Soft Power and its use in the Asia Pacific Region

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How is the US viewed by the international community?
What is “Soft Power”? 

Posit a definition:

* “Soft power is influencing others to act in mutual interest by appealing to shared values”

  Culture, political values, and foreign policies

Compared to “Smart Power” and “Hard Power”

* Joseph Nye, Dean of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government
Choosing which power(s) to use depends upon what effect(s) we’re trying to achieve

Soft power is more about winning the peace

- Longer-term effects
- Moral high ground

**Borrowing Brilliance, David Kord Murray**

Root cause analysis: “Why is a problem a problem?”

Root problems for warfighting seem to point to higher level problems best addressed by soft power.
What Role Does S&T Play in Soft Power?

Most nations value the development and prosperity that scientific and technological advances bring.

First, how do we equip our PACOM ambassadors to engage across the theater?

Second, how do we use S&T to initiate and improve broader military-to-military engagement and interoperability with our allies and strategic partners?

There is so much more we can do, and at PACOM we are open to any and all S&T partnership opportunities that we can tie to our most pressing challenges across our strategic and operational portfolios.

Be cautious of unintended effects/consequences
Common Challenges and Mutual Opportunities

POW/MIAs

Maritime Security

Humanitarian Assistance

Disaster Relief

Terrorism / Extremism

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Two focus areas for S&T

- Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief
  - Resilient Communities
    - Energy (Renewable energy sources)
    - Water (Long term, safe water supplies)
    - Education (Distance learning, Mobile Learning Environments)

- Maritime Security
  - Anti-piracy
  - Illegal fishing
  - Smuggling
Energy Efficient Water Purification focused on USPACOM HADR

- ID HADR capabilities with respect to small unit and local populace water purification.

- Ten systems assessed in a limited objective experiment as part of Crimson Viper Field Experiment 2010 (CV10) in Sattahip, Thailand.
  - Thai military operators and lab technicians operated the systems and provided subjective feedback
  - Water quality analysis was both subjective (by operators) and objective (lab analysis of samples)
Distance Learning

- Telemedicine with Mongolia
- Discussion of use of distance learning with Indonesia
Senator John McCain said on Monday,

“the United States should help members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to develop and deploy an early warning system and coastal vessels in contested waters”

Tensions between China and other rival claimants to the strategically vital waters -- home to two potentially oil-rich archipelagros, the Paracels and Spratlys -- have escalated in recent weeks.

The Philippines and Vietnam in particular have expressed alarm at what they say are increasingly aggressive actions by China in the disputed waters.

Source: Energy Daily June 20, 2011
Technology for affordable Maritime Awareness

Low Cost Dual Use HF OTH Radar

Small, low-cost Autonomous UAS

- Heavy Fuel
- Beyond Line of Sight
- Loiter 33 hours
- Power 2.1 kw
- Range > 2000nm
- Usable payload – 76 pounds
- ITAR being worked
- Pay loads – AIS
  - FMV EO/IR
  - SAR
  - SATCOM
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"Tell him we haven't got time for any of his bright ideas - we've got a battle on our hands"