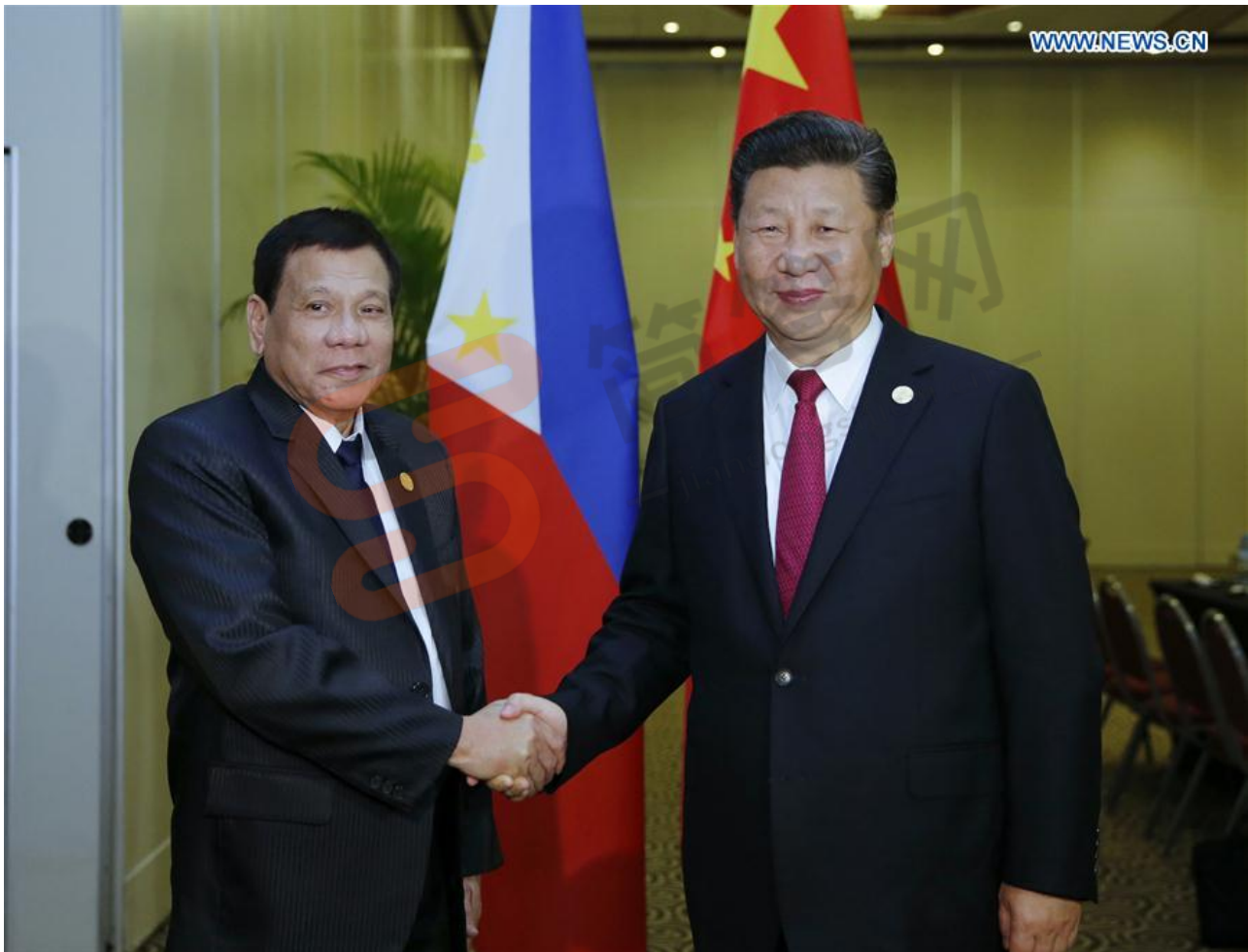


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President Xi has also met with his Philippine counterpart, Rodrigo Duterte. President Xi says the two nations should continue to work to repair previously-strained relations and manage their differences properly.



Chinese President Xi Jinping (R) meets with his Philippine counterpart Rodrigo Duterte in Lima, Peru, Nov. 19, 2016. (Xinhua/Ju Peng)

He urges both sides to explore the possibility of cooperating in the South China Sea. This will transform the area from a source of tension to a major part of friendly bilateral ties.

For his part, Duterte says the Philippines is willing to properly address maritime issues with China through dialogue

and consultation. He says the nation follows an independent foreign policy and is willing to be friends with "brotherly" China forever.

