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.

Key Word: Military cooperation, China's military, alliance, refocuses.