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Philippines to split from USA

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161022-philippines.html>

The president of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte has announced his country will move away from the USA and work more closely with China. President Duterte made the announcement in China's capital Beijing. He was meeting with Chinese leaders to talk about future cooperation between the Philippines and China. Mr Duterte also hinted he might work more closely with Russia. He said: "Maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world - China, the Philippines and Russia." Duterte said he would end military and economic agreements with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for your own benefit. So it is time to say goodbye, my friend."

President Duterte's announcement could change many things in the Asia-Pacific region. It will mean China is stronger in the area and the USA is weaker. It is possible that Duterte may ask the USA to leave its military bases in the Philippines. The loss of the Philippines bases would be a big problem for the USA. A White House spokesman said: "If the Philippines are out...that starts to raise questions about our whole approach to the region." This break from the US comes after 65 years of close partnership between the two countries. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' commented on the changing relations in the Asia-Pacific region. It wrote: "China has just turned a former rival into a regional ally."

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/10/20/politics/rodrigo-duterte-us-interests-philippines/>
<http://www.manilatimes.net/duterte-announces-separation-us/292340/>
<https://www.rt.com/news/363465-duterte-china-goodbye-us/>

WARM-UPS

1. THE PHILIPPINES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about The Philippines. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

president / move away / announcement / future / cooperation / military / goodbye / Asia / Pacific / military bases / loss / approach / partnership / newspaper / rival / ally

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ALLY: Students A **strongly** believe China is a better ally than the USA; Students B **strongly** believe the USA is a better ally than China. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PARTNERSHIP: What would be good about a partnership with these countries? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Not so good things
USA		
China		
Russia		
Brazil		
India		
Egypt		

5. GOODBYE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "goodbye". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. USA: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about the USA at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- democracy
- movies
- food
- cities
- people
- music
- dollar
- foreign policy

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161022-philippines.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The Philippines ambassador said her country will split from the USA. **T / F**
- b. An announcement about splitting from the USA was made in China. **T / F**
- c. The Philippines might also form stronger links with Russia. **T / F**
- d. The Philippines president said it was time to say goodbye to the USA. **T / F**
- e. The USA will now become weaker in the Asia-Pacific region. **T / F**
- f. The USA may have to give up its Philippine naval bases. **T / F**
- g. The USA and Philippines have been partners for 165 years. **T / F**
- h. China and the Philippines have now become regional rivals. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. announced | a. nations |
| 2. cooperation | b. finish |
| 3. hinted | c. good |
| 4. end | d. partner |
| 5. benefit | e. joint action |
| 6. area | f. ex- |
| 7. raise | g. region |
| 8. countries | h. made it known |
| 9. former | i. bring up |
| 10. ally | j. suggested |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. his country will move | a. rival into a regional ally |
| 2. talk about future | b. economic agreements |
| 3. there are three of | c. Asia-Pacific region |
| 4. he would end military and | d. approach |
| 5. Your stay in my country was for | e. away from the USA |
| 6. ask the USA to leave its military | f. cooperation |
| 7. raise questions about our whole | g. partnership |
| 8. 65 years of close | h. your own benefit |
| 9. changing relations in the | i. bases |
| 10. China has just turned a former | j. us against the world |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161022-philippines.html>

The president of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte has (1) _____ his country will move away from the USA and work more (2) _____ with China. President Duterte made the announcement in China's (3) _____ Beijing. He was meeting with Chinese leaders to talk about future (4) _____ between the Philippines and China. Mr Duterte also (5) _____ he might work more closely with Russia. He said: "Maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of us (6) _____ the world - China, the Philippines and Russia." Duterte said he would end military and (7) _____ agreements with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for your own benefit. So it is time to say (8) _____, my friend."

against
cooperation
closely
economic
announced
goodbye
capital
hinted

President Duterte's announcement could change many things in the Asia-Pacific (9) _____. It will mean China is stronger in the area and the USA is (10) _____. It is possible that Duterte may ask the USA to leave its (11) _____ bases in the Philippines. The loss of the Philippines (12) _____ would be a big problem for the USA. A White House spokesman said: "If the Philippines are out...that starts to raise questions about our whole (13) _____ to the region." This break from the US comes after 65 years of (14) _____ partnership between the two countries. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' commented on the changing (15) _____ in the Asia-Pacific region. It wrote: "China has just turned a former (16) _____ into a regional ally."

bases
region
close
military
rival
weaker
relations
approach

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) his country will move away from the USA and work _____ China
 - a. more closed with
 - b. more closely within
 - c. more close to with
 - d. more closely with
- 2) President Duterte made the announcement in China's _____
 - a. capitals Beijing
 - b. cap it all Beijing
 - c. capita all Beijing
 - d. capital Beijing
- 3) He was meeting with Chinese leaders to talk about _____
 - a. future cooperating
 - b. future cooperated
 - c. future cooperation
 - d. future corporation
- 4) talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of us _____
 - a. against a world
 - b. against the world
 - c. against our world
 - d. against then world
- 5) Your stay in my country was for your _____
 - a. own benefits
 - b. owns benefit
 - c. own benefit
 - d. owned benefit
- 6) Duterte's announcement could change many things in the _____
 - a. Asia-Pacific regional
 - b. Asia-Pacific legions
 - c. Asia-Pacific legion
 - d. Asia-Pacific region
- 7) It will mean China is stronger in the area and _____
 - a. the USA is weak hour
 - b. the USA is weak are
 - c. the USA is weaker
 - d. the USA is wee car
- 8) It is possible that Duterte may ask the USA to leave _____
 - a. its military bases
 - b. its military basis
 - c. its military base is
 - d. its military bay cyst
- 9) that starts to raise questions about our _____
 - a. hole approach
 - b. whole approach
 - c. holy approach
 - d. whale approach
- 10) China has just turned a former rival into _____
 - a. a regional all lie
 - b. a regional a lie
 - c. a regional all a lie
 - d. a regional ally

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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President Duterte's announcement could (7) _____ in the Asia-Pacific region. It will mean China is stronger in the area and the USA is weaker. It is possible that Duterte may ask the USA (8) _____ bases in the Philippines. The loss of the Philippines bases would be (9) _____ for the USA. A White House spokesman said: "If the Philippines are out...that starts to raise questions about our whole (10) _____ region." This break from the US comes after 65 years of (11) _____ between the two countries. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' commented on the changing relations in the Asia-Pacific region. It wrote: "China has just turned a former rival (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161022-philippines.html>

1. What will the Philippines do more closely with China?
2. When will China and the Philippines cooperate?
3. Where did the Philippines president say he might go?
4. What agreements will the Philippines end with the USA?
5. What did President Duterte say it was time to say to the USA?
6. What will happen to the USA's power in the Asia-Pacific region?
7. What might the USA have to leave in the Philippines?
8. How long have the USA and the Philippines been partners?
9. What is the name of the newspaper mentioned in the article?
10. What has China turned a former rival into?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161022-philippines.html>

- 1) What will the Philippines do more closely with China?
 - a) compete
 - b) spy
 - c) work
 - d) play
- 2) When will China and the Philippines cooperate?
 - a) in the future
 - b) at a conference
 - c) in the WTO in New York
 - d) 2023
- 3) Where did the Philippines president say he might go?
 - a) India
 - b) Brazil
 - c) the USA
 - d) Russia
- 4) What agreements will the Philippines end with the USA?
 - a) sports and culture
 - b) military and economic
 - c) oil and gas
 - d) business and financial
- 5) What did President Duterte say it was time to say to the USA?
 - a) see you next time
 - b) good luck
 - c) goodbye
 - d) thank you
- 6) What will happen to the USA's power in the Asia-Pacific region?
 - a) people will steal it
 - b) it will be weaker
 - c) nothing
 - d) it will recharge
- 7) What might the USA have to leave in the Philippines?
 - a) investments
 - b) embassies
 - c) pride
 - d) military bases
- 8) How long have the USA and the Philippines been partners?
 - a) 56 years
 - b) 65 years
 - c) 165 years
 - d) 156 years
- 9) What is the name of the newspaper mentioned in the article?
 - a) Russia Today
 - b) Manila Times
 - c) Beijing Daily
 - d) New York Times
- 10) What has China turned a former rival into?
 - a) an investment
 - b) a ghost
 - c) a monster
 - d) an ally

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Democracy

You think democracy is the best thing about the USA. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): food, music or foreign policy.

Role B – Food

You think food is the best thing about the USA. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): democracy, music or foreign policy.

Role C – Music

You think music is the best thing about the USA. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): food, democracy or foreign policy.

Role D – Foreign policy

You think foreign policy is the best thing about the USA. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): food, music or democracy.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161022-philippines.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'rival' and 'ally'.

rival	ally
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• move• capital• future• hinted• end• say	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• things• weaker• loss• raise• 65• rival
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THE PHILIPPINES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Philippines in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

THE PHILIPPINES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the country name 'Philippines'?
3. What do you know about the Philippines?
4. What do you think about what you read?
5. What do you think of the Philippines breaking ties with the USA?
6. Is the Philippines better working with China or the USA?
7. What do you think of the "three of us against the world" comment?
8. What can go wrong for the Philippines with breaking from the USA?
9. How important is the USA for your country?
10. What advice do you have for President Duterte?

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THE PHILIPPINES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What will change in the Asia-Pacific region from now?
13. Why does the USA have military bases in the Philippines?
14. What problems would there be if the USA military left the Philippines?
15. What do you think the Philippines' neighbours think?
16. How will this change relations between China and the USA?
17. How would the world be different if China was the biggest superpower?
18. What do you think Russia thinks about this?
19. How important is China for your country?
20. What questions would you like to ask President Duterte?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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President Duterte's announcement could change many (7) _____ in the Asia-Pacific region. It will mean China is stronger in the area and the USA is weaker. It is possible that Duterte may ask the USA to leave its military (8) _____ in the Philippines. The loss (9) _____ the Philippines bases would be a big problem for the USA. A White House spokesman said: "If the Philippines are out...that starts to raise questions about our (10) _____ approach to the region." This break from the US comes (11) _____ 65 years of close partnership between the two countries. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' commented (12) _____ the changing relations in the Asia-Pacific region. It wrote: "China has just turned a former rival into a regional ally."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) denounced | (b) announced | (c) renounced | (d) flounced |
| 2. | (a) close | (b) closely | (c) closest | (d) closer |
| 3. | (a) contribution | (b) captivation | (c) corporation | (d) cooperation |
| 4. | (a) gains | (b) against | (c) again | (d) gangsters |
| 5. | (a) ending | (b) end | (c) ends | (d) ended |
| 6. | (a) beneficial | (b) beneficiary | (c) benefit | (d) benefactors |
| 7. | (a) stuff | (b) goods | (c) things | (d) artifacts |
| 8. | (a) basis | (b) braces | (c) bases | (d) basses |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) from | (c) for | (d) of |
| 10. | (a) whale | (b) holy | (c) hole | (d) whole |
| 11. | (a) after | (b) next | (c) then | (d) post |
| 12. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) on | (d) to |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. noncuaed his country will move
2. talk about future pirnoeacoot
3. work more eylolsc with Russia
4. three of us igsanat the world
5. rmiytail and economic agreements
6. for your own tniebef

Paragraph 2

7. in the Asia-Pacific onger
8. that starts to ersai questions
9. our whole acppohra
10. changing ntirolaes
11. a former ilavr
12. a regional layl

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () approach to the region." This break from the US comes after 65 years of close partnership between the two
- () capital Beijing. He was meeting with Chinese leaders to talk about future cooperation between the Philippines
- () your own benefit. So it is time to say goodbye, my friend."
- () President Duterte's announcement could change many things in the Asia-Pacific region. It will mean China is
- () stronger in the area and the USA is weaker. It is possible that Duterte may ask the USA to leave its military
- () would end military and economic agreements with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for
- () Asia-Pacific region. It wrote: "China has just turned a former rival into a regional ally."
- () countries. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' commented on the changing relations in the
- (**1**) The president of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte has announced his country will move away
- () spokesman said: "If the Philippines are out...that starts to raise questions about our whole
- () bases in the Philippines. The loss of the Philippines bases would be a big problem for the USA. A White House
- () from the USA and work more closely with China. President Duterte made the announcement in China's
- () and China. Mr Duterte also hinted he might work more closely with Russia. He said: "Maybe I will also go to Russia to
- () talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world - China, the Philippines and Russia." Duterte said he

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. move Announced away his from country the will USA .
2. Beijing capital China's in announcement the made Duterte .
3. talk with about Chinese future leaders cooperation to Meeting .
4. closely more work might he Hinted Russia with .
5. your Your my for benefit in was own stay country .
6. in region the Change Asia many - things Pacific .
7. China area is It stronger will in mean the .
8. be a big problem The loss of the Philippines bases would .
9. the our region whole Raise approach questions to about .
10. a regional ally China has just turned a former rival into .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The president of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte has *announcement / announced* his country will *move / movement* away from the USA and work more closely with China. President Duterte made the announcement in China's *capital / capitalise* Beijing. He was meeting with Chinese *leader / leaders* to talk about future *corporation / cooperation* between the Philippines and China. Mr Duterte also hinted he might work more *close / closely* with Russia. He said: "Maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of *them / us* against the *world / planet* - China, the Philippines and Russia." Duterte said he would end military and economic *agreements / agrees* with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for your own *beneficial / benefit*. So it is time to say goodbye, my friend."

President Duterte's announcement could change *much / many* things in the Asia-Pacific *region / regional*. It will mean China is stronger *in / on* the area and the USA is weaker. It is possible that Duterte may ask the USA to leave its *militia / military* bases in the Philippines. The loss of the Philippines *basis / bases* would be a big problem for the USA. A White House spokesman said: "If the Philippines are out...that starts to *rise / raise* questions about our whole approach to the region." This *break / beak* from the US comes after 65 years of *close / closely* partnership between the two countries. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' commented on the changing relations in the Asia-Pacific region. It wrote: "China has just turned a *farmer / former* rival into a regional *ally / all*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ pr_s_d_nt _f th_ Ph_l_pp_n_s R_dr_g_ D_t_rt_ h_s
_nn__nc_d h_s c_ntry w_ll m_v_ _w_y fr_m th_ _S_
_nd w_rk m_r_ cl_s_ly w_th Ch_n_. Pr_s_d_nt D_t_rt_
m_d_ th_ _nn__nc_m_nt _n Ch_n_'s c_p_t_l B__j_ng.
H_w_s m__t_ng w_th Ch_n_s_ l__d_rs t_ t_lk_b__t
f_t_r_ c__p_r_t_n b_tw__n th_ Ph_l_pp_n_s _nd
Ch_n_. Mr D_t_rt_ _ls_ h_nt_d h_ m_ght w_rk m_r_
cl_s_ly w_th R_ss___. H_s__d: "M_yb__ w_ll _ls_ g_t_
R_ss__ t_ t_lk t_ P_t_n _nd t_ll h_m th_t th_r_ _r_
thr__ _f_ s_ _g__nst th_ w_rld - Ch_n_, th_
Ph_l_pp_n_s _nd R_ss__." D_t_rt_ s__d h_w__ld _nd
m_l_t_ry _nd c_n_m_c_g_r_m_nts w_th th_ _S_. H_
t_ld th_ _S_: "Y__r st_y _n my c__ntry w_s f_r y__r
_wn b_n_f_t. S__t_s t_m__t_s_y g__dby_, my
fr__nd."

Pr_s_d_nt D_t_rt_'s _nn__nc_m_nt c__ld ch_ng_ m_ny
th_ngs _n th_ _s__-P_c_f_c_r_g__n. _t w_ll m__n
Ch_n_ _s str_ng_r _n th_ _r__ _nd th_ _S_ _s w__k_r.
_t _s p_ss_bl_ th_t D_t_rt_ m_y _sk th_ _S_ t_l_v_
_ts m_l_t_ry b_s_s _n th_ Ph_l_pp_n_s. Th_ l_ss _f th_
Ph_l_pp_n_s b_s_s w__ld b__ _b_g pr_bl_m_f_r th_
S. _ Wh_t H__s_ sp_k_sm_n s__d: "_f th_
Ph_l_pp_n_s _r__ _t...th_t st_rts t_r__s_ q__st__ns
_b__t __r wh_l_ _pp_r__ch t_ th_r_g__n." Th_s br__k
fr_m th_ _S_ c_m_s _ft_r 65 y__rs _f cl_s_ p_rtn_rsh_p
b_tw__n th_ tw_ c__ntr__s. Th_ R_ss__n n_wsp_p_r
'R_ss__ T_d_y' c_m_m_nt_d _n th_ ch_ng_ng_r_l_t__ns
n th _s__-P_c_f_c_r_g__n. _t wr_t_: "Ch_n_ h_s j_st
t_rn_d _f_r m_r_r_v_l__nt_ _r_g__n_l__lly."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the president of the philippines rodrigo duterte has announced his country will move away from the usa and work more closely with china president duterte made the announcement in china's capital beijing he was meeting with chinese leaders to talk about future cooperation between the philippines and china mr duterte also hinted he might work more closely with russia he said "maybe i will also go to russia to talk to putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world - china the philippines and russia" duterte said he would end military and economic agreements with the usa he told the usa "your stay in my country was for your own benefit so it is time to say goodbye my friend"

president duterte's announcement could change many things in the asia-pacific region it will mean china is stronger in the area and the usa is weaker it is possible that duterte may ask the usa to leave its military bases in the philippines the loss of the philippines bases would be a big problem for the usa a white house spokesman said "if the philippines are out...that starts to raise questions about our whole approach to the region" this break from the us comes after 65 years of close partnership between the two countries the russian newspaper 'russia today' commented on the changing relations in the asia-pacific region it wrote "china has just turned a former rival into a regional ally"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The president of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte has announced his country will move away from the USA and work more closely with China. President Duterte made the announcement in China's capital Beijing. He was meeting with Chinese leaders to talk about future cooperation between the Philippines and China. Mr Duterte also hinted he might work more closely with Russia. He said: "Maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world - China, the Philippines and Russia." Duterte said he would end military and economic agreements with the USA. He told the USA: "Your stay in my country was for your own benefit. So it is time to say goodbye, my friend." President Duterte's announcement could change many things in the Asia-Pacific region. It will mean China is stronger in the area and the USA is weaker. It is possible that Duterte may ask the USA to leave its military bases in the Philippines. The loss of the Philippines bases would be a big problem for the USA. A White House spokesman said: "If the Philippines are out... that starts to raise questions about our whole approach to the region." This break from the US comes after 65 years of close partnership between the two countries. The Russian newspaper 'Russia Today' commented on the changing relations in the Asia-Pacific region. It wrote: "China has just turned a former rival into a regional ally."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE PHILIPPINES: Make a poster about the Philippines. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CHANGING RELATIONS: Write a magazine article about the Philippines moving towards China and away from the USA. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on international relations. Ask him/her three questions about the Philippines' new direction. Give him/her three of your ideas on what the Philippines should do. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. announced | a. made it known |
| 2. cooperation | b. joint action |
| 3. hinted | c. suggested |
| 4. end | d. finish |
| 5. benefit | e. good |
| 6. area | f. region |
| 7. raise | g. bring up |
| 8. countries | h. nations |
| 9. former | i. ex- |
| 10. ally | j. partner |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Work (cooperate)
2. In the future
3. Russia
4. Military and economic agreements
5. Goodbye
6. It will be weaker
7. Military bases
8. 65 years
9. Russia Today
10. A regional ally

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)