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Ceremonial turnover of drone system to the Philippine Air Force

Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana and US Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Y. Kim together with officials of the Department of National Defense and Philippine Air Force inspect one of the six UAVs of the ScanEagle 2 system.

Secretary of National Defense Delfin N. Lorenzana and United States Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Y. Kim led the turnover of six unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), which are part of the Insitu ScanEagle 2 UAV system, from the United States to the Philippine Air Force (AFP) at Villamor Air Base on March 13, 2018. The $13.2 million system was acquired through the US Foreign Military Financing grant program and is expected to bolster intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities.

Secretary of National Defense Delfin N. Lorenzana and United States Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Y. Kim together with officials of the Philippine Air Force at the turnover rites of the ScanEagle Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) from the US.

The six UAVs will be utilized by the PAF's 300th Air Intelligence and Security Wing, based in the Antonio Bautista Air Base on Palawan Island. Secretary Lorenzana remarked that "… this equipment will certainly be vital to the capability readiness of the PAF, especially in the conduct of ISR in support of a variety of missions such as territorial defense, security and stability humanitarian assistance and disaster response; and international defense and security engagement."

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