
PHILIPPINES AND CANADA SET TO SIGN TROOPS PACT AS DEFENSE TIES DEEPEN

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The Philippines and Canada are set to sign a Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (SOVFA) after negotiations aimed at enhancing defense and security cooperation between the two nations, Manilas defense ministry said on Friday.

The agreement would establish a framework for increased military and defense cooperation and collaboration between the two nations and improve interoperability between their forces, the Philippines defense ministry said in a statement.

The Philippines looks forward to the positive impact of the SOVFA, which is expected to contribute to peace, stability, and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, the ministry said, calling it a milestone in bilateral defense relations.

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