

East Asian Summit and the Asia Pacific Community?

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Drivers of the East Asian and Pacific community

- commitment to economic development
- framework of an open global economy and post war security
- intensity of economic and political interaction
- trans-Pacific foundations
- now encompassing the huge relationship with China and India
- new role and responsibilities in global affairs



Nature of the community

- diversity of economics, politics, culture and values
- the baggage of history
- problems of leadership: the ASEAN anchor
- reactive and inward-looking origins of regionalism
- inadequate institutions: financial and monetary, trade and political



Imperative of new East Asian and Asia Pacific arrangements

- rise of China and India
- East Asia's place in the world: global impact and feedback
- need for new security framework: objective of fraternal relations in Japanese plan
- strengthening regional architecture
- connecting to trans-Pacific and global arrangements: how the G 20 fits
- Pacific and East Asian ideas



Creating an East Asian and Asia Pacific Community

- transforming ASEAN+3 and EAS: principles and practice
- who's in and who's out: US does not need to be in but needs to be tied in; the core is EAS
- US needs to be re-assured and linked
- action on East Asian and trans-Pacific fronts
- complementarity of EAC and APC ideas
- EAS a practical step forward or huge risk?
- straddling Asia and the Pacific: a way though