ABSTRACT

This paper explains about US Pivot to Asia especially military cooperation between US and Philippines in 21 century defense. China military modernization gave big impact to some of country in East Asia, especially to South China Sea (SCS) conflict. China military activities in SCS made some of crash between China and ASEAN member country especially Philippines. In 2012, there were seven crashes between China and Philippines in SCS. It got respond by United States government that mentioned China as a treat in annual year book of Ministry of Defense United State. This paper’s aim explains about US-Philippines strategy to counter China’s aggressively in SCS and how China’s respond, should China decrease its activities in South China Sea? US ministry of Defense refocuses its policy to Asia Pacific as a respond to China’s military modernization and China activities in SCS. US presence in Asia gives a positive impact to Philippines defense for countering China on maritime dispute between both of country.

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