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After BG Foley's Introduction (Moderator)

Good afternoon!

Thank you Sir for your support!

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

At the U.S. Army Cultural and Area Studies Office (CASO) Command and General Staff College we love what we do and we continue doing what we love.

It gives us a real professional satisfaction and passion in support of your missions. With that sense in mind, we passionately continue closely following the regional and global geopolitics, which is really a chess game, which requires knowledge and wisdom. If you play it skillfully, you checkmate your adversary and prevail in support of your national security objectives. It's never black and white and always requires a flexibility in your options to explore. As the Greek philosopher Heraclitus, who was born in 540 BC, said, "No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man." The same applies to geopolitics: it is fluid and constantly evolving.

(Joking, Philosopher Heraclitus was a wise man. I remember him quite well back then. (Pause, look at the audience...then continue) ...

That's why the policy planners need to be flexible and adaptable to it, based on analysis and real facts. Per current operational environment, today's topic is clearly one of the priorities for our National Security, because the United States and its allies continue to be challenged in this strategically important region. What is the role and importance of Building the Quad, which would benefit the entire region? What are specific challenges, including from our partners' perspectives, need to be addressed? Some of these and other related issues hopefully will be tackled during the discussion today.

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Just to remind our audiences, (QUAD)Quadrilateral Security Dialogue is an informal strategic forum consisting of the United States, India, Australia, and Japan. It's essentially a platform to discuss regional security issues, defense cooperation, and common challenges in the Indo-Pacific region, which originates from the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, when the four countries formed the so called "Tsunami Core Group" and it evolved since then.

As usual, I would like to remind that the opinions and discussion points during the session are those of the

speakers and the moderator, and do not necessarily represent official positions of the United States government.

Complete bios of the panel and the moderator can be accessed on CASO website.

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With this I would like to yield the floor to **Ambassador Stephen Young,** who will discuss the *U.S. foreign policy* and the role of Quad.

Ambassador Young, the floor is yours.

"The next speaker is *Ambassador David Shinn*, who will tackle the "*U.S. national security and China's challenge in the Indian Ocean.*" The Ambassador will discuss the challenges China poses for U.S. security, economic, and political interests in the region and how this impacts US relations with other key countries such as India, Australia, Japan, UK, and Russia.

Ambassador Shinn, the floor is yours.

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Thank you *Ambassador* for very interesting perspective and analysis!

Our next speaker is *LTCOL Paul Mostafa*, who will provide his analysis and overview of the recently released Australian Defense Strategic Review and what some of the key developments are for the region, with focus on the Quad members.

COL Mostafa, the floor is yours.

Thank you COL for very informative presentation!

At this time *Dr. David Hunter-Chester*, will provide his analysis and will discuss " *Japan's Perspective in the rapidly changing geopolitical and security environment of the region."*

Dr. Hunter-Chester, the floor is yours.

Thank you, Dr., for very insightful information!

Please introduce yourself, ask a question or make a comment.

(10 Minutes to 15:00):

This is the time to wrap up the session.

These are some of our capabilities and active partners across the country and globally.

The final slide contains our contact information for any related questions.

These are the links to CASO website. The video and related information will be posted in about one week after the panel on CASO website as well as CGSC, Army University and possibly CAC Facebooks for further educational purposes.

On behalf of all of us I would like to thank our panel for sharing their great and very insightful expertise and analysis with us! (Applauding)

This concludes our session.

We look forward to seeing you again soon. Thank you.

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