, open, secure, stable and prosperous Indian Ocean is our common priority. India is fully committed to strengthening the security and maritime capacity of Mauritius’s Exclusive Economic Zone. India has always stood as the first responder and a security provider in the Indian Ocean region.”

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