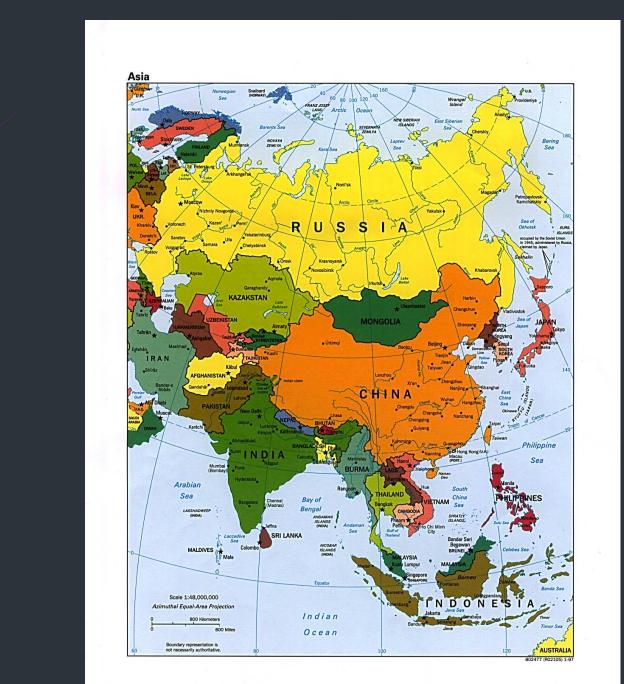
U.S.-East Asian Options: some thoughts

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discussion

- Current context in Indo-Asia-Pacific
- Challenges facing the United States
- Options for addressing these challenges
- Indo-Asia-Pacific within U.S. strategic priorities

Strategic context

- Arisen China: the role of 'respect'
 - 40 year transformation unparalleled in world history
 - CCP increasingly re-consolidating power
 - CCP terrified of its own citizens for lots of domestic reasons
- Declining Japan? or is Abe reversing it?
- The Korean peninsula—wowza with the DPRK and ROK-Japan deterioration
- ASEANS
- India
- Danger of Muslim extremism regrowing across region—Uighur 're-education'
- What do they think we are doing?

Challenges for U.S. strategy in Asia

- What are we trying to accomplish?
- The Korean peninsula: can Mr. Kim really be our buddy?
- An expanding centrality of China
 - Trade dominance which is indisputable
 - Maritime disputes
 - Hegemony or merely a member state?
 - What instruments do we have versus them?
 - Increasingly active globally—a really new twist
- U.S. alliances-dead, on lifelines, or vibrant?
- Expanding Asia to include India good or futile aspiration?

Instruments and options

- Trade war with Beijing which reverses 70 years of expanding free trade
- TPP gone so will 20+ bilateral trade agreements be possible for Washington?
- Any lasting effects from the 'rebalance to Asia'?
- What is the role for diplomacy in Asia—does it matter?
- How vibrant are the alliances or are they strictly military?
- Instruments for the United States beyond Indo-Pacom's role?
- What are the effects of domestic trends
 - Budget deficits
 - 'Model' concerns for democracy
 - Indo-PACOM's capabilities versus responsibilities

Indo-Asia-Pacific within national priorities

- North Korea
- China China China: obvious priority for budget and approach to region
- Will India be important for us within Indo-Pacom or as adjunct to Pakistan issues?
- Global center of economic gravity moving to Asia but what about Europe?
- Should we increase military spending or worry about our huge budget deficit?
- BOTTOM LINE: do we see this region as our top priority or are we merely accustomed to seeing any competitor's action as threatening?

