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HMCS VANCOUVER - *OP PROJECTION Begins!*

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HMCS Vancouver has deployed for OP PROJECTION! Having completed pre-deployment training over the last three months, as well as a thorough maintenance regimen throughout most of March, the ship and her crew are now embarked on the key-stone operational deployment for the Royal Canadian Navy in the Indo-Asia-Pacific theatre. The ship set sail from Esquimalt Harbour on the 3rd of April, and it has already accomplished its first leg of the nearly five month



long voyage. HMCS Vancouver conducted a first stop in Hawaii, visiting Pearl Harbor, which hosts one of the United States' largest naval bases, and then anchoring off the town of Lahaina, on the beautiful island of Maui.

This pause allowed HMCS Vancouver to resupply and rest prior to sailing further. At the time of this writing, the ship and her crew are steaming ahead with approximately 1600 nautical miles to go before arriving at the island of Guam, which will serve as another sustainment stop prior to carrying on with operations. This deployment's objectives include diplomatic engagement between Canada and our allies abroad to

strengthen Canada's international bonds and showcase Canadian values, all the while displaying our naval capabilities and training with other naval forces.



Following our port visit to Guam, HMCS Vancouver will proceed towards Hong Kong. The port visit to Hong Kong will be our first major international diplomatic engagement during OP PROJECTION; the ship's company will host and participate in various activities with Canadian and Chinese academic, military, and political representatives while alongside.

As we head further west to the far east, HMCS Vancouver is well-rested, eager, and ready for the remainder of our operational deployment.

