



## Philippines, Russia sign defense agreements



*Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana (right) and Russian Defence Minister General Sergey Shoygu (left) exchange copies of the military-technical cooperation agreement between the Philippines and Russia.*

The governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the Russian Federation signed two agreements on the sidelines of the 4<sup>th</sup> Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defense Ministers Meeting (ADMM)-Plus, held on 24 October 2017, at the ASEAN Convention Center in Clark, Pampanga.

Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana and Russian Defence Minister General Sergey Shoygu signed an Agreement for Military-Technical Cooperation between the two countries. The document contained provisions on various areas of military and technical cooperation such as research, production support, as well as possible exchange of experts and training of personnel for joint programs.

In addition, the two governments also signed a contract for the Philippines' procurement of defense articles from Rosoboronexport, a Russian state-owned company. Secretary Lorenzana and Rosoboronexport Director-General Alexander A. Mikheev signed the agreement.