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**After Dr. Kem's Introduction (Moderator)**

Good Afternoon!

Thank you Sir for your support!

Thank you everyone for joining us today for our next CASO session.

We often talk about both China and India as rising Indo-Pacific powers. Before we discuss the challenges that the U.S. is facing in the Indo-Pacific region, to set the stage and as a reality check, I would like to provide a quick comparative overview between China and India.

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In accordance with our publicly available government sources, 2023-2024 comparisons between China and India via major indexes give a clear edge to China in many cases with significant differences. I've particularly found interesting indicators such as:

**China's Life Expectancy is around 78 for Male and 81 for Female.**

**India's Life Expectancy around 67 for Male and 69 for Female**

**China's GDP Per Capita \$17,600**

**India's \$6,600 <sup>1).</sup>**

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