CASO logo stays, until Dr. Kem starts providing (Senior Leader's Opening Remarks, (5-7 minutes), then before he begins and while speaking the Flyer with panel names will be up.

Good Afternoon!

To set the stage for today's very timely topic, as part of CASO's approach let's take a quick look at socio-cultural and historical aspects of *China's Concept of Global* Governance and provide a possible parallel with a similar Russian concept which in both cases might influence the two countries outlook on international affairs. During our previous sessions we discussed the Alexander Dugin's 'Eurasianism' and the term 'Novorossia'('New Russia') concept which might to a certain extent influence the Russian policies, including it's the so called "Special military Operation" in Ukraine, and an attempt to expand towards the historical borders of the Russian empire. President Putin also mentioned the term in his speech in March 2014 after the annexation of Crimea. In the case of China, we *might examine a concept* —the Middle Kingdom, as China calls itself, and its possible influence on the Sinocentrist worldview, which might have shaped China's outlook on rules and norms of international cooperation. In the past two decades, China has reemerged as a major power, with the world's second largest economy and an advanced military. *

Based on the topic of today's panel, I believe that above short analysis might explain to a certain extent why reelected Chinese President puts China's expansionist foreign policy and control at home at heart of his plans during his address to the Communist party summit. In this context he discussed Hong Kong and Taiwan, the Economy, Corruption, Foreign policy, and the Environment.

Economic potential of countries is an important factor for their ability to expand influence regionally and globally, which might need to be taken into consideration by policy planners. This graphic and short related video clearly demonstrates an impressive evolution and growth of Chinese economy, based on nominal GDP, between years 1980 and with a projection up to 2026. As you know, Gross domestic product (GDP) is the total monetary or market value of all the goods and services within the countries borders in a certain period and a broad measure of a country's economic health. To show this evolution, to save time we will play just part of it for the latest period to show the trend. (play the YouTube video from the link on the slide). However, please pay attention to the date of IMF statistics: July 2021. Since then the economic dymanics of China seem to have changed because of COVID and Leadership's certain internal policies)

We are privileged to have **our experts from CGSC and two quest speakers to** address more specifically these and other related issues from the U.S. and our partner nations' perspectives during our session today. For outstations, the event is available live on CGSC's Facebook page and via Video teleconference (VTC). 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.

With this and without further ado I would like to yield the floor to **Mr. Russell Hsiao**, who will discuss how Chinese Communist Party's 20th Congress cements Xi Jinping's authority as the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao Zedong. This presentation will assess the policy implications for cross-Strait peace and stability during Xi's third term. Mr. Hsiao, the floor is yours.

Thank you Mr. Hsiao, for the great presentation!

"The next speaker is Dr. Lee, who will tackle how amid intensifying U.S.-China rivalry that has now expanded from the economic, military arena to the ideological realm, the strategic importance of "socialist North Korea (as the Chinese President Xi Jinping put it) to China is bound to deepen.

Dr. Lee, the floor is yours.

Our next speaker is **Dr. Kalic,** who will provide his analysis on the **Evolution of Soviet-Russo-Chinese relations** as A Historical Perspective.

Dr. Kalic, the floor is yours.

Our next speaker is **Dr. Babb, who will discuss The Evolution of Sino-American Relations.**

Dr. Babb, the floor is yours.

Thank you, Dr. Babb, for the great presentation.

Now is the time for questions, answers, and comments.

To generate the discussion, I would like to ask a panel, "What should be our and our partners strategic end state in the Asia Pacific?..."

After the panel answers, addressing the audience, now is the floor is yours...

(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 other Army venues for further educational purposes.

On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank our distinguished panel for the willingness to share their

great expertise with us in support of our missions. Please join me in giving a warm welcome! (Begin to clap as you turn and smile at the).

(Applauding). We would like to thank our leadership for its continuous and very helpful support! Also, we appreciate CAC, ArmyU/CGSC teams for their support in preparing and planning of our events! (Addressing BG Foley and Dr. Kem, ...Sir would you like to make final remarks?... After that and depending on if they do...) This concludes our session.

We look forward to seeing you soon.