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## Ministry of National Defense: China-ASEAN Joint Maritime Exercise to be held in Zhanjiang, China in October

According to the news of the Ministry of National Defense (MND), the MND held a regular press conference in the afternoon of August 30th. Senior Colonel Wu Qian, Director General of the Information Office of the Ministry of National Defense and spokesman for the MND, answered questions.

Question: My question is about the joint military exercise between China and the ASEAN countries. It is reported that such exercise will be held within this year. Do you have any information for us?

Answer: The joint maritime exercise between China and the ASEAN is to take place in two phases. The first phase is a tabletop exercise, which was already conducted in the Changi naval base of Singapore from 2 to 3 of August. The second phase is a live-force exercise. It is planned to take place in Zhanjiang and its adjacent waters in late October with focus on the Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea, joint search and rescue. The

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subjects of the exercise include formation maneuver, formation communication, joint search and rescue and helicopter landing on each other's ships. All ASEAN member countries and China will participate in the exercise. This military exercise is an important action in implementing the consensus reached between defense ministers of China and the ASEAN countries in deepening security and defense cooperation as well as mutual trust. It will also help strengthen military relationship between China and the ASEAN countries; boost maritime security cooperation and enhance the joint capability in response to security threats.

Ministry of National Defense::

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<http://www.nanhai.org.cn/dynamic-detail/35/6566.html>

**The Seminar on "Indian Pacific Strategy: China's Attitude and Thailand's Perspective"** was held on July 22, 2018 in Nanjing, China

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**The Fourth China-Sri Lanka Symposium on Monsoon Climate and Marine Environment** was held on August 14, 2018 in Colombo

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**The 8th China Ocean Oil and Gas International Summit** will be held on October 30-31, 2018 in Beijing, China

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**The 4<sup>th</sup> Deep Sea Energy Conference** will be held on November 8-9, 2018 in Haikou, China

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**ICCRBE 2018: 20th International Conference on Coral Reef Biology and Ecology** will be held on November 19-20, 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey

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**Port Development South East Asia Summit 2019** will be held on January 23-24, 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand

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