

Session 1: Protecting the ASEAN Community from Evolving Political-Security Challenges

**ASEAN and Japan Should Take a Firmer
Stand to Build a Rule-based Order**

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1 The South China Sea Today

China ignores The Hague decision

The ASEAN-China COC Framework is not on territorial resolutions

China's military aircraft with four airbases

China critical of US FONOP

Vietnam and China critical of each other's activities (military and oil drilling)

2 China's Strategy

To prevent ASEAN's unity

**To achieve hegemony over and beyond
the SC Sea**

To drive wedge between Japan and the US

**To drive US forces from the 2nd Island
Chain**

**To achieve hegemony in western Pacific
and Indian Ocean(One Belt One Road)**

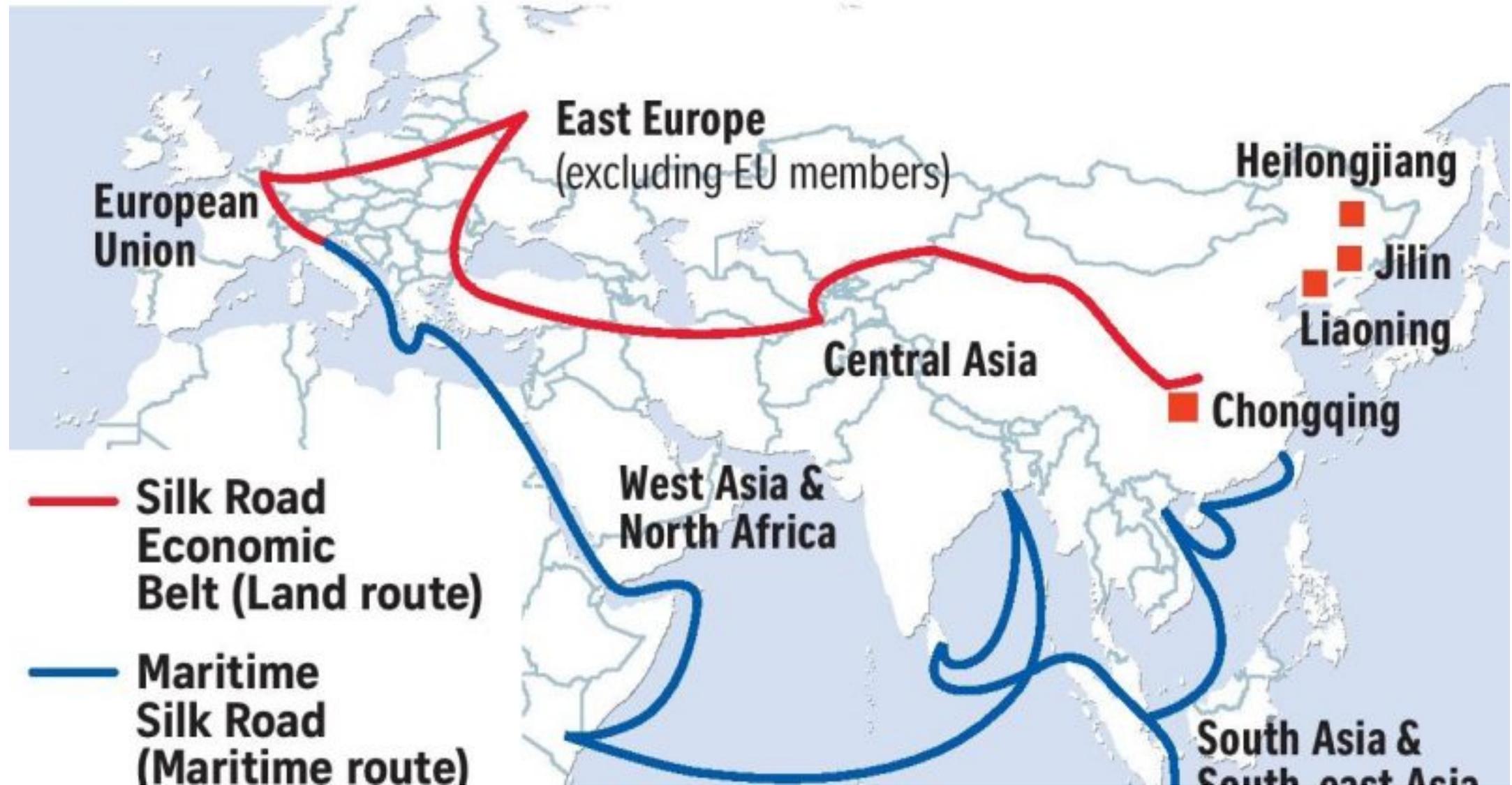
China's Airbase at Mischief Reef



China's First and Second Island Chains



China's One Belt, One Road Initiative



3 What Can Be Done to Hedge China?

3a ASEAN's Role

ASEAN should retain a multilateral approach

ASEAN should consider forming a South China Sea group

ASEAN should maintain close ties with the US and its regional partners

3 What Can Be Done to Hedge China?

3b The United States' Role

A strong Japan-US Alliance is a key to Indo-Pacific security

A stronger Japan-Philippines-US alliance would be crucial for a favorable balance of power

US should continue its FONOP in the SC Sea

US should weigh ties with Australia and India

Prime Minister Abe and President Trump



Japan-Philippines Bond



3 What Can Be Done to Hedge China?

3c Japan's Role

Prime Minister Abe has a global outlook in his diplomatic activities

He is active in regional leadership, which is filling the gap created by the perceived declining US role

Japan should keep the alliance with US endurable for Indo-Pacific security

3 What Can Be Done to Hedge China?

3a Japan's Role (continued)

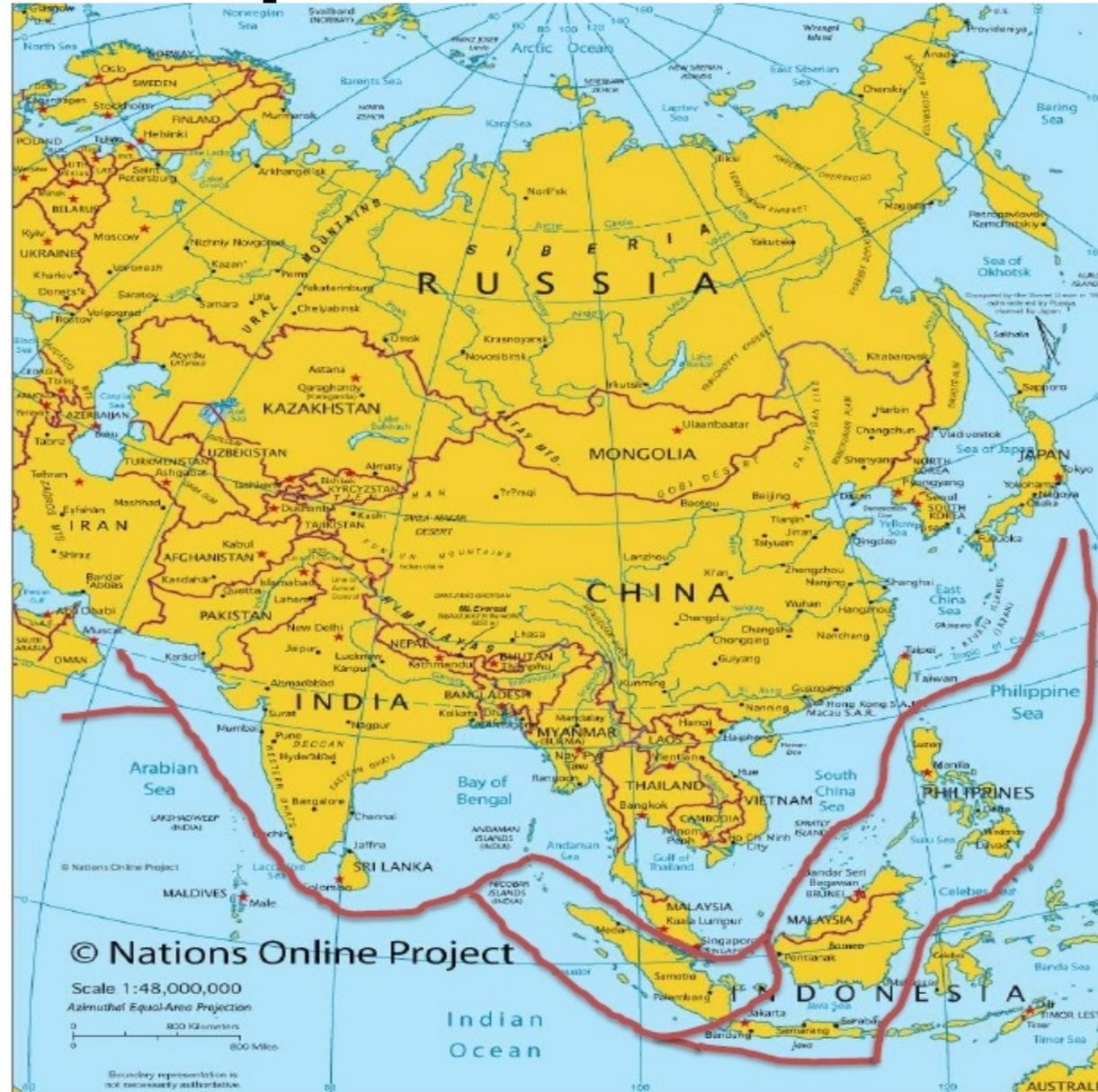
ASEAN is at the geographical center of Indo-Pacific region

Japan should work for a rule-based order

Japan should support ASEAN's "capacity-building" and balancing act

Japan should encourage ASEAN to join TPP

Japan's Sea Lines



Indo-Pacific region



Thank you very much