

-(New York Times 18/9) [With a Submarine, Japan Sends a Message in the South China Sea](#) : “We are sending a signal that China cannot just do whatever it wants to do and get away with it.”

-(Asia Times 18/9) [For first time, a Japanese sub takes part in South China Sea drills](#) : Anti-submarine warfare exercises included helicopter carrier, two destroyers.



-(East Asia Forum 18/9) [Duterte's China policy isn't paying off](#) : On 15 August, President Duterte openly criticised China for its island-building activities and called on it to temper its behaviour in the South China Sea.

-(Japan Times 17/9) [China expands its control in South China Sea](#) : The South China Sea has become central to the wider geopolitics, balance of power and maritime order.