CHALLENGES TO PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGIC DEFENSE

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THREE POINTS TO PONDER

• The Philippine Archipelago and Strategic Sea Control

• Economic Incursions into Strategic Areas

• Seeing the Forest from “our Tree”
MARITIME SECURITY IN PEACETIME
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ECONOMIC INCURSIONS INTO STRATEGIC AREAS

- Resource extraction activities (illegal mining)
- Investments in strategic industries (power distribution, telecommunications)
- Siting of offshore gaming operations
- Investments in strategically-located Islands (Grande, Fuga)
- Real estate investments
- Potential offshore petroleum investments
SEEING THE FOREST FROM “OUR TREE”

- Shifting from Internal to External
- Need to address a tendency toward insularity in national security and defense planning
- Alliance management and basis of trade-offs and compromises
- Balancing within small regional powers, contending external major powers
- Finding our role and objectives within the global order: defend the existing Rules-based Order or participate in its revision?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!