

The geopolitical shift: Challenges and opportunities for Northeast Asia

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The geopolitical shift

- Historic changes
- New era of geopolitics
 - Creative diplomacy
 - Historic limitations
- Post-Cold War structures: challenged

Trump-Kim summit

- Trump's success?
- Korea Mission Program
- CIA role
 - Acting Director Morell: CIA at the table
- SecState Pompeo
 - Unique role
 - CIA-State coordination

Post-summit

- Security guarantees to Kim regime?
 - Principles articulated
 - Trump's approach: sustainable?
- FDI: NK toward a market-oriented economy?

The goal: CVID

- Complete
- Verifiable
- Irreversible
- Denuclearization
 - Will Kim agree to CVID?
 - Trump: potentially a 10-year process
 - Different from Iran deal
- Dismantle missiles, test sites

'Byungjin': North Korea's policy

- Two elements:
 - Economic growth
 - Nuclear development
- Kim's 2013 speech: obstacles to growth
 - Market-oriented economy?

Criticism, doubt, skepticism

- Criticism of Trump
 - Domestic; Geopolitical rivals; Globalists
- Summit: trust-building with NK?

Japan

- FDI and North Korea?
- Abe on abductions: Trump fulfilled promise
- Japan: global player

South Korea

- President Moon: 70-80% approval rating
- NK economic development
 - East Asian “privatized Marshall Plan”
- Trump: “War games”

China

- North Korea: buffer state
- Sanctions
- Chinese view: summit “a success”
 - FM Wang Yi: “The relevant approach and initiative proposed by China and its endeavors ... have played a positive and constructive role in getting the situation on the peninsula to where it is now.”

End of Cold War structures

- Post-Cold War shift in global economic order
 - US engagement with China
 - Trade/investment rules benefit China
- Multilateral institutions vs. the nation-state
- Xi's 'legalistic' approach
- WTO vs. bilateral negotiations
 - Trump prefers reciprocal, no barrier free trade

Security and economic order in the Indo-Pacific

- Summit: step one shifting Indo-Pacific strategic balance
- SecDef Mattis at Shangri-la Dialogue:
 - “This is our priority theater; our interests and the regions are inextricably intertwined”
- Aspects:
 - Interoperability with allies
 - Rule of law/civil society/governance
 - Private-sector-led development

Future of the international economic system

- The Cold War-era structures cannot survive
 - Trump is challenging the multilateral, globalization process that transcends the nation-state
 - Restored primacy of Westphalian system, based on national aspiration for fair, reciprocal trade?

Thank you for your attention
