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U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel Consults with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak at the Putra World Trade Center, August 25, 2013

MALAYSIA

[Hagel Underscores Commitment to Partnership With Malaysia](#)

August 25, 2013



"Malaysia has been a good friend to the United States, and the close security partnership we've forged holds great promise for ensuring our shared security and prosperity in the 21st century," Hagel said this afternoon during a joint news conference with Defense Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein. [Full Text of the Joint Press Conference with Secretary Hagel and Minister Hishammuddin in Kuala Lumpur.](#)

Secretary Hagel's Remarks at Malaysia's Institute of Defence and Security **August 25, 2013**

"The United States and Malaysia are now significant regional and global partners, and our two countries share a diverse and expanding relationship in trade, investment, education and culture. Our two militaries are also cooperating more than ever before in areas such as maritime security, counterterrorism, nonproliferation, and responding to humanitarian crises and natural disasters." [Full Text of the Remarks.](#)

U.S. Embassy Initiatives in Malaysia **August 26, 2013**

The U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur reaches out to Malaysians via a wide variety of programs. The Embassy's web presence informs Malaysians about public and special group programs, and the Embassy engages with youth and tech-savvy enthusiasts via social media platforms, including [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to engage with audiences from all walks of life.

Fact Sheet on U.S. Malaysia Relations **October 24, 2012**

Today, Malaysia is a significant regional and global partner for the United States, and the two countries share a diverse and expanding partnership in trade, investment, and educational and cultural relations. Economic ties are robust, and there is a long history of people-to-people exchanges. Malaysia has a diverse democracy and is an important partner in U.S. engagement with Southeast Asia.

ASEAN AND THE ASIA PACIFIC

Growing Engagement, Cooperation Mark Hagel's Second Asia Visit **August 23, 2013**

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel kicked off a four-nation trip to Southeast. This is the secretary's second trip to the region since June. Before visiting the region, Hagel stopped at Marine Corps Base Hawaii-Kaneohe Bay to thank 200 Marines and sailors for their service to the nation and to honor their part in President Barack Obama's strategic U.S. rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region. The U.S. rebalance is not only about America's security interests in this area but also about a partnership of prosperity for a vital region.

U.S. Celebrates ASEAN's 46th Anniversary **August 16, 2013**



[The 46th anniversary of ASEAN — the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — was celebrated at a special event at the U.S. Department of State August 15. The ASEAN-U.S. partnership, Daniel Russel, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs said, "is grounded in cooperation across political, security and cultural spheres."](#)

Vice President Biden on Asia-Pacific Policy

July 19, 2013

At a policy speech U.S. Vice President Biden highlighted the strategic importance of relations between the United States and Asia. He said, "In terms of economics, the Asia-Pacific region -- stretching from India to the Pacific nations of the Americas -- is home to a middle class of about a billion people. Some of the fastest growing growth rates in the world are within that region. Emerging markets whose choices will shape the character of the entire global economy are within that purview. So we reached out. We reached out to deepen economic ties and promote open markets and a rule-based competition for the 21st century."

Cooperation Is Key to Asia-Pacific Region Success, Kerry Says

July 3, 2013

The Asia-Pacific region is "the envy of the rest of the world" for its economic success and stability, says U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, but its continued success will hinge on greater cooperation and effective resolution of disputes. "The United States," the secretary said, "firmly believes that regional institutions such as the EAS should play a lead role in shaping the future of the Asia-Pacific. We support the East Asia Summit as the region's primary institution for political and strategic issues."

U.S. Seeks to Strengthen Relations with ASEAN, Kerry Says

July 1, 2013

The United States recognizes the history of the 21st century will be written in Asia and seeks to strengthen its economic, security and people-to-people ties in the region, says Secretary of State John Kerry. Speaking July 1 at the U.S.-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, Kerry said the United States remains committed to political and security engagement with ASEAN.

The FY 2014 Budget Request for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

May 16, 2013

(Acting U.S. Ambassador-designate to Malaysia, and former) Assistant Secretary Joseph Yun, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Washington, D.C.)

At the outset of his Administration, the President made a strategic decision to increase focus on the Asia-Pacific region and rebalance U.S. engagements, activities, and resources toward and within this vital region. The President's approach is grounded in a simple proposition: the United States is historically a Pacific power whose people, economy, strength, and interests are increasingly and inextricably linked with Asia's economic, security, and political development. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

Democracy and Human Rights In the Context of the Asia Rebalance

March 21, 2013

(Acting U.S. Ambassador designate to Malaysia and former) Assistant Secretary Joseph Yun, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Before the Senate Committee

on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Washington, D.C.)

The United States is bound to Asia through geography, history, alliances, trade, and people-to-people ties, which will continue to grow in importance over the next decade and beyond. Over the last four years, the U.S. Government has made a deliberate, strategic effort to broaden and deepen our engagement in the region in what has come to be known as the "rebalance" to the Asia-Pacific. This strategic rebalance is based on the recognition that the Asia-Pacific's political and economic future and the future of the United States are deeply and increasingly linked. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

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