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# China's Influence in the Indo-Pacific

## Opening Remarks

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LTC David W. Bell, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth

## Moderator

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## Date:

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## Time:

1300-1500 (Central)

## Location:

Arnold Conference Room, Lewis and Clark Center, Fort Leavenworth, KS  
All welcome for the audience.

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<https://facebook.com/USACGSC> and Video teleconference (VTC)

# Greater map of pipelines

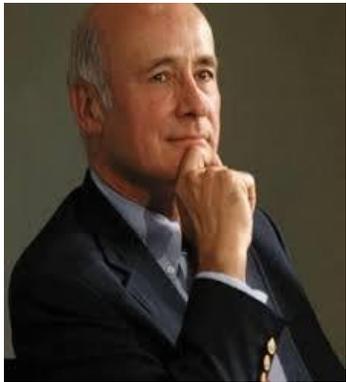


## General V. Gerasimov 'Vision' of Ongoing and Future Wars.



- ❑ Russia is engaged in a civilizational as well as geopolitical struggle with the West in a continual state of conflict. It's the war of ideas and values using the asymmetrical operations without the formal declaration of war
- ❑ Russia's armed forces must maintain both "classical" and "asymmetrical" potential (the mix of combat, intelligence and propaganda tools)
- ❑ Special forces operating jointly with internal opposition leveraging information operations, cyber, legal, electronic and economic warfare to achieve its strategic outcome<sup>[1]</sup>

## Joseph Nye's 'Vision' of China's 'soft power'



- ❑ China's economic and military might has grown impressively
- ❑ This has frightened its neighbors into looking for allies to balance China's increase in hard power
- ❑ "But if a country can also increase its 'soft power' of attraction, its neighbors feel less need to balance its power<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Valery Gerasimov, "Tsenosti Nauki V Predvidenii. Novie Vizovi Trebuyut Pereosmislit Formi I Sposobi Vedenia Boyevikh Deistviy," "At The Foresight Of The Value of Science : New Challenges Demand Rethinking the Forms and Methods of Carrying out Combat Operations," Voyenno-Promyshlennyy Kurier online, 27 February 2013, issue #8(476), accessed 16 September 2016, at: <http://vpk-news.ru/articles/14632>

[2] Nye, Joseph, "China's 'Soft Power' Deficit To Catch Up, Its Politics Must Unleash The Many Talents Of Its Civil Society," 8 May, 2012, The Wall street Journal, accessed 7 Jan 2022 at: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052702304451104577389923098678842>.

# *China's Influence in the Indo-Pacific*

*(Case studies of Taiwan, Singapore, and Japan)*

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# *George F. Kennan, 'The Inauguration of Organized Political Warfare,' April 30, 1948*

“Political warfare is the logical application of Clausewitz's doctrine in time of peace. In broadest definition, political warfare is the employment of all the means at a nation's command, short of war, to achieve its national objectives, ~~to further its influence and authority and to weaken those of its adversaries.~~ Such operations are both overt and covert. They range from overt actions as political alliances, economic measures (as ERP), and "white" propaganda to such covert operations as clandestine support of "friendly" foreign elements "black" psychological warfare and even encouragement of underground resistance in hostile states.”

# *Defense Intelligence Agency, “China Military Power Modernizing a Force to Fight and Win, 2019”*

“The General Political Department Liaison Department, which probably was renamed the Political Work Department Liaison Bureau (PWD/LB) during recent reforms, is the PLA’s principal organization responsible for political warfare and for collecting and analyzing intelligence information regarding senior-level officers from the United States, Taiwan, Japan, and other defense establishments of interest. The PWD/LB functions as an interlocking directorate that operates at the nexus of politics, finance, military operations, and intelligence. The PWD/LB has few analogous counterparts in modern democratic societies.”

# *Influence Targets*

- Elites
- Political parties
- Diaspora
- Media
- Grassroot organization
- Cultural institutions
- Corporations



# *China's Influence in the Indo-Pacific (French Partner Perspective)*



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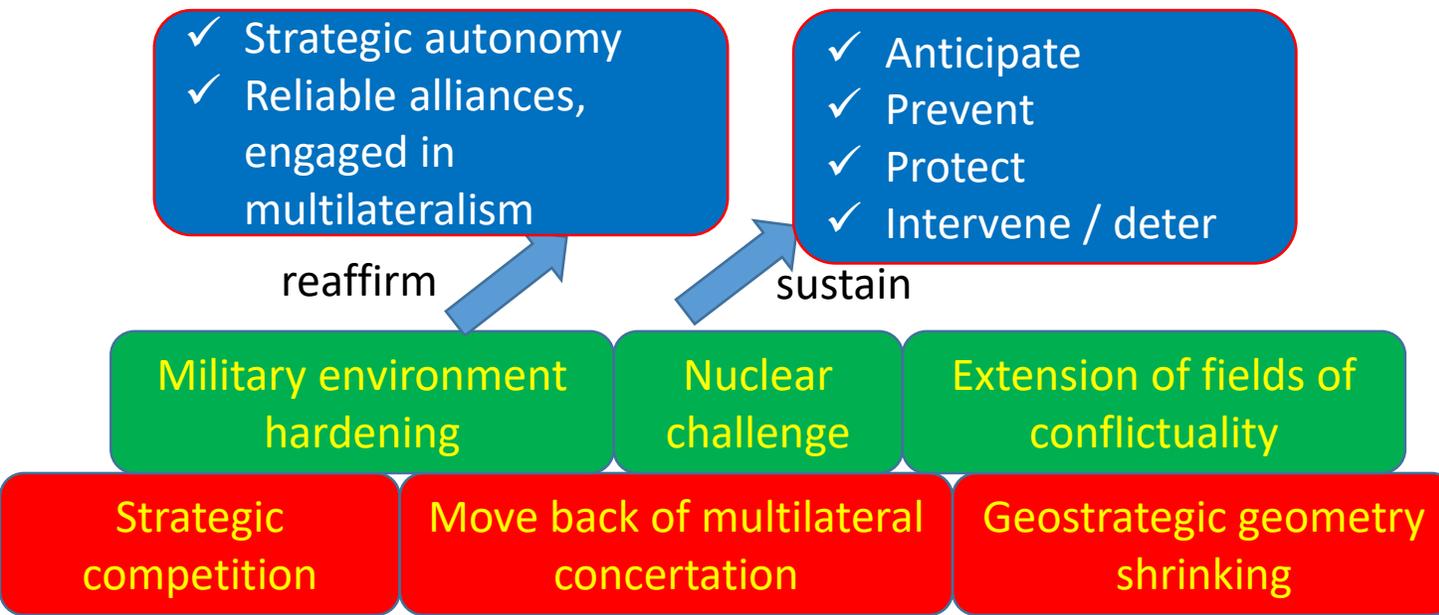
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# Observed Dynamics and Security Issues

## (The French Standpoint)

- Definition of INDOPACOM from the French and US point of view...  
 Different on geographical approach  
 Similar on Strategic analysis
- Evolution of strategic trends in INDOPACOM
- The new shapes of security



# *At Stakes for France*

## *(Ambitions and Priorities)*

- **Sovereignty-** Protect national citizens, own land and Exclusive Economic Zone
- **Stability-** Contribute to security around the French regions and communities through tightened security and military cooperations
- **Freedom and Right-** Preserve, with partners, access to shared common space
- **Stability-** Enforce strategic stability and military balance through a global action rooted in multilateralism



# *Engagements & Commitments*

## *(Lines of Forces)*

- Reinforce security of people/national lands and EEZ
- Develop stability & multilateralism ICCW European Union
- Enhance peace & security through cooperation
- Participate at different level and through different approaches to the stability of the various areas
- Support increasing autonomy of strategic partners in South-East Asia within a strong regional architecture
- Develop a coordinated coherent maritime cooperation polity
- Extend cooperations to environmental security anticipation



POL

- Share ambitions and mobilize resources, men and Legal aspects

STRAT

- Define system of Forces and combine approaches

OPS

- Project and engage with appropriate « strength, depth and time » to enable durable freedom of action

TAC

- Fight interoperably



## France in the Indo-Pacific



### Key Stats

 **1.5** million French citizens living in territories

 **7** key military installations

 **7k** stationed military personnel (half in Indian Ocean)

 **13** ships deployed to the region

 **3rd** largest arms exporter in the world (major partners: India, Australia)

### Core Interests

- Protecting national territories
- Protecting maritime security and sea lanes of communication
- Boosting arms exports
- Preventing nuclear proliferation and terrorism
- Protecting natural resources
- Upholding the rules-based international order

### Selected Engagement

- Jeanne d'Arc naval training and patrol task force
- U.S.-led biannual Rim of the Pacific naval exercises
- FRANZ agreement with Australia and New Zealand
- Quadrilateral Defense Coordination Group (member)
- ASEAN Regional Forum (signed peace treaty in 2006)
- Indian Ocean Rim Association dialogue (partner)

Sources: *France and Security in the Indo-Pacific*, 2018; "The French Navy Stands Up to China," June 7, 2018; *Trends in International Arms Transfers*, 2017.

France is an INDOPACOM nation, permanent member of the UN Security Council, which is willing to:

- protect its interests;
- contribute to regional stability by promoting a multilateral international order grounded on Right ;
- resolutely fight against trespasses on Right.

*French Defense Strategy in Indo-Pacific - 2022*

Questions?



# *China's Influence in the Indo-Pacific (Indonesia Perspective)*



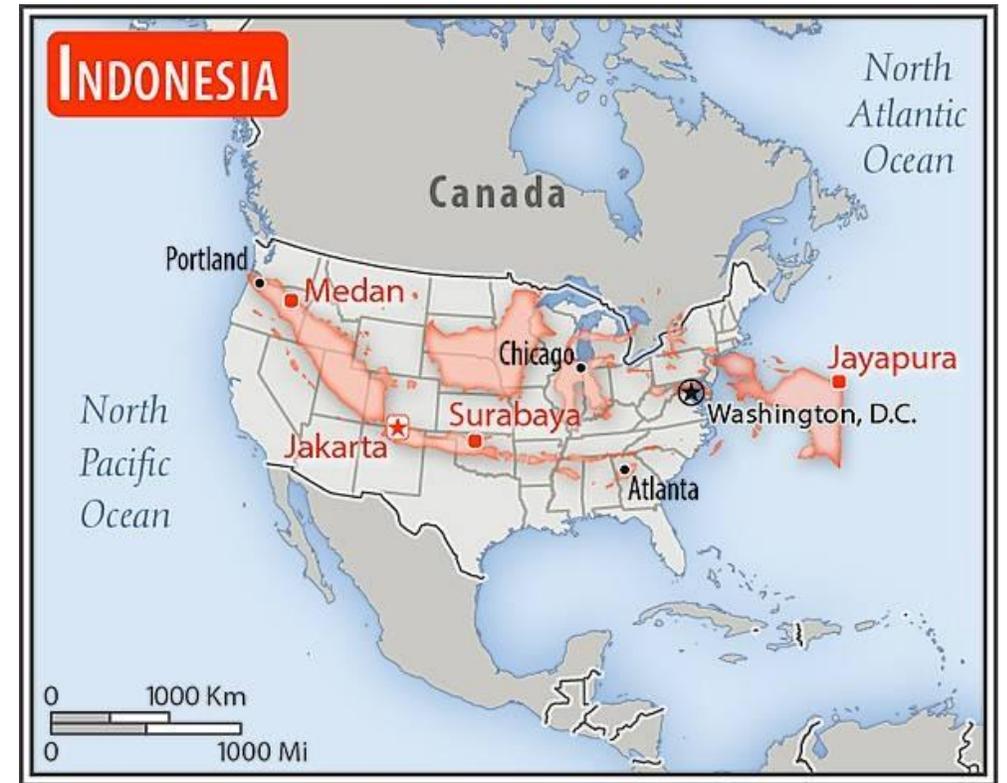
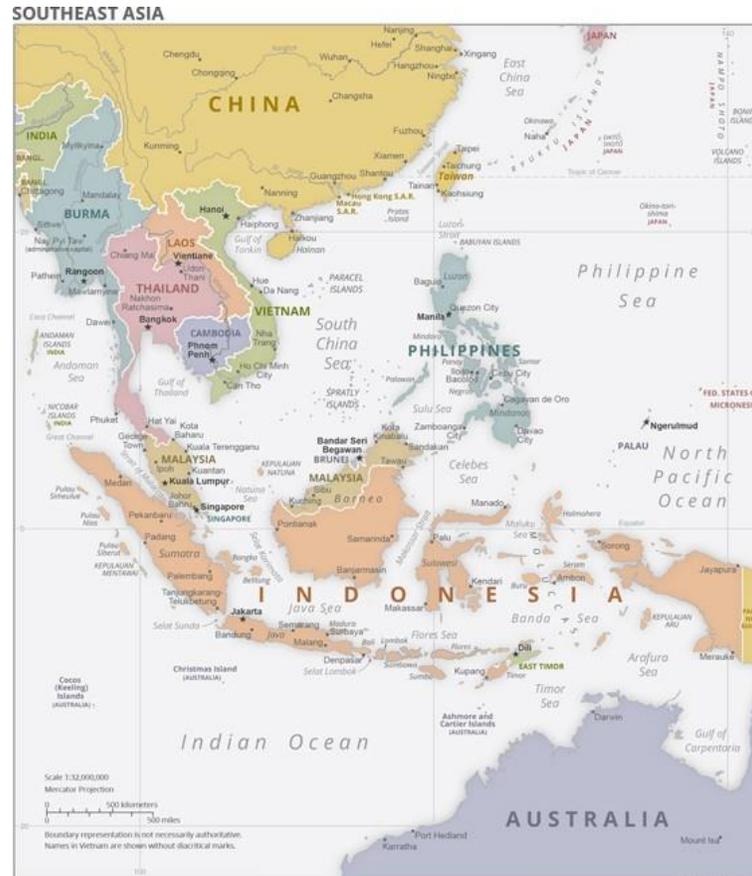
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# Indonesia – 1000 Friends and No Enemies

- Geography
- History
- Culture
- Foreign Policy
- Economics
- Security



The World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/> (accessed on 19 January 2022)



# Summary



# *Sino-Russian Interests*

## *(Regional and Global Implications)*



- “My enemy’s enemy is my friend” is one of the main drivers for both countries’ partnerships
- Strengthening economic joint projects in energy, industry and agriculture to \$200 billion by 2024 <sup>1</sup>.
- Perceived threats from U.S. and allied policies such as U.S. missile defenses and Western military intervention in regional hotspots promote further cooperation: border security, military technology development, and counterterrorism
- How far and deep the Sino-Russian security cooperation could go?
- If China and Russia were to form a full-fledged defense alliance, it would be a real profound national security challenge to the U.S. and its allies. <sup>2</sup>.

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1. China’s Xi calls Putin his ‘best friend’ against a backdrop of souring U.S. relations, CNBC, Holly Ellya, 6 June, 2019 (accessed 19 January, 2022) at: <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/09/27/russia-and-chinas-relationship--how-deep-does-it-go.html>

2. “China Deepens Informal Alliance With Russia,” Ralph Jennings, VOA, December 03, 2021 (accessed 19 Jan., 2022) at: <https://www.voanews.com/a/china-deepens-informal-alliance-with-russia/6338773.html>



# Questions/Answers/Comments

# Organization and Capabilities



MANY MORE...

Source documents provide guidance for training in three broad areas.

- 1) **Core Cultural Competencies:** Core cultural competencies include areas such as understanding culture, applying organizational awareness, cultural perspective taking, and cultural adaptability.
- 2) **Regional/Technical Competencies:** Regional/technical competencies deal with applying regional information and operating in a regional environment.
- 3) **Leader/Influence Functions:** Leader/influence functions include strategic (cultural) agility, (cultural) systems thinking, cross-cultural influences, organizational cultural competence, and utilizing interpreters/advisors.

CJCSI 1800.01D (Officer PME Policy) and CJCSI 1805.01A (Enlisted PME Policy).



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