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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 Femail.

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

Female

China's GDP Per Capita \$17,600 India's \$6,600 1).

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Among the indicators of national economic power, gross domestic product [GDP], is one of the main measures of macroeconomic performance.

Comparing the U.S. and China's GDP based on Purchasing Power Parity, China overtook the U.S. in 2017. This graphic sourced from the IMF shows this fact.

- China's nominal GDP, however, was 18 trillion in 2022, compared to the U.S. at 25.5 trillion. As this graphic from the *Economist* indicates, China is expected to get close to parity with the US in the 2030s and may (or may not) overtake the U.S. temporarily at that time.

Before turning the floor to the first speaker, we would like to invite our outstations to start submitting their questions and comments, when ready, via our CGSC Facebook Livestream so that we could convey them to the panel to generate the discussion during Q&A session.

With this and without further ado I would like to yield the floor to *Mr. Michael Kugelman*, who will discuss the *Role of India* for China-U.S. relations and U.S. national security."

Mr. Kugelman, the floor is yours.

Thank you *Mr. Kugelman* for the great presentation!

"The next speaker is **Dr. Megan Greene**, who will tackle "The China-Taiwan-US Relationships in Historical Context."

Dr. Greene, the floor is yours.

Thank you *Dr. Greene*, for very interesting perspective and analysis!

Our next speaker is *Mr. Terry Mobley*, who will highlight several "key issues" in China-U.S. Relations." *Mr. Mobley*, the floor is yours.

We discussed China's economic power in the beginning of the session. To set the stage and trying to tie it to the current Operational Environment, I would like to ask the panel two interrelated questions:

- 1. How China's economic potential translates into its projection of power in global affairs, including through its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)?
- 2.And more specifically, how China's approach towards the Russia-Ukraine and most recent Hamas-Israil wars is challenging the U.S. national interests, including in the so called entire 'Global South?'

(>>After Panel answers these two questions, address first the Arnold Conference Room and then Outstations through CGSC Facebook Live>>)

>>Now 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. Also, you can scan CASO's QR Code Right here (point with the laser pointer), to access the CASO website and its capabilities, including today session's video and related information, when available. On behalf of all of us I would like to thank our panel for sharing their great and very insightful expertise with us!

Also, I would like to acknowledge our in-house Asia experts, Dr. Baab, Mr. Mobley, COL Mccaughrin, COL Mostafa, Dr. Modinger, whose continuous support of CASO mission in sharing their valuable expertise, when needed, is very much appreciated. (Applauding).

This concludes our session.

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

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^{1.}The CIA 2023-2024 FACTBOOK Information

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