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Colonel (COL) Matthew Kent joined the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) in September 2022 following a three-year tour at the American Institute in Taiwan-Taipei. He has spent a majority of his twenty-six-year military career in the Indo-Pacific region to include an operational assignment in South Korea, a regional study program based out of Beijing, China, and diplomatic assignments in Laos, Mongolia and Taiwan. As an Army Special Forces Officer and China Foreign Area Officer, COL Kent has traveled extensively throughout the Indo-Pacific region and received training in the Thai, Lao and Chinese Mandarin languages. COL Kent also has a strategy and plans background due to his assignments as a staff officer in NATO and with Special Operations Command Pacific. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering from Colorado School of Mines and a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Georgetown University. His military education includes the Army Ranger School, Special Forces Officer Qualification Course, Airborne and Jumpmaster School. COL Kent was awarded numerous decorations to include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Army Special Forces tab and the Ranger tab.