

# **Updates on the PSI**

## **Plans for Eastern Endeavor 19**

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# Background

➤ **Witnessed proliferation cases in 1990s and early 2000s:**

- WMD and related materials being transferred to/from states and non-state actors



➤ Proliferation Security Initiative, **launched in 2003** in Krakow, Poland with 11 countries

- To stop WMD shipments of proliferation concern
- To send a strong message of counter-proliferation



# Asia-Pacific Rotational Exercise

- **From 2014, the APER partners have been hosting annual regional PSI exercises in rotation:**
  - US (Fortune Guard, 2014) → New Zealand (MARU, 2015) → Singapore (Deep Sabre, 2016) → Australia (Pacific Protector, 2017) → Japan (Pacific Shield, 2018) → [ROK \(Eastern Endeavor, 2019\)](#)
- **Eastern Endeavor 19 in 10-11 July, in Busan**

# What PSI is...

- A legally-binding regime that imposes new obligations on countries
- Means to interfere with national implementation
- An operation which goes beyond the scope of international law

**✗ THIS IS NOT TRUE.**

## Rather,

- A political commitment based on voluntary basis
- An initiative to enhance partner nations' counter-proliferation capabilities
- Pursues measures consistent with domestic and international law

# Plans for Eastern Endeavor 19 (1)

## Time Schedule for the Eastern Endeavor 19

Academic Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Morning
Table-top Exercise	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Afternoon
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Morning
Port Exercise	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Afternoon

### ➤ **Academic Session**

- Presentations on “PSI Overview”, “PSI and International Law” and “Critical Capabilities and Practices (CCP)”

# Plans for Eastern Endeavor 19 (2)

## ➤ **Table-top Exercise**

- Based on a fictional scenario to identify potential challenges throughout interdiction activities

## ➤ **Port Exercise**

- Demonstration of container inspection by ROK law enforcement officials
- Exercises by inspection teams from Thailand and the Philippines (as a part of capacity building program)

# Invitation to ARF countries

- **A valuable opportunity to share views and understandings of each nation's policy and enhance regional cooperation in interdiction activities**
- **Observers more than welcome to participate in the Eastern Endeavor 19**
  - As a host country, ROK will try to accommodate your needs



# THANK YOU

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