

-(ASPI 23/8) [China's charm offensive in the SCS](#) : As regional countries get caught up with the code of conduct negotiations, there's a risk that Southeast Asia will lose sight of the broader picture in the SCS.

- (The Japan Times 22/8) [Japan to send helicopter destroyer for rare long-term joint exercises in SCS and Indian Ocean](#) : It will send three vessels — including its largest, the helicopter destroyer Kaga — for a more than monthlong tour set to begin Sunday and run through October.



- (PhilStar 22/8) [China might bring 'nuclear element' to SCS, Pentagon warns](#) : No permanent large-scale air or naval presence has been observed on China's outposts in the Spratly Island but it may soon be powered with a "nuclear element."

- (ABS-CBN 21/8) [China proposes regular military exercises with ASEAN in SCS](#) : The proposal is being floated by Beijing for possible inclusion in a draft code of conduct to avoid conflict in the disputed waters.