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Session 3: Summary and Discussion of the Pre-workshop Survey Results

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Pre-workshop Questionnaire

1. What country are you from? What are the major security challenges *to your country* in the next five to ten years? Please pick two or three issues that concern you.

2. What are the major security challenges *to your subregion* (e.g. South Asia, Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia, Oceania, Europe) in the next five to ten years? Please pick two or three issues that concern you.

3. What are the major security challenges *in the Indo-Pacific region* today?

4. What are the existing gaps and challenges of **military alliances** in addressing today's and tomorrow's security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region?

5. What are the existing gaps and challenges in the **security architectures** of the Indo-Pacific region?

Q1: What are the major security challenges to your country or to your organization in the next five to ten years?

Answer #7 - "Military threat from the PRC has always been the major security challenges to Taiwan. In facing of PRC's aggression, time for Taiwan to be ready is another challenge, because the global supply chain in defense industries has been interrupted by pandemic."

Answer #13 - "Upholding the international rules-based order. Deterring a forceful reunification of the PRC with Taiwan. Maintaining global stability during an economic downturn."

Answer #8 - "I am from Taiwan. Please add Taiwan in the previous question, so that I can properly choose the right one. China has always been our biggest security challenges to us. We expect it will still be the major challenge for Taiwan in next 5-10 years.

Q2: What are the major security challenges to your subregion and

Q3: in the Indo-Pacific Region?

Australia's security challenges are tied up with the region's security challenges. Our region is currently being reshaped, including with military build-up, contributing to a more dangerous and volatile region with a greater risk of escalation and conflict. Enhanced Australian defence capabilities will be essential for deterring conflict in our region, enabling us, in collaboration with allies and partners, to contribute to strategic balance in the region. In addition to the challenge of maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific region, we face compounding economic and climate security challenges.

Australia faces a number of security challenges, including foreign interference and ideologically motivated violent extremism. Climate change is also threatening human security and increasing the frequency of natural disasters, impacting Australia and our closest neighbours in the Pacific.

Questions for Further Discussion

1. **How much do you see China as a security challenge? Does it matter?**
   * "China" or "PRC" is mentioned in
      - country level 5 times
      - sub-regional level 7 times
      - regional level 8 times
   * in total, 20 times from 48 responses.

   * "Climate Change" is mentioned in
      - country level 7 times
      - sub-regional level 6 times
      - regional level 4 times
   * in total, 17 times from 48 responses.

   • Security challenges identified in the survey:
   China, Climate Change, North Korea, Illegal Fishing, Transnational Crimes, Maritime Security, Natural Disaster, Economic Security, Cyber security...etc.

2. **What is the major security challenge to your country that other countries do not seem to share concern very much? Why does it matter?**

3. **What is the major security challenge to the IP region that your country does not seem to share concern very much? Why does it matter?**

Q4: What are the existing gaps and challenges of military alliances?

Figure 3. The United States Treaty Allies in Asia

SOUTH KOREA

JAPAN

PACIFIC OCEAN

THAILAND

PHILIPPINES

INDIAN OCEAN

AUSTRALIA

US Treaty Allies
- Australia
- Japan
- South Korea
- The Philippines
- Thailand

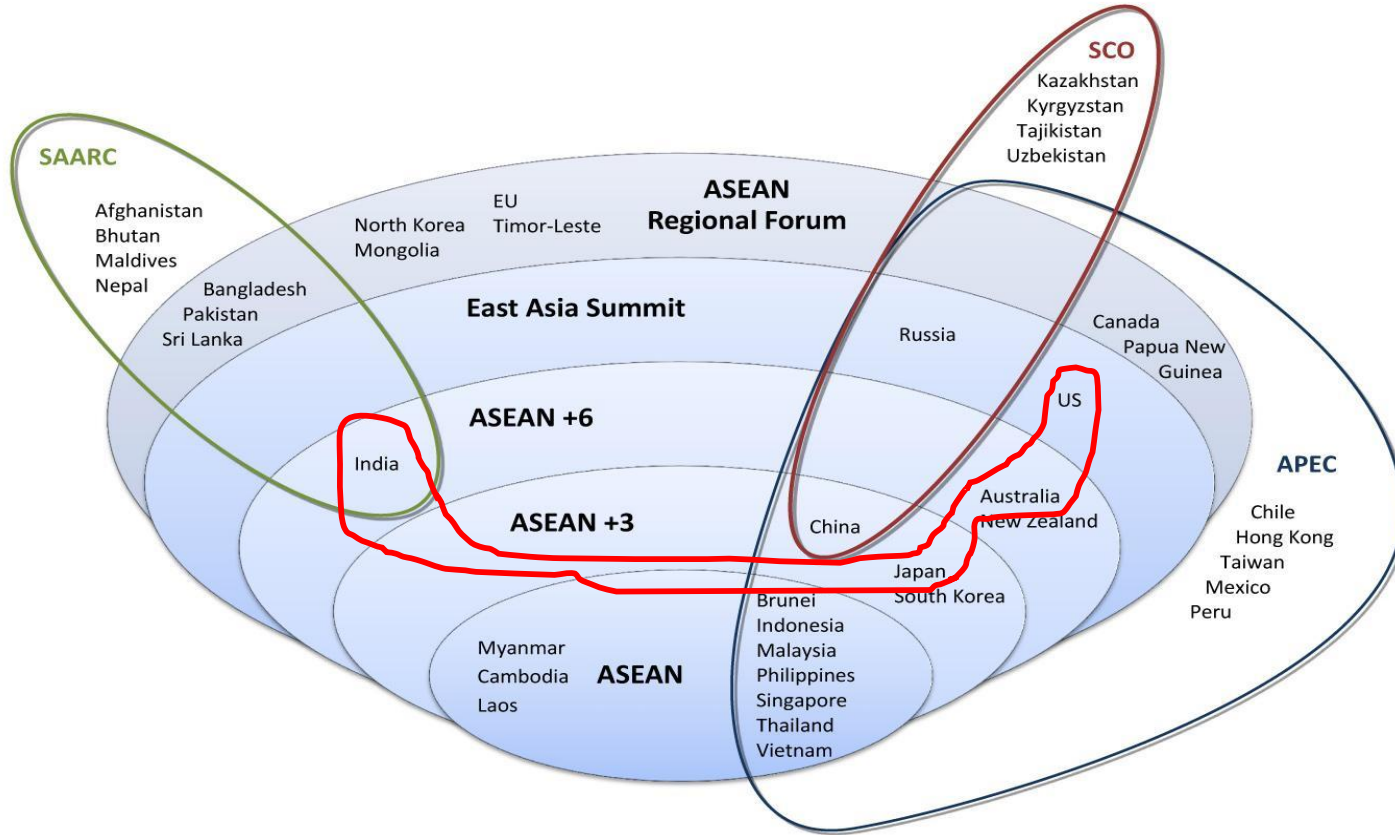▪ **Some Overlapped Points**

  - Lack of Coordination

  - Lack of US military presence

  - Lack of Capabilities against "Grey-Zone"

▪ **Some Outstanding Points**

  - "Regional partners don't want to be forced to choose between great powers."

  - " Many of the countries have not yet added appropriate financial resources."

Q5: What are the existing gaps/ challenges in security architecture?

Regional security architecture in Asia

Response #1.

"There's no regional collective security organization in the region!"

Questions for Further Discussion

1. Does the Indo-Pacific region need a region-wide security architecture?

2. Is it ever possible?

3. If not, what is the relationship between US military alliance and a sub-regional security architecture? Should the former contribute to the latter or vice versa?

- What are the "old" and "new" security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region today?

  - What are the "old" problems, but with new characteristics?

  - What are the "new" problems that did not existed in 2013?

  - Among all these challenges, how would you rank the top three challenges?